

**PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Hall & Zoom Meeting**  
**4:00 PM October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm, by Mike Fuller.

**1. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Fuller-Vice Chair General Public.  
John Bruning-NICTF  
David Passaro-Bicycling Community  
Mike Wood-North Idaho College  
Mike Light-Landscape Architect

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Denise Jeska-Chair Disabled Community  
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison  
Tom Morgan-Bicycling Community  
Student Rep-vacant

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison  
Mike Kempton, Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Five members present resulting in a quorum.

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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

Mike Wood made a motion to approve the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes, John Bruning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**5. STAFF REPORT**

Monte McCully reported that the Coeur d'Alene Water Department is still working on a main water line on a section of the Centennial Trail between the Prairie Trail and Atlas Road. This project is expected to be completed by the end of this month and a rebuilt trail will be reopened to the public. As part of the project, the area between Seltice Road and the trail near the Prairie Trail will be regraded and become easier to maintain. Monte also informed the committee that the new stencils for bicyclists and pedestrians will soon be painted on the section of Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive that was recently restriped. Mike Light asked about the possibility of separating the trail from the roadway with a landscape buffer along this section of Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive. Monte replied that this is planned in the future and in the near term, that the section of the trail between Fernan Creek and Mullan drive will be rerouted off of the roadway as part of private development slated for the area. Dave asked about the possibility of adding a center line to Mullan Street where it supports the Centennial Trail as a wide two-way bike lane on the south side (east bound) of the roadway. Monte replied that he has been working towards getting sidewalks on both sides of the road so that pedestrians would not have to walk on the pavement and then remark the roadway for share the road bicycle traffic with shared lanes both directions.

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Sidewalk Mapping

Monte talked about the importance of sidewalk mapping and creating an updated inventory to include new sidewalks, gaps in the existing network of sidewalks, intersections that do not have accessible pedestrian ramps and sections of badly deteriorated sidewalks. He further explained that this updated inventory would be a tool to pursue grants and to identify high priority corridors in order to secure funding for improvements. Mike Fuller added that he had been mapping sidewalks in the southwestern areas of Coeur d'Alene and had received feedback from residents regarding the poor condition of sidewalks in the downtown business district and had noticed a lack of sidewalks around Winton Elementary School and said that sidewalk improvements around schools should be a priority. Monte suggested that the Committee organize a work shop with City Council to provide an opportunity for us to explain how the committee will use the sidewalk mapping project to recommend priorities for sidewalk projects. Mike Fuller suggested that everyone should be using a uniform method of coding the sidewalk maps and that larger and better maps for each area of the city would be helpful. Monte said he would provide the maps and create a coding system. It was agreed that the sidewalk mapping should be completed by the December meeting.

- Bike to Work Week

The committee decided to move this discussion item to the Sub-Committee Reports.

- Grants

Monte led a brief discussion explaining that securing grants for infrastructure improvements was tied into the Sidewalk Mapping project.

- CDA Lake Drive Trail Markings

This discussion item was addressed in the staff report.

## 7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

Monte briefly spoke about the draft of the calendar he had sent out to committee members and suggested that sub-committee meetings be scheduled two weeks after the monthly Ped/Bike Committee meeting and that one person on each sub-committee be tasked with organizing a monthly meeting. Mike wood agreed to take responsibility for the Advocacy/Awareness/Education sub-committee. Mike Fuller volunteered to do the same for the Infrastructure sub-committee. Mike Fuller took on the responsibilities for the

Bikeways Master Plan/Bike & Walk Friendly Ad Hoc sub-committee and Dave Passaro did the same for the Bike to Work Week sub-committee.

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

## **8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:**

Mike Light shared concerns about excessively dark window tinting in vehicles regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety, specifically how it prevents people from making eye contact. He asked if for suggestion on how state laws regarding windshield visibility might be enforced. Dave Passaro asked if the committee has any direct budgetary control. Monte explained that the committee's role was limited to making recommendations to the city and that budgeting was approved by city council based on those recommendations. Monte spoke about the probable additions of full-time positions to the parks department funded in the approved budget plan for this fiscal year and suggested that the committee plan on having a regular presence at City Council meetings to better communicate their priorities. He added that we (the city) are always seeking sources of funding for pedestrian and bicycling improvements. John requested that the city consider adding a RFB (Rapid Flashing Beacon) on Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive by the sight of the new brew pub across from Michael D's. Monte said he would look into it, but that due to the width of the roadway it might be necessary to create a center refuge island. John also added that construction would soon begin on the Midway project along the Centennial trail near Riverstone park and that the Coeur d'Alene Farmers Market may move to that site. Mike Wood told the committee that he had received numerous complaints about the improper operation of E-bikes, especially as related to excessive speed and failure to follow the rules of the road. He asked if the committee should look at documenting e-bike speeds through the use of radar detectors. It was suggested that the city should look at installing a flashing radar-controlled sign such as those used along roadways. Mike Fuller handed out copies of the Inlander newspaper that included articles about how Spokane had become a bicycle friendly city and promoted the importance of bikeways. He also related that how in the 1979's, eighty percent of school children either walked or rode bikes to school and that now that number is eleven percent. He finally suggested that as park of the Bike to Work week, that the city look at closing Sherman Avenue to motor vehicles as kind of a test project to see how that would impact local businesses and city-wide traffic flow.

## **9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

Mike Light 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 5:35 pm.