

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall
4:00 PM September 4th, 2024

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

1. ROLL CALL

Denise Jeska	Chair, Disabled Community	Present
Michael Fuller	Vice Chair, General Public	Present
Vacant	Bicycling Community	Vacant
Michael Wood	University of Idaho	Present
Michael Light	Landscape Architect	Present
Vacant	School District 271/SR2S Rep	Vacant
Bill Irving	Environmental/Retired Community	Absent
John Brunning	North Idaho Trail Foundation	Absent
Amy Evans	City Council Liaison	Present
Brant Souvenir	General Public/Water Access	Present
David Passaro	Walking Community	Absent
Allistare McIntyre	Student Representative	Absent
Vacant	Alternate Student Representative	Vacant
10 Members	Quorum Obtained	6 Present

City Staff Attending

Monte McCully	Trails Coordinator, Liaison
Chris Bosley	City Engineer

Public Attending

Chris Meyer	Parkwood Business Properties
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2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

Mike Fuller made a motion to approve the June 2024 minutes, Amy Evans seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Meyers with Parkwood Properties spoke about working with the Ped/Bike Committee to get a crossing light across Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive where Mullan Avenue ends. He and Chris Bosley discussed the future development proposed by Hagadone Hospitality that would reroute some of the trail traffic down 23rd and Ashton, once the development is built. They talked about the over-all configuration of that intersection and the needs of the businesses, trails users and vehicular traffic needs. One possibility is to add on-street parking, plus bike lanes or a curb separated trail starting at Michael D's and ending at Asthon, where the Centennial Trail then continues on, but has swales added between the trail and road, making it a true trail, instead of a large bike lane. In this configuration, the Rabid Flashing Rectangular Beacon (RRFB) for crossing Cd'A Lake Drive would be on the north side of the Mullan intersection and with the narrowing of the road with parking and bikes lanes, could make the distance to cross with an RRFB much shorter. Monte mentioned maybe adding a third beacon in the middle of the road with a refuge island if the other plans fell through.

The committee is interested in partnering to help make this a safer crossing. Monte mentioned applying for a Children Pedestrian Safety grant to help fund this.

5. STAFF REPORT

Chris Bosley, City Engineer, gave a summary of City Projects related to ped/bike. He reported that the Street Department has finished restriping all the bike lanes and crosswalks for the year. They have been using more thermoplastic this year, which has a much longer life than paint and goes down faster, but costs more.

The Government Way Signal Improvement Project bids are scheduled to open on September 5th. That project goes from Harrison Ave to Prairie Ave and includes 88 upgrades to all the PED ramps, signal improvements, pedestrian signal heads and push buttons. It will have radio communication between all the signals and the corridor to provide a coordinated corridor from Harrison to Wilbur. It will not coordinate with Prairie since it's owned by Hayden.

New RRFB's have been installed using grant money. The new locations are Hanley at the Maverick station over to Lake City High School, Madeline crossing Hanley, Howard at Bosanko behind Fred Meyer, and then one in Riverstone at Bebee Blvd. The PED ramps there have also been upgraded and the crossing straightened out. RRFB installations that the City has done in the past year, which are not part of that grant include Saint Michelle at Versailles for Woodland Middle School, Courcelles drive at Canfield Ave for Skyway Elementary, and the crossing for the new Prairie Trail Extension at Huetter Avenue.

There are new sidewalks on Best Ave from 5th to 7th. The City is waiting for a communication company to move their lines out of the way so that they can pull the telephone pole and can finish the sidewalk project. They replaced the concrete intersection at 4th and Boise as well. There are new PED ramps at 8th and Sherman. The City replaced five trees on Sherman Avenue, pulling out the tree wells and putting in new grates and concrete. There will be many more replaced in the future, since so many trees died this past winter.

The City installed a new PED ramp in front of pilgrims and will be installing an RRFB to cross between pilgrims and the new Trader Joe's. The City paved a new trail head for the Prairie Trail at the Kroc Center this summer and it is open and operational now. There is also an RRFB going in there that was paid for by the remainder of the Prairie Trail Extension grant.

The Street Department is currently working on a Community Development Block Grant funded project to replace some sidewalks on the west side of 21st Street by Fernan Elementary. They also put in a new PED ramp on the northeast corner of 21st and Sherman, because it was not ADA accessible. In total, there will be a couple hundred feet of sidewalk replaced.

The 5th Street Bike Blvd. striping is scheduled to be striped in the next few weeks. Monte will order the new signs for it after October 1st.

The sidewalk reimbursement that the City offers to the Community when they put in or repair a sidewalk has increased. It used to be \$26 a foot was reimbursed to applicants and that has been bumped up to \$40 a foot.

Lastly, the City finished their chip seal project and is looking for feedback from cyclists on the chip seal that was done in the bike lanes at Riverstone. They did extra work on it using a steel drum roller and did extra sweeping to try to make it as good and smooth as a chip seal can be. Chris mentioned a drainage problem on Riverstone Drive they are working on. There was discussion about other Bike Friendly Cities that chipseal their bike lanes. Butte, Montana and

ADA County were 2 agencies that chipseal.

The committee discussed the improvements and talked about the parking issues at Pilgrims. They suggested reaching out to the Planning Department and Code Enforcement about cars hanging over the sidewalk there.

Monte McCully, Trails Coordinator, reported that he put out a press release about e-Bikes and speeding on the trail two weeks ago. The biggest issue is speed, not which type of e-Bike is allowed. To that end, the Parks Department has started working on adding speed limit reminders to trail users. The Department will be painting stencils on the trails in the coming weeks. A 15 MPH stencil will be painted all down the Centennial and Prairie Trails to help slow down bikes and e-bikes. They will also repaint bike stencils and add new pedestrian stencils in McEuen Park to help separate the bike traffic down there.

Last week the department installed three solar powered lights on the trail by the skate park to light up the trail, not the skatepark. The purpose is not to provide skaters light to skate all night, but to provide safety lighting for people walking home in the dark and to allow officers to be able see down into the skate park after dark to help prevent drug use and vandalism from occurring there.

The City is applying for an EECBG voucher to pave a new commuter trail from Hubbard Avenue north, under the 95 bridge, to the Centennial Trail. This trail will provide a straight shot for commuters to get downtown instead of winding down to the river and through campus. This program focuses on projects that are carbon neutral or reduce energy dependence. Shared pathways qualify since they are encouraging people to get out of their cars. We are also looking to fund an RRFB at Suzzane Avenue if there is enough money left over after we get trail estimates.

6. ACTION ITEMS

None.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **SR2S Rep - Monte**
 - Monte reported that Cody took a job offer in Boise, so we lost our Safe Routes to School Coordinator and newest committee member.
- **ADA Wheelchair Event – Denise**
 - Denise reported the ADA Wheelchair event went well. There were around 20 people that participated, including City Employees and the Downtown Association. It was eye-opening for many attendees and notes were taken on improvements that can be made. The committee will determine what steps need to be taken to improve ADA accessibility downtown and will recommend those actions to the City. The main issues were heaved sidewalks, crooked or heaved tree grates, sidewalk furniture and A-frame signs obstructing wheelchair routes. Older ADA standards on grades are less wheelchair friendly than the new standards. Those will be fixed as businesses and sidewalks are replaced by new or updated construction.
- **ADA Subcommittee/Help Businesses with Audits – Monte**

- Monte discussed adding or changing a subcommittee to create an audit process for businesses to rate their ADA compliance. Discussion followed on revamping several sub-committees. Advocacy and Awareness would take on ADA audits and Sidewalk Furniture fixes, and Bikeways Masterplan would take on Safety PSA's and converting them to social media short videos.
- **Tree Grates Downtown/Moving Sidewalk Furniture – Monte**
 - Monte covered this in the last bullet item.
- **Priority Corridors Progress – Monte**
 - Monte reported that this item is going to City Council on October 15th.
- **5-Year Sidewalk Plan – Dave**
 - Dave was not present to discuss this.
- **Fall Newsletter – Monte**
 - Monte will work on this and get it out.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
Did not meet
- Infrastructure:
No meeting
- Bikeways Master Plan
No update
- Bike and Walk Week:
Did not meet

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Denise Jeska: Thanked everyone for participating in the wheelchair event.

Chris Bosley: Nothing

Monte McCully: Greyson has left for college and Allistair is now the main student rep. We will need a new alternate student rep.

Michael Light: It's good to be back.

Michael Wood: Discussed issues with the new boat docks at NIC and conflicts with trail users, parking in the gravel area by the trail and even an ice cream vendor illegally being there. Monte said he had written a letter to the dock companies and met with them. They are working on compliance.

Bill Irving: Absent

John Bruning: Absent

Amy Evans: Nothing

Brandt Souvenir: Nothing

David Passaro: Absent

Allistair McIntyre: Absent

Michael Fuller: Discussed green lanes and boxes in bike lanes or at intersections. He felt that Cd'A should start implementing those for safety reasons and that we should be leading the area in those kinds of innovations. He also discussed sharrows and traffic enforcement on Cd'A Lake Drive.

Amy Evans 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 5:31 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 2nd 4:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room 6.