

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4:00 PM December 7th, 2022

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

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Jeska-Chair Disabled Community
Mike Fuller-Vice Chair General Public.
John Bruning-NICTF
David Passaro-Bicycling Community
Henry DePew-Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Tom Morgan-Bicycling Community
Mike Light-Landscape Architect
Mike Wood-North Idaho College

STAFF PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Bill Irving

Five 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 November 2nd, 2022, minutes contingent on correcting an attendance error, John Bruning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Irving expressed an interest in joining the committee. Monte McCully briefly explained the process of being appointed and provided an application form.

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte McCully explained that he is currently working on submitting a grant application to replace the mooring dock facility at McEuen park. He also shared that he has been expending a lot of time and effort to keep the city's bike trails open for public use after recent unusually heavy snow falls. Denise asked him which city staff members are involved in snow removal and complimented staff for the work they do. Chris Bosley gave an explanation on the operation of snow gates on city plows. He also updated the committee on modifications made to Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive that have increased the separation between traffic lanes and the Centennial Trail and spoke about the challenges of getting the public used to the new traffic patterns. He also informed the committee that the road widening project on Kathleen Avenue between U.S. 95 and Government Way has been completed and now supports bike lanes and sidewalks which connect existing shared use paths along that roadway. He reported that he is also working on utilizing a Federal Transportation Agency grant related to sidewalk connectivity which among other projects and improvements will allow for sidewalk and trail connections between Riverstone Drive and the Prairie Trail. He spoke about recent and planned installations of rapid

flashing crosswalk beacons (RFB's), many of which are related to school crosswalks. Various sources of funding including grants, service club donations, urban renewal funds and general revenue are being pursued and utilized for these installations. Mike Fuller spoke in support of the installation of a RFB and pedestrian island on Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive at Mullan Street due to the use of the Centennial Trail at that location as well as several recent and planned retail developments some of which promote pedestrian and bicycling customers. He introduced Steve Hoffinger, the owner of recently renovated Coeur d'Alene Lake Inn via speaker phone and he expressed his support for crosswalk improvements at this location. A discussion followed and it was generally agreed that the committee members strongly supported these improvements and should advocate for them to City Council. Monte McCully suggested that the committee make this an action item for their scheduled January meeting. David Passaro inquired of city staff about the possibility of creating a multi-use trail along Mullan Street from 23rd Street to 19th Street on the south side of the right of way. Monte replied that this project has been included in the Bikeways Master Plan and ideally would continue on 19th Street to Young Street where it would connect with the existing bicycle boulevard.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Sidewalk Mapping

Monte suggested that due to the early arrival of snow preventing all of the work on this project from being completed by committee members, that he would like for the data collected to this point to be forwarded to him so he can begin to update the GIS maps. A discussion took place about the technical specifications and requirements of ADA compliant pedestrian ramps at cross walks and whether or not those that technically don't meet them but are functional should be noted. Dave asked about modifying city code to require sidewalks to be included in any construction project on corridors identified as being critical even if they would not otherwise be required due to current distance to connection exceptions. Monte suggested that this could be discussed at an upcoming workshop with city council.

- City Council Workshop

Monte reminded the committee that he has tentatively scheduled a work shop with council for February 1st during the committee's meeting. He suggested that the committee create an agenda for this meeting that would include recommendations for a RFB and pedestrian island on Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive and Mullan, the sidewalk mapping project, suggested city code changes related to sidewalks and steps needed to improve the city's Bike Friendly status and to achieve a walkability status. It was suggested that we should use the opportunity to promote the Bike to Work Week event being planned by the committee for next May at this workshop.

- Paint Schedule

City staff spoke about the bike lanes and crosswalk striping that has been completed last summer and how generally restriping traffic lanes is the first priority followed by crosswalks and stop bars at intersections. Chris Bosley let the committee know that he is making a list of any bike lanes that were missed during last years roadway marking project and will make sure they get completed as the weather allows next year. He also explained that the bike lanes get swept the same time as the roadways they are on and spoke about the early arrival of winters impact on the city's annual leaf pick up program.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
No update
- Infrastructure:
No meeting, but Mike Fuller related that they received information from other governmental agencies on ordinances they have created to regulate the use of electric bikes on public trails and roadways.
- Bike and Walk Week:
David Passaro let the committee know that they have met and have been working on plans for a Bike to Work Week event in Coeur d'Alene. They have set the dates for May 15th through 21st and plan to have the ride on May 19th. Monte volunteered to work on creating a flyer and promoting the event on the city's social media pages. Mike Fuller is working on identifying bike routes based on traffic volumes. Henry DePew working on encouraging schools to become involved in the event. David spoke about his attendance at Bike Committee meetings in Spokane and outreaching to Post Falls and the City of Hayden about their plans for the event. They plan to kick off a t-shirt design contest in January and February.

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

David Passaro shared an article from the New York Times about roadway deaths involving bicyclists. He relayed information from the Coeur d'Alene Police Department that last year there were 33 accidents involving bikes or pedestrians verses cars and no fatalities.

John Brunning provided application forms to the attendees for membership in the Centennial Trail Foundation and shared that they are having their annual meeting this January at Vantage Brewery on the corner of Lake Coeur d'Alene Drive and Mullan Street.

Chris Bosley encouraged committee members to express their recommendations with city staff.

Monte McCully shared information on traffic counts on Tubbs Hill.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, January 4th 4:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room 6.

John Brunning made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Fuller seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.