

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., March 2, 2022

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

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Jeska-Vice Chair Physically Challenged Com.
John Bruning-NICTF
Kim Golden-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Cory English-General Public
Max Bazler-Student Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep
Tom Morgan-Bicycling Community

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton Parks and Recreation
Sergeant Josh Gillmore CDA Police Department

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Mike Light

Seven members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

Mike Fuller made a motion to approve the January 5, 2021, minutes, John Brunning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. STAFF REPORT

Sergeant Josh Gillmore of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department presented reports and statistics for pedestrian verses vehicles and bicycle verses vehicle for 2020 and 2021. He further explained that all accidents in 2021 took place north of Harrison and that there was not a clear pattern of accident locations. In the majority of the collisions, the pedestrian or the bicyclist was found to be at fault. He let the committee know that the Police Department was planning a Bike Rodeo this year to educate school age children on bicycle safety, but that a date and place were still to be determined. Denise asked Sergeant Gillmore if any of the collisions involved e-bikes. He explained that there was no information to indicate that there had been accidents involving e-bikes. He also asked if the committee had recommended that speed limits be established on city bike trails. Monte explained that the committee had worked on this issue recently and it was determined that an ordinance was rejected as it would be difficult to enforce, but speed limit signs on the trail will act as suggestions to the public. Mike Fuller added that the information regarding collisions was very helpful in aiding the city's efforts to improve its bike friendly status with the League of American Bicyclists. Monte displayed a map that showed several years of reported collisions

involving bicyclist and pedestrians. Monte reported that the intersection of Northwest Boulevard and Seltice Avenue is being modified and that additional multi-use trails are included in the plan, but that there will still be a gap in the trail system on the south side of Seltice. He also elaborated on some grant opportunities to extend the Prairie Trail to State Road 41. Additionally, he updated the committee on plans for a multi-use trail along the Huetter Bypass.

6. ACTION ITEM

- Membership Application.
Mike Light was introduced to the committee. Mike Light told the committee that he had recently relocated to Coeur d'Alene from Alberta, Canada and that he worked as a landscape architect with Architects West. His previous experience involved working on trail issues with the city of Calgary. The committee asked Mike a series of questions. Monte explained the process for being selected and approved to become a member. John Brunning made a motion to recommend to the mayor that Mike Light be nominated to serve on the City of Coeur d'Alene's Pedestrian and Bicycling Committee as the Landscape Architect/Engineer Representative. Mike Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5th Street Bike Boulevard
Monte let the committee know that the bicycle boulevard will be stripped and signed this spring.
- Downtown Stencils
Monte told the committee that Emily Boyd with the Downtown Business Association was in support of the project and that their organization was willing to pay for the paint and that this project should be complete by this summer.
- Bike Friendly Report Card
Kim said he would send an email to the committee members with the steps that we need to take to submit an updated application for the Bike Friendly Report Card.
- Ped/Bike Committee Chair
Monte reminded the committee that Tessa and Kim's appointments are set to expire and that Kim has expressed a desire to step down from the committee. Monte has not heard back from Tessa yet. Kim stated that he decided that this was going to be his last meeting as a member and also let the committee know that according to the bylaws that they should select a chair and vice chair in January of odd numbered years. Since Denise is currently the vice chair and serving as acting chair, it was agreed that she would continue to serve as acting chair in the interim.
- Ped/Bike Recruitment
The committee agreed to continue the recent efforts at recruiting new membership and Kim commented on how professional the recruitment flyer created by Max was. Monte said that he would continue to advertise for vacancies on the committee.

- Safe Routes to School

Monte reminded the committee that we were still looking for a member to represent School District #271/Legal and that a member of this community would be helpful in securing grants for these projects. Kim informed the committee that a grant opportunity was recently missed due no one being aware that it was available. Kim suggested that the committee create and maintain a calendar to anticipate grants and events. Monte agreed to make this happen. He also advocated a dedicated safe routes to school coordinator that would be paid with funds secured specifically for this through grants.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
No update
- Infrastructure:
No meetings were held. Mike Fuller asked if the road widening on Kathleen Avenue would include multi-use trails. Monte explained that due to right of way limitations, the road would have bike lanes and sidewalks. Monte also let the committee know that the City had approved the new Comprehensive Plan.
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc.:
No update

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Max was thanks for creating the recruitment flyer. John updated the location and status of the traffic counter. Cory mentioned that she had recently utilized the Atlas Waterfront Park and remarked on how wonderful of an asset to the community it is. Mike Kempton asked John about upcoming events sponsored by the Centennial Trail Foundation. Kim thanked the committee for serving with him and let everyone know how much he has enjoyed it but that he felt it was time to retire from it. Mike Fuller had recently attended a KPMO round table. He informed the committee that cross walk flashing lights would soon be installed at several intersections. He also talked about continuing work on the US-95 Spokane River bridge and planned Improvements to US-95 at Northwest Boulevard.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, April 6th 2022, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

John Brunning made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Fuller seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.