

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall
4:00 PM February 5th, 2025

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	Absent
Michael Light	Landscape Architect	Present
Vacant	School District 271/SR2S Rep	Vacant
Vacant	Environmental/Retired Community	Vacant
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
9 Members	Quorum Obtained	5 Present

City Staff Attending

Monte McCully Trails Coordinator, Liaison

Public Attending

None Monica Donigan

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Monica Donigan spoke about the need for more signage telling all trail users to walk on the right side of the trail in the direction they are going. On city streets, the rule is to ride bikes on the right and walk on the left, but on trails, all users should be on the right side. When walkers walk in the wrong direction, getting down the trail becomes unpredictable and more dangerous. Monte mentioned that there should be 12 “All Users Stay Right” signs already in the trail system. He will check and see if there are some missing or if more are needed in certain areas. Monica volunteered to ride the trails and make notes on where she thinks they should be.

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte McCully, Trails Coordinator, reported that the City is working on getting an estimate for the proposed trail on Dalton Avenue. It'll probably be around 80K and finding the funding might take a while. It's likely to be no earlier than 2026.

He also received notification that any grant from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act has been defunded. The Parks Department had applied and been awarded a grant to build a new hiking trail and an outdoor classroom for Tubbs Hill, complete with 7 educational interpretive signs, benches, and a large map sign.

That grant was under one of those plans through the state historical society and has had funding stopped. Monte also anticipates the grant application they submitted to complete the paved commuter trail under the 95 bridge will be canceled in the future since it comes from an energy reduction grant.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- **Non-Motorized Vehicle Code**
 - Adopting the State's Definition of Motor Vehicles and deciding if e-bikes should be allowed on all multi-use paths, or bike lanes, and establishing any regulations such as maximum speed, duty to yield, etc.
 - Some of the suggested conditions were: allowing e-bikes, an official speed limit, pedals vs. throttles, trails being designed wider to accommodate e-bikes. Monte will write up a draft and send it to the committee for review.
 - There was discussion about how the police department can't enforce a speed limit and how we will approach the other government agencies in the county to tell them of our change in ordinance to match the state.
 - The committee decided to pull this as an action item and do more research on it before recommending action to council next month. They asked for more info on the different classifications. They also want time to come up with suggestions tied to the new ordinance. Brandt motioned and John seconded to remove this as an action item this month.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Speed Limit Awareness Progress – Monte**
 - Covered during the non-motorized vehicle discussion.
- **Social Media Videos – Monte**
 - Monte spoke about the Facebook page and the need to get other committee members to post articles and videos on the page. He also asked they each go to the page and like or comment on each post to help drive up the algorithm that shares the page. Monte mentioned wanting to meet with the new Cd'A TV employee about getting some videos made.
- **Bike and Walk Friendly Apps – Mike Light**
 - Walk Friendly should come off the agenda as it got shut down due to lack of funding. The Bike Friendly application is due this year so Mike Light will get together with Monte and work on it. He mentioned that Boise obtained gold status recently.
- **Bike to Work Week – Woody**
 - Dave Passero has stepped away from the committee, at least temporarily, so Woody is taking over Bike to Work. Mike Light and Mike Fuller volunteered to help Woody.
- **5-Year Sidewalk Plan – Dave**
 - No movement on this topic as Dave will be traveling for the next 6 months. He asked if he needed to step away from the committee. Monte had responded that he could always come back to the committee in the future.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:

- Did not meet.
- Infrastructure:
 - Mike Fuller went to the committee chairs meeting and reported to the mayor what the committee was doing. He also spoke about getting one of the other committee members to join KKAT and go to those meetings and the KMPO meetings so non-motorized use is represented. Brandt Souvenir is willing to step into that role. He also spoke about the Bike Collective having to find a new building and asked for suggestions. He also talked about mentoring our student reps better.
- Bikeways Master Plan:
 - Did not meet.
- Bike and Walk Week:
 - Did not meet.

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Denise Jeska: Nothing.

Alistair: Nothing.

Amy Evans: Nothing.

David Passaro: Absent.

John Bruning: John spoke about the Foundation hiring a race director for the Fondo.

Brandt Souvenir: Nothing.

Monte McCully: The Prairie Trail underpass under Prairie Avenue came up a million dollars short to have the underpass built. There may be a way to still get it when Prairie gets widened in 2 or 3 years. Monte will check with Rob Paulus and report back on the status.

Michael Light: Asked about the date and time of the ITD open house in regards to the proposed multi-use trail from NW Boulevard to Government along I-90. Someone said it was on March 5th. Monte will check on that and get back to the committee. The idea is to get as many people as possible, who support the trail and a pedestrian underpass, to come to the meeting so ITD sees public support. He also spoke about Kootenai County refusing a grant to replace assessable buses for City Link.

Michael Wood: Absent.

Michael Fuller: Spoke about the Lake City High School students who came and did a bunch of work on Tubbs Hill and how they deserve more credit. Monte mentioned that he posted it on social media.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Mike Light made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Bruning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING:

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