

**PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Hall**  
**4 pm-Feb. 4, 2026**

**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
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
Dan Sheckler	City Council Liaison	Absent
Brant Souvenir	General Public/Water Access	Absent
David Passaro	Walking Community	Present
Alistair McIntire	Student Representative	Present
Natale Proszek	Alternate Student Representative	Absent
<b>10 Members</b>	Quorum Obtained	<b>6 Present</b>

**City Staff Attending**

Monte McCully	Trails Coordinator, Liaison
Kris Beyer	Administrative Assistant
Dan Gookin	Mayor (left at 4:11pm)
Amy Evans	City Council (left at 4:43pm)

**Public Attending**

none

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

none

**3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2025 MINUTES – Action Item**

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

Mayor Gookin: In the city council meetings, he would like a committee member, which would most likely be Dan Scheckler, to provide a monthly report on what Ped Bike committee is doing because the committee is always doing interesting things and activities. He would like to keep city council informed & up to date when something may come forward to the city council. The report may be every other month as the committee is meeting every other month now with sub committees meeting in the off months. Mayor Gookin also expressed his appreciation for what the Ped Bike Committee does. It's amazing all the things that go on in the city, and he doesn't think everyone realizes all that does go on. He thanked the committee for volunteering.

**Action Item Added:**

Motion to amend the agenda to include a vote on Officer elections.

Motion made by Mike Light, seconded by John Bruning. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

#### **5. STAFF REPORT**

Monte- Multiple trail segments are currently impacted by construction activities, particularly on the west end of town and extending north. Several trail closures and obstructions have occurred, resulting in access issues for trail users. Some disruptions were anticipated, including bridge work; however, additional construction activities occurred in advance without prior notification. Initial trail closures involving large soil stockpiles were implemented without staff awareness. Subsequent work by the Water Department removed a portion of the trail, which will be followed by additional removal of approximately 300 feet of trail by Avista. Notification of this work was received after completion, including the removal of utility poles that staff had not been informed of in advance. Coordination issues arose because project partners are operating under a permit covering the full project area, rather than obtaining individual trail closure permits. As a result, Monte was not consistently informed of when trails were open or closed, limiting the ability to provide accurate information to the public. To address this, Monte coordinated with the Engineering Department to ensure either advance notification of Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) activities or inclusion in weekly project meetings. The Prairie Trail northbound was observed to be fully blocked by soil stockpiles extending to the overpass. Staff contacted project representatives to discuss pedestrian access and the need to return to the process of permitting and rerouting for individual trail segments rather than blanket closures. In response to anticipated intermittent closures of the Prairie Trail and Atlas Trail over the next two years, Monte is meeting with Ignite and the contractor to reopen the south side of Seltice Way, which has been closed for approximately three to four years. Due to ongoing construction impacts, maintaining access to all available trails is a priority. Additional work remains near Atlas Park, including filling in a giant hole (Mount Hink) and repaving, though the timeline is uncertain due to the unavailability of fill material. Temporary measures are planned, including grading, cleaning, temporary asphalt placement, and gravel surfacing in some sections to allow public use of the Atlas Trail. These actions are intended to restore access while long-term construction continues. Monte noted that several community events are scheduled during this period, and maintaining trail accessibility is a priority. While the project is expected to improve traffic flow upon completion, intermittent access challenges are anticipated during construction. Monte added there were also several trees removed and he was unaware of it as well.

Monte: There is a sidewalk on Coeur d'Alene Ave on a priority school corridor, the homeowner is trying to get a tree removed for the sidewalk that is required. The homeowner has had several tree companies draw up reports stating the tree would die with tree roots being cut. Streets Superintendent went and appraised the area and stated that an ADA ramp needs to be there so tree has to go if a sidewalk is put in and it will not fit with a tree there. Since there currently are no other connecting sidewalks, it has been decided no sidewalk will be needed at this time until the tree starts to fail or other street issues arise.

#### **6. PARKWOOD PRESENTATION-** Chris Meyer

Moved to next meeting regarding Ashton & 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **7. OFFICER ELECTIONS** – Action Item

Denise nominated Mike Light for chair. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. Mike Light will be the new chair for next meeting.

Mike Fuller was nominated to continue as vice chair. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Lunceford Sidewalk- Monte:** Would like to meet with Chris Bosley and invite committee members to also look at the area. It is a sidewalk going from the park to Honeysuckle a couple of blocks long. Dave Passaro noted this area is a densely housed area and a treacherous area. With Monte adding people use it as an arterial. There are no crosswalks or street centerline, and parking is allowed on both sides of the street which makes the road not wide enough for two-way traffic. The street would need to be readjusted or possibly make parking only allowable on one side. The sidewalk could be repaired on south side but there are a lot of telephone poles in the way so accessibility would still be an issue. Several sidewalk sections are missing. Monte suggested looking for a possible grant for a retaining wall. Dave Passaro mentioned he has asked the street department for a center line but is told the road is not wide enough. Monte will check CBDB to see if the neighborhood might qualify for a block grant for sidewalks. Denise will reach out to Arial Ding and make sure she knows her issue is not forgotten. Dave stated the three biggest considerations in that area which are the street alignment with no center line, the parking on both sides of the street and sidewalk repair. Dave also mentioned he doesn't understand the reason for not giving out names or addresses for sidewalk projects so can see where money is going when asked. He was only given the number of sidewalk permits granted. He wondered if he put in public info requests with the city to get at least the addresses. Monte said he could try. Amy Evan said they may redact any personal info. Dave stated we have the number of permits given out but would like addresses to see areas where sidewalks have been placed.

- **The Committees Role in Accident Prevention- Mike Light**

Mike Light read in the local newspaper a pedestrian had gotten hit on Golf Course Rd & Ramsey Road. He was curious as to committee's role when something like this happens and what response the committee does. There is already a stop light there but maybe a flashing beacon will help. The driver did not have a valid driver's license or insurance. The issue for the committee to consider is why did the accident happened. Committee was not sure one accident would warrant a rapid flashing beacon. Monte will pose the question to Teri Heinrich about being the Police Department liaison which would help to have the police's view of the incident.

Amy Evans shared with the committee her thank you for the last 13 years of being part of the Ped Bike Committee. She will remain as a Centennial Trails liaison which will allow her to be informed of things going on in the Ped Bike Committee.

- **Priority Corridors – Monte:**

Monte thinks it is time to bring forward priority corridors again. The issue is he is applying for the Urban Forestry position and there may be a new Trail Coordinator hired as well. In the interim, maybe the sidewalk subcommittee can work on and bring this forward. It died out earlier due to if we could make people put in sidewalks and the money it would cost. Remodeling costs for a home is what triggers when a sidewalk requirement would be required. The subcommittee would need to figure out a possible new threshold so it would not be a burden on the typical homeowner. Dave Passero

asked if there is a way to find out of the 13 critical corridors identified, how many remodels we have missed requiring sidewalk placed in the last 3 years. If we had made a permit requirement change previously what would have been the impact on sidewalks that would have been placed at this point. If we could show that impact at a council meeting, maybe that would make a difference. Monte suggests creating a process or manual/master plan of what needs to be done. What sidewalks are needed in these areas and look for grants to help install them. Questions that need answered would be how many properties were missed for sidewalk requirements, which properties belong to developers vs. non-developers, and can a grant be found instead of homeowner paying. Dave suggested needing 5-year history of the budgeted amount for sidewalk improvements and the amount that was spent. Inspections on building permits for any outside work are done by the streets department.

- **Speed Limit Awareness:**

Mike Fuller: Prairie Trail speed limit signs for motorcycles are needed. There are plenty of signs in the downtown area but none there. Signs are also needed that say to pick up after your dog. Adding trash cans to the area was also an idea but Monte said there is not enough staff to empty them on a regular basis.

- **Social Media Videos- Brandt and Denise**

None since December.

- **Choosing a Subcommittee**

Pedestrian: see below

Bicycle: see below

- **Yearly Goals**

Will be decided within the subcommittees.

- **Committee Meetings Change**

Meetings will go to every other month with sub committees meeting every month.

## **9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items**

- Pedestrian Mobility:

Denise Jeska, Dave Passero, Mike Light, Alistair McIntire

- Bicycle Mobility:

John Brunning, Mike Fuller, Brandt Souvenir, Mike Wood

## **10. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:**

**Denise Jeska:** none

**Alistair:** none

**Dan Sheckler:** absent

**David Passaro:** none

**John Bruning:** He attended the annual Centennial Trails Foundation meeting at Vantage Point Brewery, and it was a good turnout. People were able ask questions and the Centennial Trails Foundation may need to look at a bigger venue next year. John downloaded the counter at mile post 14 which is south of the Highway 95 bridge. In July, 31,800 people (dogs, deer or whatever) went past. In August 31,000 went past which is about 1,000 per day. Maybe we should pick random days and do a manual count. Looking at numbers we are increasing by about 10% a year.

**Brandt Souvenir:** absent

**Monte McCully:** see above

**Michael Light:** Received results from American Bicycle and we are still at silver. Will be receiving our report card with details and share with the committee. One of the criteria for gold status is safe routes to school and we don't have that yet. Mike Fuller discussed problems at Coeur d Alene schools with Andy regarding e-motorcycles and their high speeds. He also talked to Jim Wyndish from Brian School about the Bike Bus concept but not able to come to meeting. And couple that concept with Teri Heinrich's grant with helmets. Mike Fuller handed out a Bike Bus handout to everyone and asked the committee to check out the QR code for more information and how to implement the program. He thought this would be a good way to get into the school system with people who have a vested interested at the schools. Also, a suggestion to reach out to the school district to share with their teachers and staff who may be interested on being a school district representative on the committee.

**Michael Wood:** absent

**Michael Fuller:** none left at 5:16 pm

#### **11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

Dave Passero 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 5:17 pm.

Next Meeting: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 1st, 2026, City Hall Conference Room 6.