

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall
4:00 PM October 2nd, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:07 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	Absent
Michael Light	Landscape Architect	Present
Vacant	School District 271/SR2S Rep	Vacant
Bill Irving	Environmental/Retired Community	Absent
John Brunning	North Idaho Trail Foundation	Present
Amy Evans	City Council Liaison	Present
Brant Souvenir	General Public/Water Access	Present
David Passaro	Walking Community	Absent
Allistare McIntyre	Student Representative	Present
Vacant	Alternate Student Representative	Vacant
10 Members	Quorum Obtained	7 Present

City Staff Attending

Monte McCully	Trails Coordinator, Liaison
Chris Bosley	City Engineer

Public Attending

Eric and Elizabeth Jensen	Coeur d'Alene Residents
John Pulsipher	Coeur d'Alene Resident
Dan Gookin	Coeur d'Alene City Council

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric, Elizabeth and John spoke about the new 15 mph stencils that we painted on the Centennial and Prairie Trails. They like that there is a speed limit but they would like to see it reduced further in City Park along the dike wall. That area gets very congested, and 15 mph is too fast for bikes to go around that many pedestrians. There is a 5 mph sign already in place on one end and they would like to see something happen down there to fix the conflicts. There was discussion among the committee and the parks department and it was decided that Monte would go to the Parks Director about making that stretch 5 mph and about changing those stencils and adding signs. More 5mph and "Bikes Must Yield to Pedestrian" signs and adding signage to encourage bikes to go through the park instead of along the dike wall. There was discussion on working on a public awareness campaign to let people know about the speed limit. Painting a yellow dividing line on the trail in high traffic area was discussed as well.

Monte McCully, Trails Coordinator, reported that he is close to finishing the grant application to have a section of trail built from Hubbard Avenue going North to the Centennial Trail.

He also said he was taking Priority Corridors to City Council this month.

The 5th Street Bike Boulevard has been striped, and the signs have been ordered. Committee members discussed a few rough spots on 5th near Harrison and asked if Chris Bosely had it on an overlay or repair schedule.

He spoke of the need to boost awareness to the public on the need to reduce speeds on the trails. The numbers of accidents and near misses are going up and we'd like to start putting the brakes on, literally and figuratively. Speed Limit Awareness will be added to the Advocate Awareness Subcommittee.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

None.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Priority Corridors - Monte**
- Monte restated that Priority Corridors will be going to City Council on October 15th. The committee asked if he needed them to come and speak and told them that he had it covered.
- **E-Bikes – Monte**
 - This discussion was covered during public comment and the staff report.
- **Social Media Videos – Monte**
 - The committee discussed creating social media short videos. Monte will bring it up with the new, incoming video employee and report back to the committee. The Bike to Work Subcommittee will come up with topics and scripts and we would then schedule a time to film them and get on social media. The speed limit on the trails and the slower zone at the seawall is going to be the first video.
- **5-Year Sidewalk Plan – Dave**
 - Dave was not present to discuss this. But there was discussion on assigning the Downtown ADA Audits to the Bike to Work Subcommittee.
- **Fall Newsletter – Monte**
 - Monte created the flier and sent it to everyone. The committee approved it and agreed to post it on social media. Mike Fuller wants to print out a bunch and hand them out.

7. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items**

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
The subcommittee did not meet but discussed creating a form for the ADA Audit. They discussed compiling the list Hilary made and making an audit form from it.
- Infrastructure:

No meeting but Monte mentioned sending them the plan for the CDA Lake Drive and Mullan Intersection changes. After the plan is made and approved, it can be adopted and then funding can be applied for.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**
They did not meet, but will be busy in the upcoming year. They plan on applying for Gold for Bike Friendly Status and Silver for Walk Friendly Status. The applications will start at the beginning of the year.
- **Bike and Walk Week:**
Did not meet, but Dave will be back in November and lead that project.

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Denise Jeska: Nothing

Bill Irving: Absent

Alistair: Nothing

Michael Light: Nothing.

Amy Evans: Nothing

John Bruning: Reported the Centennial Trail counter numbers for the season. From April 17th to August 12th. The trail averaged 654 trail users per day at that site. Two days of over 2,000, another at 1,300, and 17 days of over 1000 people.

Brandt Souvenir: Nothing

Monte McCully: Talked about moving the Tubbs Hill trailer counter to the east side on January 1st.

Michael Wood: Absent

Michael Fuller: Spoke about the Full Moon rides that happen every month during the season. He said we should take the time to talk to the ride organizers about riding safely in a group. He witnessed them taking over the whole street in a large group, in the dark with no safety or reflective clothing. He would like to find out who the contact is and invite her to a meeting. He loves the group and the ride, but wants them to be safer.

David Passaro: Absent

Mike Fuller 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 4:55 pm.

9. NEXT MEETING:

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