

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., October 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm, by John Bruning.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
John Bruning-NICTF
Cory English-General Public
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Kim Golden-General Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Mike Fuller-General Public

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist
Isaiah Rinaldi, Trail Seasonal

Five members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

Kim Golden made a motion to approve the September 9, 2020 minutes, Denise Jeska seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT – Information Items

- Atlas Park-Nearing completion, should be done by November 1.
- Centennial Trail-Working on some federal grants toward completing some areas in the Riverstone area. NICTF has a plan to put a paver or hardscape area, could be a meeting place, for events, etc. When available will get to the group the plan for the southside section off of Beebe that Bellerive West is working on, right now all drawings are conceptual.
- Tree Grates-Had not had a chance to talk to our urban forester about the missing grates. Denise indicated that when she was downtown in the last couple weeks, the grates are back in place in the areas of her concern, however, there could be other areas. **Monte will look into it and get a copy of the bike parking map to Denise.**
- Bike Friendly-Received notification from the League of American Bicyclists that our application is due in December, maybe we can establish gold level this time around. **Once the application requirements are received, Monte will tap the committee for help in completing.**

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/BYLAWS – Action Item

Once the committee votes on the updated membership/bylaws, Monte will discuss with Bill Greenwood, parks director, the next steps. Ultimately the updated document will go to City Council for final approval. Encourage everyone to look at roles and responsibilities to see if we are meeting those.

Kim Golden made a motion to recommend the committee membership bylaws be considered for approval by city council seconded by Denise Jeska there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Items

- Year-Round Newsletter: Needs the updated bike parking map, and there was a small edit Monte mentioned that didn't get caught. **Once received, a final will go out to the committee to take one last look and then it will go to the downtown association for distribution.**
- Intersection Treatments: Flashing beacons, elaborate pedestrian islands, etc., are reducing bike accidents, when looking at the bike accident map, the big problem is intersections. **Instead of discussion item, move this under infrastructure and have sub-committee look at areas that need recommendations.**
- Interview Process: New members, part of sub-committee responsibility, Tessa has a list of current questions. Kim, Tessa, and Tom were part of the discussion. Once the process is nailed down need it in a document form, for ongoing use.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Advocacy-No Report
- Infrastructure-No Report
- Awareness-No Report
- Bike Friendly Ad Hoc (not active this month)

Monte will send out emails to the committee regarding the sub committees and see where members want to be involved.

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Erik Turrell: 2020 vehicle vs pedestrian stats not looking good this year, there are 13 so far, compared to this time last year there were 6. Vehicle vs bicycle looking very good, there are only 3 to date compared to 7 last year. Looking at the stats and not sure if its an anomaly, highest month in 2020 so far is January for vehicle vs pedestrian, highest last year was December. Darkness and people walking into streets due to snow piles on sidewalks. 10 out of the 13 pedestrians were dark hours. Over half vehicle vs bike were also during dark hours. Need PSAs regarding reflective clothing when biking and walking at night, specifically for winter, get it out before winter. Question about distance from a stop sign to where parking begins is 30 feet. Suggested having curbs painted in the area from the stop sign back 30 feet would help a lot with street parking. Parking violations are complaint driven. Shared information regarding an Idaho Transportation Department dashboard with great stats regarding accidents, it can be found at <https://itd.numeric.net/itd-safety-dashboards#> should get you into that information. Good resource, you can filter by county and the city. You can filter bicycle accidents, or auto accidents, gives you really good information.

Denise: Addressed this before, used push button on 5th & Sherman either side is not working. Monte will mention this to Chris. **Monte will add to discussion item list on agenda to get a sparse list of problem areas to share with Turrell, and talk with Chris Bosley regarding painting curbs at stop sign approaches.**

Cory: Lives at CdA Place, frequently crosses Kathleen by new forestry building with the newer light there, timing is off, sometimes it changes almost immediately to walk, other times it takes a long time. Timing definitely needs looked at. **Monte will talk to Chris Bosley about this issue.**

Monte: Attending IRPA conference in Post falls, they had some discussions about employees, also pertains to this committee, fail to instill in the people we hire or work with-you guys are valuable you help us make the city safer, bring ped/bike awareness and structure to this area. NICTF showed how much money, health, getting people active and engaged. Your efforts, and you, are valuable. Thank you!

John: NICTF is working on their budget to get some money spearheaded to do an update, this year, to their study. It's already been two years they want to refresh the information. We are looking at purchasing a counter we can move around to get information and data. Monte shared that Post Falls offered that if NICTF goes with the same type they have they can do all the number crunching that would save some money for doing the number data work. John will share the information with the NICTF board to consider.

Motion made by Amy Evans and seconded by Denise Jeska to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The November meeting falls on, November 11, Veteran's Day. Those in attendance were okay with canceling the November 11 meeting, therefore the next meeting will be December 9, 2020.