

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall
4:00 PM June 7th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm, by Denise Jeska.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Jeska-Chair Disabled Community
Mike Fuller-Vice Chair General Public.
John Bruning-NICT
Brant Souvenir-General Public
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Mike Light-Landscape Architect
David Passaro-Bicycling Community
Mike Wood-North Idaho College
Henry DePew-Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Irving-Environmental Community
Tom Morgan-Bicycling Community
Greyson Storey-Alternate Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton, Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Nine 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 May 2023, minutes, Mike Wood 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 a bid to extend the Prairie Trail has been accepted and came in lower than expected opening the possibility that the trail could possibly be extended past Meyer Avenue to Prairie Avenue. The work is scheduled to be completed by October of this year. He also informed the committee that the grant to replace the mooring docks was approved and that the city is still waiting to find out of a grant request for fuel mitigation. A brief discussion regarding grant opportunities followed and a recommendation was made to create an action plan so as to allow the city to apply for a Safe Streets grant to work to address critical corridors in the city's sidewalk system. He finished by updating the committee on work being done to suppress weeds in trail easements and to mitigate cracks in trail surfaces.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Bike to Work Week

David Passaro gave a detailed presentation recapping the event including things that can be improved on such as having a method of accepting payment via credit cards for raffle tickets and tee shirt sales, better advertisement of the rides and events, expanding the corporate challenge and increasing sponsorships. He also highlighted the success of the kick off breakfast, the post event celebration and some of the community rides. Mike Wood presented Davis with a gift certificate from the membership of the committee for all of the hard work he did to reestablish this event and in making it a success.

- Member Attendance Requirements

A suggestion was made to contact a committee member who has not been able to attend meetings on a regular basis and ask for their input on how to resolve the issue.

- Sidewalk Mapping

No actions were taken last month as the committee's efforts were focused on Bike to Work Week.

- Ped Bike Calendar

Mike Light informed the committee that he has created a template and has added meeting dates to it. He suggested that the dates of summer events and committee goals could be added to the calendar in the future.

- Critical Corridors for Sidewalks

A discussion on this item was held in during the staff report.

- Grants

This item was specific to the Safe Streets for Everyone grants and it was agreed that the committee should work towards making an action plan so that these grants can be applied for.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:

No update. Did not meet

- Infrastructure:

No meeting was held, but Mike Fuller shared serious concerns about the safety of the Centennial Trail along Rosenberry Drive and through City Park regarding use conflicts, one way traffic flow and the need to master plan this section of the trail. He also expressed the need to create safer trail crossings at Academic Way and at Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive. Dave Passaro asked about the Idaho Transportation Department project regarding the traffic signals on US-95. Monte briefly explained what ITD is trying to accomplish with this project by improving to flow of traffic.

- Bikeways Master Plan

- No update. The sub committee will reconvene in June

- Bike and Walk Week:

The update was shared during the discussion items and it was agreed that this subcommittee will take a break for the next couple of months due to the amount of work they did on making this year's event a success.

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Mike Light shared that he had accepted a position with the City of Spokane as a landscape architect and hoped to work with them on their pedestrian and bicycling improvement efforts. John Brunning reminded the committee that the Ales for the Trail event is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th and will be held at City Park. Monte let the committee know that he had received a request for bike racks at Lakers Bar on 2nd Street and will be working with them to get one installed. Mike Wood shared that he had recently observed the Coeur d'Alene Police Department patrolling the Centennial Trail and asked about the Street Department's schedule for sweeping bike lanes.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 5th, 4:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room 6.

John Brunning made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Light seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.