

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2019
4 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
John Bruning-NICTF
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Cory English-General Public (late arrival)
Mike Fuller-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronan Malaghan-Student Rep
Michael Hoffman-Retired Community
Amy Hofer-SD271
Jamie Morgan-General Public

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

Seven members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

Tom Morgan made a motion to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes, John Bruning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte: Seltice wayfinding signs are up on the trail system. Calling in locates for the Centennial Trail tomorrow, to replace and add more signs. 95 Trail is just about finished. City will be helping with the snow plowing. Paving inside lanes on Atlas by Industrial Way that completes the connection to the prairie trail.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Item

Chris: Ped/Bike Facility Priority Wish List; CBDG administrator had a booth at Parking It On Sherman event that included posters to help identify sidewalk problems; where to fill the needs for sidewalks, or where ped ramps are needed. There is a list of potential things we have been talking about for CBDG money for sidewalks. Will be installing a sidewalk on the east side of 21st from Sherman toward Fernan; that will be a spring project. Asked if there was input from the group for other projects. Monte mentioned sidewalks on Mullan on the southside. Denise has been doing a mini-audit between 4th to 11th and Sherman to Harrison, the residential block area noting sidewalks missing curb ramps. Wants feedback for highest priority items to get done; a list of what's important to the committee and the community. A priority is 19th to Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive, remove parking on the northside, widen the Centennial Trail on the southside and put in a buffer between the Centennial Trail and vehicular travel. Slows the cars down and provides separation between the Trail and street.

It would be a pilot project to put out some planters or something to help separate bikes and cars. Would like to see about relining the area by the golf course. Monte suggested the committee go through the master plan and prioritize. Attended a workshop in Plummer and got some more information on a safety grant that funds RFB, looking at next place we can spend the grant money, has to be used to address a type A accident or fatality. Scouring for areas that would qualify. An emergency signal is being installed at 3rd Street by the fire station, the new signal will also include pedestrian crossing. Tessa will look through comments from walk friendly feedback to see if there is anything that would be helpful. Chris will compare them with projects going on and see if they can coordinate. Monte will look through the master plan and bike friendly feedback and send a list out to the committee for input. Bike lanes will be striped on Wilbur from 95 to Pine Grove. Wilbur to Government Way will be done next year.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES**

Monte: Summarized on staff report.

8. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Advocacy**

Tom, Michael, Mike, Ronan

Did not meet.

- **Infrastructure**

John, Chris, Mike

Mike attended the KMPO and KCAT meetings and will go through the KMPO workbook to educate himself. Meetings covered bus lines and transportation issues. Will keep working on getting up to speed. Went to Fernan Road open house hosted by the Eastside Highway District. There is a meeting in Boise, Oct 28 and 29, with legislators regarding non-motorized transportation. Monte mentioned there is local funding for a coordinator for safe routes to schools will get that information to Amy Hofer.

- **Awareness**

Denise, Tessa, Jamie

Anyone else interested in working on this committee, we will work on information for downtown businesses. Amy Evans had a call from a citizen who is 6'4" and likes to hold his wife's hand he can't walk on the sidewalks because of garbage cans, trees, sandwich boards, and seating on the sidewalks. Can't dodge umbrellas don't know how wheelchairs, strollers, etc., get down Sherman sidewalks. Encouraged him to come in and give his input.

- **Walk Friendly Ad Hoc**

Kim, Amy H, Tessa, Mike, Tom, Jamie

Nothing to report.

- **Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly Ad Hoc**

Not active this month.

9. ROUND TABLE

Tessa: There will be a memorial service for Russ at 2 pm, Oct 19 at HREI. Ran into Mark Puddy he says he is doing well.

Monte: May have a potential new member, Jim Kinnard was on Parks & Rec Commission. Sent him the application and information, and uploaded the application to the website for future members. Once he gets his application in, we will get it to council for approval. Newsletter has been updated and put on the website.

John: City has started its comp plan update; it will take a year and a half to complete. Public meetings will be held. The midway project is still a long way off. Monte: The Dennis Cunningham development along the Centennial Trail by LePeep, they are taking out 100 feet of the loop it will go straight down the trail north, still working on the update. Adding in sidewalks and straightening out the diagonal portion of the trail by LePeep.

Mike: Anything new on Atlas waterfront project? Phase 1 platting came through. Consult with three different firms because the bid was two high. They will go back to the one bidder to see if they would come back with a new bid. Shoreline stabilization will take place this fall during low water. The Fernan project will include mitigating the curve on French gulch road.

Cory: Many city's do car free days, worldwide, once a month. Sometimes short hours, some for a full day. Shuts down street use to encourage bike and walking use. Monte: We did that for Parking It On Sherman one block for the event. Maybe do something like that during Bike to Work Day.

Tom: Ready to kick off Christmas push for bike giveaways. Gave 70 away in December last year and helmets for kids. Reaching out to Boys and Girls Club, schools, and the VFW for bikes they may need. Has also given away bikes through the CDA PD. Volunteers are getting more active, holding "take apart Tuesdays" after 5 p.m., teaching volunteers how to take bikes apart. Started a mentor program with people who know how to work on bikes mentoring those who do not. Looking for recipients of the bikes; suggestions-Idaho youth Ranch, St. Vincent, and Lewis & Clark College. Continuing to educate the public on bike safely. Quality of donations we are getting in the past 18 months has greatly improved.

Motion made by John Bruning and seconded by Denise Jeska to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 4 pm at City Hall