

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., April 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:22 pm, by Denise Jeska.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Jeska-Vice Chair Physically Challenged Com.
John Bruning-NICTF
Max Bazler-Student Rep
Mike Fuller-General Public
Mike Light-Landscape Architect

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cory English-General Public
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep
Tom Morgan-Bicycling Community
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton, Parks and Recreation
Chris Bosley, City Engineer

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Mike Wood

Five members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

John Brunning made a motion to approve the March 2, 2022, minutes, Mike Fuller seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte McCully updated the committee on the proposed docks north of the Harbor Center building. He explained that the docks are intended to support commercial water-based activities and it is hoped that this will alleviate pressure from the 3rd street boat launch. Possible uses include boat rentals and lake cruises. Requests for proposals are being sent out Friday. Monte also talked about the presentation he recently attended given by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) regarding the planned expansion of Interstate 90. Plans include widening the roadway to eight lanes and rebuilding all bridges that cross it. Additionally, this project will impact the Centennial Trail and will require a section of that trail to be relocated. Monte suggested that ITD be invited to a future meeting of the committee to share the planned improvements to the local highway system. Chris Bosley shared that the city had sent ITD a comprehensive list of future plans for all of the roads that cross the interstate so that those interchanges and overpasses will be built to accommodate these roadways when they are improved. Chris added that the project to widen Kathleen Avenue from US-95 to Government Way is expected to begin next month and that the Lacrosse Road extension from Northwest Boulevard into Riverstone will be opened soon. Chris also updated the committee on Coeur d'Alene being awarded a grant to install flashing beacons at crosswalks around the city. One will soon be installed at the intersection of Best Avenue and 7th Street to improve safety for children walking to and from Borah Elementary School. This grant also includes funding to improve sidewalks and pedestrian ramps at crosswalks. Chris also explained that the trail along the

south side of Seltice Way will be closed for eight weeks while fill materials are moved from the Atlas Mill site to the ITD property at Marie Street and Ramsey Road. Finally, Chris let the committee know that the KMPO has been awarded a \$250,000 grant for sidewalk and ADA improvement along transit routes, however Chris has already identified more needed improvements than that amount will cover, and that city crews were currently working on repainting lane lines on our roadways.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5th Street Bike Boulevard

Chris let the committee know that this project has been approved and planned for and that city crews will work on it in the coming months.

- Downtown Stencils

Chris told the committee that Downtown Business Association is going to fund and complete this project and that they will use thermal plastic paint for longevity.

- Bike Friendly Report Card

Monte let the committee know that the League of American Bicyclist had asked about diversity and that having bicycle friendly businesses on the application is beneficial to improving a city's rating.

- Ped/Bike Committee Chair

Denise agreed to remain the acting chair in the near term. Mike Fuller agreed to become vice-chair.

- Ped/Bike Recruitment

Monte explained that the committee is structured to have 8 to 12 members and that currently with the appointment of Mike Light and the resignations of Tessa and Kim, the committee only has eight members. Monte also agreed to repost the recruitment flyer and reminded the committee that since Denise was acting chair that we need to select an acting vice-chair.

- Safe Routes to School

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

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

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

A brief discussion took place where it became evident that due to the recent turnover on the committee that the membership of the various sub-committees was either unclear or under staffed. A suggestion was made to have an action item at the next meeting to reappoint members to the various sub-committees.

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Max is working on a poster for the committee. John said that the traffic counter will soon be relocated to Riverstone. Monte let everyone know that the bicycle corrals had been reinstalled at the same locations they were in last year. Denise informed the committee that she had been working on editing the newsletter and asked about the status of the City's updated sign ordinance, specifically regarding sandwich board signs placed on sidewalks.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, May 4th, 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 5:09 pm.