

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community (late arrival)
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Jamie Morgan-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public
Russ Hersrud-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public
Mark Puddy-Landscape Architect
Mac Cavasar-Running Community
Tim Teyler-Water Access Community

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Hofer-School District 271
John Bruning-Centennial Trail Foundation
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Ronan Malaghan-Student

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

GUEST: Michael Hoffman

Ten members present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Monte introduced Michael Hoffman, a potential candidate for the committee. Michael gave a brief introduction of his background and desire to participate with the committee and interest in possibly establishing a bike shop in Rathdrum.

4. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Tom Morgan made a motion to approve the May 9, 2018, Minutes. Kim Golden seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

5. STAFF REPORT

Erik Turrell introduced Eric Paul and Alley Ukich. Eric Paul will be taking over Ped/Bike duties for the police department traffic unit and attending the meetings. In May there were five bike crashes, in June there were two; two pedestrian crashes in May and zero in June. Year to date there have been eleven pedestrian accidents. Most have been in parking lots; compared to eight last year at this time. Most bike accidents are at the crosswalk where they are crossing on the wrong side and not walking their bikes. Riding on the sidewalk and the wrong way on a sidewalk is a huge problem. Mark mentioned the stencil project in the areas with the most crashes would be helpful.

Monte reported that bike racks will be put up at City Hall and at the Library entrances. Selection of an art piece rack will take place on July 22 for the library. Skatepark is moving right along. Mark will be presenting the pump skills park information tonight; Monte will do the presentation at City Council on July 17. Chris Bosley is not here to give an update on Complete Streets Ordinance, but there aren't any big changes and the group will be able to vote tonight and send on to City Council. Seal coating on the Centennial Trail is just about wrapped up with striping left to do.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

○ Downtown Movability

- Tessa reported the education sub-committee has been meeting the past few months reviewing frame signs on Sherman and accessibility. They have come up with a newsletter for businesses with approval by Terry Cooper and the Downtown Association and hope to get it out as soon as possible. Jamie is working on editing and Mark will help with imaging for proper placement of signs to meet ordinance. The piece is pro-active to help educate business owners and the hope is to have a fall newsletter that highlights the different seasons and the requirements for each. Monte offered that the City could print the 100 brochures. The brochure will be emailed out to the committee for feedback, and shared also with the city clerk's office and code enforcement. **The deadline for a completed newsletter was set for the end of July.** The map created by Mark and Ronan included corrals and racks and will be incorporated as well.

○ Art in Motion Grant (Rotary)

- Tessa reported that we did receive the \$600 grant from Rotary to print and update the brochures, we're just waiting on the check. Mike mentioned he did the tour with some friends and there are definitely some areas that need correction as the artwork is no longer there, and there are new pieces. The Art Currents at Riverstone need to be added. Kim asked if there was still a plan to combine the bike and walking brochures. Mike mentioned that Bev had hoped to do that but wasn't sure if that will happen. Monte said Bev planned to get him the draft brochures this week.

○ Looking Glass Academy

- Monte attended as did some other members of the committee. Lots of discussion about making streets better for pedestrians, those in wheelchairs, and bicyclists.

○ Atlas Mill Site

- Monte reported that the property had been purchased by the city. There have been many public meetings to gather information on what the public wants at this site. Trails, public access, and parks are high on the list. There are discussions now about getting infrastructure and platting in place prior to selling any of the property for development. Mark mentioned that this area will be similar to Mill River, same urban pattern, not fully accessible, but will have riverfront lots. Less density was high on the list and as Mark pointed out, the less dense the more cars needed to move people, the higher the density, the more foot, bike, and other means of transportation. There is a Facebook page with updates and meeting announcements.

- *Clarification: Typically per Mark's comments, that is how these waterfront projects are developed with Mill River as an example. The Atlas waterfront project is not going to look like Mill River, the waterfront will all be accessible to the public. There is not a specific Facebook page for the Atlas Waterfront project. There is an Atlas Waterfront page on the city's website with information.*

○ AARP Grant

- Jamie reported we didn't get the grant as they were really more focused on senior citizen issues. We had hoped for funding of rapid flashing beacon. It was mentioned that curb being more ADA compliant would be helpful. Jamie also mentioned that Chris Bosley would really like to get funding for an electronic traffic counter. Monte just completed a traffic count with a camera placed on the Centennial and Prairie Trails. KMPO also loaned one to use to put on the I-95 trial. The timeframe for counts is 48 hours. Mac mentioned the report he shared from KMPO that had counts on the Centennial Trail already. He offered to share that again.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- **Complete Streets Ordinance**

- A motion was made by Russ Hersrud and seconded by Tom Morgan to approve the Complete Street Ordinance, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed. Monte will get with Chris Bosley about presenting the ordinance at an upcoming City Council meeting.

- **Centennial Trail Seal Coat Update**

- Shared during staff report.

- **Bike Park**

- Mark presented the Pump Skills Flow Track information as it will be presented at the City Council meeting on July 17. This area is part of the Four Corners and BLM Master Plan approved in 2014. The input received was for a bike park with cyclocross, mountain biking, and a skills track. This location is near the railroad tunnel and many elements are under the I-95 Bridge. A Pump Track is a continuous circuit of rollers, berms, and jumps that loop back on itself. A Skills Track uses tracks, rollers, and other skill elements, and a Flow Trail is usually machine made that is full of berms and rollers, this area is south of the Bridge. Right now the area is grassroots at this point. There are local youth mountain bike teams currently using the area. May need signage to let the public know some areas may not be suited for those under 10 years old. This area will need volunteer work after each season. Right now there is no funding planned for this park. The presentation will bring awareness of what is there.

8. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Walk Friendly Community**

1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise

The highlights and suggestions from the walk friendly award will be gone through at a later time; this group will meet in 6 months or so to identify changes from suggestions. Monte will put together some signage stating we are a walk friendly community to promote the designation.

- **Design Review/Infrastructure**

1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris

Nothing to report.

- **Education**

1. Kim, Amy Hofer, Tessa, Mike, Tom, Jamie

Cover in movability item.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

1. Monte, Chris

Monte is starting to work on a Parks Master Plan update, creating a questionnaire to get a substantial number of responses utilizing the data for a new masterplan. The plan will include the Atlas site. There have been a number of accomplishments in our parks and trails since the last Master Plan ten years ago. Mike mentioned he read an article about LWCF (Land Water Conservation Funds) going away. Monte stated that funds from LWCF haven't been used in the last 10 years to purchase land.

9. **ROUND TABLE**

Mike-Government Way bike lanes hoping those aren't forgotten. And Seltice Way, the one side isn't finished yet, and what's happening with the 95 trail? The north side isn't complete, but will be moving forward. Monte mentioned the 95 trail is coming up with ITDs traffic flow changes to start in 2019.

Tim-Parking enforcement by Citizens on Patrol (COPS) and volunteers were recently told by the police department to de-emphasize ticketing or warning cars and RVs blocking sidewalks, due to the complaints received by those being cited. Would like to see what this committee could do about getting instructions from the top down as to the importance of issuing citations and warnings. ***This item will be added to next month's agenda. Tessa will reach out to Amy Evans on this topic.***

Russ-The new light at the intersection of Kathleen and the Prairie Trail, who controls the time? You have to really hustle to get across the street. Tessa mentioned you can report a problem on the city's website, and Monte suggested reaching out to Chris Bosley as well.

Mac-Missed the last KKAT meeting, they made a presentation to have their non-motorized plan signed off and sent to KMPO for approval, pretty confident it will pass. The plan has improvements for the next 10 years across the County. Credit goes to John Kelly for his work on this plan, if you see him, tell him he did a good job. Planning stage for the interchange at 95 and Highway 53 underway to redo the bridge and have a connector from Lancaster to Garwood that should include bike paths and connectivity to trails. Eastside highway district had an open house presenting their master plan upgrades with another planned this fall. Check into it and give your input.

Jamie-Who oversees the COPS in City Park who drive the 4-wheeler on the trail and sometimes block the trail? Tim mentioned they are called Explorers, youth who are interested in law enforcement. They need to be reminded that the speed limit is only 15 on the trail.

Mark-Would like the education sub-committee, once done with the movability newsletter, to help roll into the bike parking plan he and Ronan put together for a future city council presentation. This would also be a good topic for the fall movability newsletter.

Tom-The Lake City Bike Collective is open each Saturday from Noon to 4 pm at the old armory building located at 709 East Walnut Avenue. Everyone is welcome to stop by and volunteer or get a bike. This weekend they will have Veterans, kids, and donations. They are making lots of connections with other non-profits, and have given away 194 bikes in 17 months.

Mike Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Denise Jeska, and all being in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 5:30 pm at City Hall.**