

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm, by .

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community (late arrival)
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Jamie Morgan-General Public
John Bruning-Centennial Trail Foundation
Kim Golden-General Public
Russ Hersrud-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Hofer-School District 271
Mac Cavasar-Running Community
Tim Teyler-Water Ways
Mark Puddy-Landscape Architect
Ronan Malaghan-Student

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist
Chris Bosley-Staff, Former Chair

Nine members present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Russ Hersrud made a motion to approve the April 11, 2018, Minutes. Jaime Morgan seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

5. STAFF REPORT

Chris: Soon there will be a bike lane southbound on 15th between Shadduck and Thomas the centerline will be moved and restriping the road will give more width for a bike lane. Next week is the Idaho Walk Bike Summit in Boise. Will be giving a presentation on what we've done in Coeur d'Alene to make us more bike and walk friendly. We have one rectangular RRFB left to install at 9th and Sherman. It will take some creativity in placement where trees won't block it and a push button will be located away from the structure. You'll also see more high visibility crosswalks, these are the big blocks that go across the street; the ones on Sherman will be repainted. Have traffic counts for Mullan versus Young. Counts and speed were taken in two places on Mullan and Young to compare traffic. Young has 20% of the traffic that Mullan does. There are 200 or less cars per day on Young and 1,000 on Mullan. 85% on Young they were traveling between 23 and 26 mph. On Mullan speed ranged between 24 and 33 mph. We have an opportunity for an AARP grant to do wayfinding around the city, it's due in 2 weeks, not sure what all is involved in putting the grant together. (**Jamie offered to look into the grant**). There was a bike crash on La Rochelle Drive last week; a kid was hit by a car. It caused a big panic, received calls to streets and engineering department. Parking seems to be an issue. Crash report indicates the kid road off the sidewalk, out of a driveway and into the road and got hit. He was blocked by a vehicle, but it was a car parked by a driveway not at an intersection. He pulled out too

closely to the parked car and was hit on the left side. We do plan to get bike lanes on St. Michelle; you can go from Bluegrass Park all the way to Kathleen without going past residences with driveways. This bike lane would make a great connection to schools.

Mark Puddy (presented by Chris and Monte): Update on the downtown bike parking inventory, he met with Kathleen Tillman with the parking commission she mentioned taking his inventory to a special meeting in May to get on the June agenda. He will follow up. He put together a draft drawing of a Pump Skills Flow Track. Vertical Earth started cyclo-cross racing on the BLM property located at Hubbard and under the 95 bridge. The city leases this land from BLM for \$1 per year. A track is in place; it's a great place to take your kids. There is momentum to make a great bike park. The plan has been forwarded to Bill Greenwood. A next step would be to start moving dirt around to get the track built. The mountain bike group does a lot of the work themselves and there is a lot of interest in the mountain bike community.

Monte: Attended a meeting with some groups that are very interested in promoting mountain biking in Coeur d'Alene. ~~The mayor participated and the City is behind mountain biking,~~ They spoke about getting more facilities, bringing in some races, and a plan called "Honey Badger," a Forest Service logging plan that would connect from our facilities through Hayden all the way to Ponderay. There are also some other things in the works regarding Canfield Mountain he will keep the group up to date.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 23rd & Ashton
 - Monte: Sent the plan to everyone last month put it on here to see if anyone wanted to talk about it. Roadside trail has curb. The Centennial Trail won't have to wrap around the corner where cars are parking across the trail, with this going in you can bypass completely. Ashton is moving north a couple hundred feet.
- Downtown Movability
 - Tessa and Denise: Meeting last week with Terry Cooper, shared our groups' idea to create an information brochure for the shops downtown as to where to put their sandwich boards, and information about having boards; they thought it was a great idea. They also suggested stuff they would like to see: allowable sizes, permits required, encroachment on public access, and seasonal information as well that would also discuss snow removal, etc. Sandwich boards have an annual fee and they get a sticker similar to a DMV sticker for their permitted sign. The signs are allowed March 1 to November 1. Suggested the brochure have a diagram to show where to place their signs. The Downtown Association is willing to help, they have 3 ways to contact the businesses, through email blasts, a Facebook page, and face to face or door to door. Code enforcers are supposed to address the issue of encroachment, but they are busy and if no one complains nothing is done about it. Terry suggested we could send him an email or call and let him know if there is a business not following, they would be given a warning. Talked about being proactive not reactive. Suggested that PSAs for their Facebook page would be helpful, and a quarterly reminder for each season. The This group will schedule another movability assessment this summer, addressing not just sandwich boards, but also other items like brochure stands.

7. PROJECT UPDATES

- Complete Streets Ordinance

- Chris: The current complete street ordinance will be resend to the planning department and a goal to that this ordinance is an action item at their next meeting. They want the items in this ordinance to mesh with current requirements so it has teeth, is used, and not sitting on a shelf. It would be taken to planning commission as a heads up with the ultimate vote being with City Council.

- **Walk Friendly Community Recognition**

- Tessa: We received Bronze recognition. They did give tips for improvement that will involve all our subcommittees. Some of our recognition highlights: work on an updated complete streets policy, widening bike lanes, extensive trail system, providing free transit, and PSAs specifically on pedestrian and bicyclist safety. **Action Item: Monte will email the recognition highlights and suggestions for improvement.** The plaque was presented at the most recent City Council meeting. We received information for media releases but have not used them yet. Our certification is good until 2023.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Walk Friendly Community**

1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise
Covered above. Combine with Education.

- **Design Review/Infrastructure**

1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris
No report.

- **Education**

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

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

1. Monte, Chris

We've worked a long time trying to extend the trail on the south side of Hanley to the Prairie trail. There has been some discussion with the property owner regarding easement and who owns the right of way; a fence has been on the property for a number of years. The owner has agreed to move the fence and allow the city to use the right of way. Recently the northeast corner has been annexed with the County doing some lot adjustments. Our hope is to extend the trail west on Hanley to the Prairie Trail and south on Atlas to the gun range. Nothing is being built on these lots at this time. Develop of the property will improve frontage of Atlas Road and the property to the north a trail should be included along that section.

9. ROUND TABLE

Amy Evans: What is the process to identify the need for a RRFB, very concern about the corner of Foster and 3rd Street by Fire Station 1. Chris mentioned that there is a plan to remove the crossing signal at the Prairie Trail and Kathleen, with the hope to put it at 3rd and Foster as an emergency stop for the fire department. For an emergency they would just hit a button and stop traffic on 3rd, along with that, a pedestrian push button can be installed to stop traffic to cross.

John Bruning: Has work started on the Centennial Trail? Monte stated that most of the work is done. They are currently finishing up with crack sealing. There has been some concern about folks riding through the sealant; there are caution signs up while they are on the trail.

Kim Golden: Met with Bev Moss and Debbie Frisbie to go over the Art in Motion brochure. Bev is waiting to hear from Rotary regarding the grant she applied for. The Arts Commission is in the process of updating their list and website. Once that is done, our brochure can be updated. Should we encourage the Arts Commission into taking over brochure updates and publicizing the brochure? Kim asked about the QR codes and how those would be updated with the new changes. Monte stated the QR sticker goes to a specific page, and Debbie would be the one to help update. **Action Item: Monte said he would check into the whether the codes are working.**

Russ Hersrud: Why is the signal being taken out at Prairie and Kathleen? Chris stated that there will be a new traffic light going in for the Forest Service at their new building complex. Are the lines at 3rd Street going to be redone? Chris stated the lines will be restriped as with many across town. What are the plans for the park across the interstate, a group in town is wondering if they could put a nature trail with bird boxes. Monte said that there will be a roughed in gravel parking lot, 1.5 miles of trail with more going in on the west. Monte said he would be glad to talk to the group.

Jamie Morgan: Looking Glass Academy event is coming up on June 4 and 5. There are plenty of seats available. Would like to get the word out and invite more people, engineering firms, other cities, etc. Streets and engineering will be attending. **Action Item: Monte said they could forward the information to the non-motorized master plan stake holder group.**

Mike Fuller: Asked about bike lane painting there seem to be no lines left. Chris stated it takes warm temperatures and no rain to get them done. Will be getting many relined this summer. There will be chip sealing on Ironwood from NW Blvd to Government Way this gives them a chance to restripe and have 5 foot bike lanes. There won't be a bike lane at the hospital going westbound at the emergency room entrance.

Tom Morgan: Emerge has been painting murals for about a month. 17 to 18 people received bikes in the past couple of weeks, from elementary kids to adults in transitional housing. Everyone is invited to a weekend open house within the next month, want the public to come in and see what's going on, received new toolkits today for repair stations. Last year 113 bikes were put out on the road. Thank you to the Mayor and City Council for extending this space to us. Held a bike rodeo at Earth Day and talked with KEA members interested in coming to evening training; class scenarios, one hour or less, teaching basic bike maintenance. Amy asked how they are funded. Donations from various community groups, some cash, a lot of bikes. Recently Kootenai Health gave a donation of 200 helmets.

Jaime Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Hersrud, and all being in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 5:30 pm at City Hall.**