

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., November 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
John Bruning-NICTF
Kim Golden-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Max Bazler-Student Rep
Tom Morgan, Bicycle Co-op
Cory English-General Public
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton Parks and Recreation

Six members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES – Action Item

John made a motion to approve the August 4, 2021, minutes, Kim seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte provided details about a project tentatively called Mahogany Lane that will impact the Centennial Trail between Beebe Blvd and Riverstone Park. This project will involve private properties adjacent to the trail as well as parcels owned by the city and the Centennial Trail foundation and result in the realignment of the trail to create a straight crossing at Beebe with a flashing light. Additional aspects of this project will include new parking for Riverstone Park and tree thinning on the private property adjacent to the trail. This project will likely be presented at a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in December. Monte added that the city has identified an erosion issue impacting the trail southeast of Beebe Blvd and the Parks Department is working on a solution with other City departments. He also let the committee know that the Lacrosse Street extension is still under construction and that this project will include parking, and mass grading for the future park with other amenities to come in future phases. Paving of the roadway is scheduled for completion this year. Monte was asked and spoke briefly about the planned Huetter Bypass. He explained that this is an Idaho Transportation Department project and that they have identified funding and are determined to complete this project in the near future. As part of this discussion, Monte was asked about the extension of the Prairie Trail. He reminded the committee that the city owns the old railroad right of way to Meyer Avenue and that the city will work with Kootenai County and the City of Post Falls to extend the trail to State Road 41 where it will connect to

the trail on the east side of that road which is currently under construction as part of the project to four lane this road from Post Falls to Rathdrum.

6. ACTION ITEM

Nominations for Vice Chair

Denise expressed a willingness to take on the duties of the Vice Chair, but expressed concern about the logistics of offsite meetings. Kim suggested that others on the committee could represent the committee at these functions if the chair or vice chair were not available and that he would be willing to attend some of the Committee Chair meetings if Tessa or Denise could not. Denise said that she would be willing to accept the responsibilities of Vice Chair. John nominated her for then position and Mike seconded the nomination. All present voted in favor.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5th Street Bike Boulevard

Monte discussed the signage that will be used on this project and that he had been working with the City Engineer on the project. Signage will include pavement markings, wayfinding and information letting users know that bicyclists can use the entire lanes. The project will be completed in house by City Departments and will span the distance from Harrison Avenue to the downtown business district. Monte was asked about other planned bicycle boulevards and he referred to the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan where specific recommendations including a bicycle boulevard on 19th Street is mentioned.

- Downtown Stencils

There was no update on this project. It was again suggested to invite the Director of the Downtown Business District, Emily Boyd to a future meeting.

- Bike Friendly Report Card

Tessa explained that she does not have time to lead this project and would like for another committee member to work on setting up a meeting of the sub-committee. Mike volunteered and asked to have the scoring criteria sent to him.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
No update
- Infrastructure:
No update
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc:
No update

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Tessa related a recent positive interaction with trial users regarding right of way priority on the Centennial Trail. Kim asked if it would be possible to create signage letting bicyclist know that pedestrians do have right of way. Denise inquired about the lack of accessibility at the McEuen Park Dog Park. The information was passed on to the responsible party. John let the committee know the present location and status of the

traffic counter. He added that the person who had been working on the updated economic impact for the Centennial Trail Foundation is currently busy working on an affordable housing study for the University of Idaho. John also talked about future Centennial Trail fundraising events being move back to the summer months due to weather. Mike spoke about the noticeable increase in trail use in recent weeks and shared that the bridge repairs on US 95 over the Spokane River have seemed to stretched on for a long time and that he had spoken with several trail users from the south side of the river that have not been able to get to the Centennial Trail. He also passed on positive feedback on the Atlas Park project, specifically the water access dog park. Monte updated the committee on the reseeding projects at Tubbs Hill and the Fernan Lake Natural Area involving spreading native grass and wildflower seed on areas impacted by recent tree removals and vegetative management projects. Amy thanked the committee for changing the meetings to the fist Wednesday of the month enabling her to attend more frequently.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amy seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.