

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm, by Denise Jeska.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Jeska-Chair Physically Challenged Com.
John Bruning-NICTF
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Mike Fuller-Vice Chair General Public
Mike Light-Landscape Architect
Tom Morgan-Bicycling Community

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cory English-General Public
Max Bazler-Student Rep

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton, Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Mike Wood
Emily Boyd-Downtown Business Association

Six members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

John Bruning made a motion to approve the April 6, 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 about a grant he has applied for to extend the Prairie Trail from its current terminus at Huetter Road to Meyer Road, a distance of a little over one mile. The grant request is for \$250,000 with much of the site work planned to be completed by City departments. He also let the committee know that he had been in contact with the Post Falls Highway District and that they planned on extending the trail to State Road 41 including a grade separated crossing with Prairie Avenue. If the grant is awarded, the work is expected to be completed during the summer of 2023. Monte shared the status of ongoing work improving the shoulders of the Centennial Trail.

6. DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Emily Boyd from the Downtown Business Association updated the committee on the status of the stencils for crosswalks that are intended to let everyone know that bicycles and skateboards should not be used on the sidewalks along Sherman and Lakeside Avenues as well as around the parking garage on Coeur d'Alene Street. She shared that their organization had acquired the necessary stencil and planned on completing the work soon. She was asked about the sign ordinance update and specifically how it related to sandwich board advertising signs. A discussion followed about how these signs can impeded ADA access. Amy looked up and

shared the ordinance as it now reads which included time limits, size and placement. Emily offered to send informational flyers to the downtown businesses and suggested that when specific problems regarding sign placements are identified, that she be informed so she can work with the offending business to resolve the problem. Emily also asked about the bicycle corrals that are placed every year. After a short conversation among the committee members, it was determined that one possible idea would be to break the bike corrals in half to enable them to more efficiently serve the downtown area and to lessen the impact on anyone business. Monte suggested that the committee perform an audit to identify the most ideal locations for these amenities. Finally, Emily was asked by members about upcoming downtown events, utilizing recyclable trash containers and about the anticipated longevity of the painted pavement markers.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- **Membership Application.**
Mike Wood was introduced to the committee and asked a series of questions about his interest in the committee, his knowledges and skill and his goals. He explained that he is passionate about pedestrian and bicycling issues, spent several years working for the City of Post Falls Parks and Recreation some of that directly on the Centennial Trail and wanted to make the city more bicycling and walk friendly. Monte explained the process for being selected and approved to become a member and the expectation of attending meetings of the committee. John Brunning made a motion to recommend to the mayor that Mike Wood be nominated to serve on the City of Coeur d'Alene's Pedestrian and Bicycling Committee. Tom Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Assigning Subcommittees**
The committee held a discussion to assign members to the existing active subcommittees. It was agreed that the membership of the Advocacy, Awareness, and Educational Subcommittee include, Denise Jeska, Cory English, Tom Morgan and Mike Wood (pending approval of his appointment by City Council). The Infrastructure Subcommittee will be composed of Mike Fuller, John Brunning, Tom Morgan, Mike Light and Max Bazler. The membership of the Bike Friendly Report Card Ad-hoc subcommittee will include Mike Light, Mike Wood and Denise Jeska. Tom Morgan made a motion to accept the subcommittee assignments as discussed and Mike Fuller seconded it. The motion passed with all in favor.
- **Voting for Committee Officers**
During the discussion, Denise indicated that she would be willing to serve as Chair of the committee provided that Mike Fuller was willing to serve as the Vice Chair. He agreed. Tom Morgan made a motion to accept Denise Jeska as the Chair and Mike Fuller as Vice Chair. John Brunning seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Interstate 90 Reconstruction**
Monte said that he expected the Idaho Transportation Department would be present at the next meeting to give a presentation on this project.
- **5th Street Bike Boulevard**
The work will be completed this year by the Coeur d'Alene Street Department.

- Downtown Stencils
No further discussions needed.
- Bike Friendly Report Card
There was nothing new to report.
- Ped/Bike Committee Chair
No further discussions needed.
- Ped/Bike Recruitment
No further discussions planned.
- Safe Routes to School
There was nothing new to report.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
No update
- Infrastructure:
No update
- Bike and Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc:
No update

10. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Mike Fuller informed the committee that he had recently accepted a position as a bicycle tour guide and hoped to utilize this opportunity to advocate for pedestrian and bicycling issues. Mike Light volunteered to set up a calendar for the committee and asked if the city had considered adaptive roadways to manage use conflicts related to seasonal usage patterns. Michael Kempton asked to be informed of specific ADA issues related to parks when they are identified. John Brunning spoke about the timeline of the ongoing economic impact study on the Centennial Trail. Tom Morgan updated everyone about ongoing activities of the Bicycle Co-op and his partnership with School District #271. Mike Wood suggested that the committee put 'bike to work' back on the agenda.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

Tom Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Brunning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.