

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Hall

4:00 PM April 2nd, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 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	Absent
Brant Souvenir	General Public/Water Access	Absent
David Passaro	Walking Community	Present
Alistair McIntire	Student Representative	Absent
Vacant	Alternate Student Representative	Vacant
9 Members	Quorum Obtained	5 Present

City Staff Attending

Monte McCully Trails Coordinator, Liaison

Public Attending

Monica Donigan, Joel Olson

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

John Brunning made a motion to approve the March 2025 minutes. Mike Fuller seconded the motion, there being no further discussion, and all being in favor, the motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joel Olson spoke about unlicensed, underage kids riding e-motorcycles and e-scooters on the streets, trails, and parks, and asked what could be done to prevent that. The committee discussed how the police department came to a meeting and talked about this issue. They had said that they are required to be licensed and the motorcycle registered to ride in the street (*Monte looked it up later and discovered e-motorcycles are ineligible for regular highway registration/plates but must have restricted plates or OHV registration without plates. If they are under 16, they must be accompanied by an adult*). The committee discussed trying to get the police department to assign someone to the committee again. Monte mentioned that a code enforcement officer stopped by City Hall and asked for the committee to participate in some bike rodeos in the coming season. They discussed having her attend a meeting.

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte McCully, Trails Coordinator, reported that he took Priority Corridors to City Council, and it was voted to delay approving it until the City spells out exemptions better. Monte said they will be meeting and discussing it next week to come up with something. Dave spoke about the City giving incentives to homeowners to help them put in sidewalks. One suggestion was to have the City finish a block if it is more than 50% complete. Another suggestion was to have

the City allocate a larger amount of money to the sidewalk reimbursement fund, and allow homeowners to apply for it when they pull a permit for something else. Right now, you can't apply for it if it is tied to something else. This is to prevent developers from applying for it. The committee also discussed the changes to state policy regarding eliminating sidewalks and trails from road projects.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- **Approval of Monica Donegan's application to the Ped/Bike committee**
 - The committee voted unanimously to approve Monica Donegan's application to the ped/bike committee as the bicycle representative.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Motorized Vehicle Ordinance Update – Monte**
 - Covered during the non-motorized vehicle discussion. Monte also discussed getting the ride right signs ordered and put up on the trail. Monica volunteered to help identify locations for the sign.
- **Speed Limit Awareness Progress - Monte**
- **Social Media Videos – Monte**
 - Monte and Mike Light spoke about the Facebook page and tying it to Instagram. The committee discussed meeting with the new Cd'A TV employee and asking if he is able to help us with short videos. Monte suggested having students do short videos in a contest for next year's BTWW.
- **Bike Friendly App – Mike Light**
 - Mike Light will begin the application process this month with Monte's help.
- **Bike to Work Week – Mike Light**
 - Mike Light is taking over a scaled-down bike to work week. The committee decided to create and print the poster and have a kick-off or closing ride only. Monte received one art piece from a student so far. The winner's art will go on the poster.
- **Sidewalk Code Modification – Dave**
 - This was discussed earlier in the meeting
- **Dog Ordinances 4.25.080 and 6.05.030 – Dave**
 - Dave discussed the existing dog ordinances. He discussed how the different number at the beginning of the code is owned by the department it belongs to. Code 6.05.030 is Municipal Services, and Code 4.25.080 is the Parks Department. 6.05.030 addresses aggressive dogs but doesn't talk about where they are allowed and doesn't address where they are allowed. Dave mentioned it was unclear to the public what the rules are. A code enforcement officer had told him in the past that they are allowed on perimeter paths, but he didn't know how the public would know that. He also mentioned that the City should consider allowing dogs on City beaches during the off-season when people are not sitting in the sand in the sun. Monte mentioned that the ordinance is written in such a way that the Parks Department can just post a sign for a park, beach, or trail, and that becomes enforceable by the police. For example, the parks all have signs that say "Dogs Allowed on Perimeter Paths Only". Dave said Helena has a rule that says you only have to have your dog on a leash in natural areas for the first 200 feet of the trail, and then you can take it off the leash as long as it responds

to voice commands. Dave says he talks to many people walking their dogs about these issues, and the main thing he walks away from those conversations with is that people don't really know what the rules are.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
 - Did not meet.
- Infrastructure:
 - Mike Fuller asked about the suggested changes to CDA Lake Drive and Mullan, and where we were at with the Parkwood Properties' suggestion to get a crosswalk across CDA Lake Drive. Monte said it was on hold because much of that plan is predicated on the trail being rerouted to Aston and 23rd when the CDA Resort builds new buildings at the end of 23rd. The resort won't be doing that project for a while, due to building the downtown tower first. The City is working with the Resort to get a temporary route going until that time. It'll be several years before that happens. The City will also have to install swales between the road and the Centennial Trail in order to shorten the distance across CDA Lake Drive for a crosswalk to work. That project is just a proposal, and no money has been identified for that project yet. Basically, a bunch of things will have to align before that project can get done.

He also asked about what happened with the Bike Co-op. Monte said that NIC agreed to let them stay at the Armory. The Co-op really cleaned up their area, and the Parks Department cleaned up their area as well.

- Bikeways Master Plan:
 - Did not meet.
- Bike and Walk Week:
 - Already Covered

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Denise Jeska: Nothing.

Monica Donegan: Monica asked about the Ride Right signs. Monte will send her a copy of the new sign to look at. She also asked about striping. Monte and John said the Trail Foundation is looking at getting striping in certain high-traffic areas.

Alistair: Absent.

Amy Evans: Absent.

David Passaro: Nothing.

John Bruning: John spoke about the Foundation applying for a grant to replace the first 2 miles of the Centennial Trail. It is 35 years old and in bad shape. They applied for an RTP grant and that grant has been unsuccessful in the past. Monte suggested trying for different grants. He discussed the Fondo coming back and the upcoming CDA Marathon and Ales for the Trails.

Brandt Souvenir: Absent.

Monte McCully: Nothing.

Michael Light: Nothing.

Michael Wood: Absent.

Michael Fuller: Asked about when the Seltice Trail on the south side of the road will be opened. Monte said they will be rebuilding and opening the trail from near Atlas Road to

Heartwood in the near future. The rest of the trail down to the Centennial Trail connection won't be finished until they finish the work on Mt. Hink, and that won't be done until the developer can find enough good soil. There was a discussion about how trail users would connect to the trail or Seltice. Trail users would be able to go down Heartwood, once it is open, and connect to the trail in Atlas Park. They could also connect to the bike lanes on Seltice from the trail at Heartwood. There was discussion about whether or not there was a bike lane on Seltice (Monte double checked later and there is a buffered bike lane from Heartwood, over the Seltice bridge, to Riverstone Drive, and then a regular Bike Lane to Northwest Boulevard).

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 5:20 pm.

10. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 7th, 4:00 PM, City Hall Conference Room 6.