

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4:00 PM July 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm, by Denise Jeska.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Jeska-Chair Physically Challenged Com.
John Bruning-NICTF
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Mike Wood-North Idaho College
Mike Light-Landscape Architect

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cory English-General Public
Max Bazler-Student Rep
Mike Fuller-Vice Chair General Public
Tom Morgan-Bicycling Community

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton, Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

David Passaro

Five members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

John Bruning made a motion to approve the May 4, 2022, minutes, Amy Evans seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. AGENDA AMMENDENT

John Bruning made a motion to amend the agenda to add an action item to consider recommending an appointment of a new member to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee to the City Council. Amy Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

6. STAFF REPORT

Monte McCully updated the committee about a workshop he attended along with other stakeholders and the Idaho Transportation Department on the proposed project to widen Interstate 90. He explained that the project to lanes to the highway between the state line and US-95 is funded and is expected to start construction within a couple of years. The widening of the interstate from that point to 9th Street Avenue and the reconstruction of the interchanges in Coeur d'Alene is not funded, but is being planned so that it will be ready for construction when or if funding become available. Monte explained the possible impacts to the city's trail network including rebuilding the intersection of the Prairie and Centennial Trails, adding trails on the north side of the freeway and the creation of separated trail crossings at some of the interchanges. Monte also updated the committee on the proposed Coeur Terre development on the western edge of the city. He informed the committee that this planned unit development is projected to add approximately five thousand residents to the city and current plans call for the development to include a city owned community park, a city owned neighborhood and common

areas which will include pocket parks that are to be maintained by home owners' associations. Also planned in the development are two public schools. Monte concluded by updating the status of the Children's Pedestrian Safety Grant applied for to extend the Prairie trail and Fire Management grants applied for at Tubbs Hill, Veterans' Centennial park and the Canfield Mountain Natural Area.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- **Membership Application.**
Monte then introduced David Passaro and explained that he had applied to join the committee. Monte asked him to address the committee regarding his interest and qualifications. David explained that he has lived in the area for eleven years and is an avid bicyclist and recreational walker as well as an advocate for accessibility. He also shared his experience in organizing bike to work events in cities he had lived in. Committee members agreed that re-establishing a Bike to Work Week program in Coeur d'Alene should be a goal of the committee. Amy Evans made a motion to recommend to City Council the appointment of David Passaro to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Committee. John Brunning seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **ADA Issues**
Issues regarding the disruption of continuous accessibility during large construction projects, specifically a project on Front and 3rd Streets were brought up. Monte explained that this should be resolved by now. This led to a discussion of segmented walkways and the city's ordinances exempting new and renovated construction from building sidewalks if located in areas where there are currently none in place to connect to. It was explained that some older established residential areas were built before sidewalks became required and that many of these areas have such a low volume of vehicle traffic that it is not necessary to provide separate pedestrian paths. It was generally agreed that the focus of eliminating gaps in sidewalks in newer areas of development and in commercial areas should be a goal of the committee. Monte shared that he had mapped all city sidewalks and crosswalks several years ago and that the committee should revisit this project and survey the city so that the map can be updated and priorities established to complete accessible routes.
- **Infrastructure**
Was covered in the staff report
- **Events**
It was suggested that there is a need for temporary bicycle racks at some events held in the city.
- **Duties and Responsibilities**
Monte let the committee know that a previous member, Kim Golden had revised the document outlining the duties and responsibilities of committee members and would disseminate the document to the members.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
No update
- Infrastructure:
No update
- Bike and Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc:.
- The subcommittee had met and discussed what they needed for the report card for a Bike Friendly Community.

10. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Amy Evans let the committee know that she will be absent at the next meeting. David Passaro also will not be able to attend the next meeting and asked about the sub-committees. Monte explained the purpose of each and let him know that it was possible for members to serve on multiple sub-committees. He added that he expected the Idaho Transportation Department to present the I-90 widening project plans at our next meeting. Mike Wood shared that an acquaintance had recently been involved in an accident while bicycling on Canfield Mountain with a dirt bike. Denise expressed her approval of the recently installed stencils in the downtown area informing citizens that the sidewalks are reserved for pedestrians only. She also asked staff if any progress had been made at the McEuen Dog Park. Mike Kempton replied that concrete pads had been added and that the gate would be modified in the near future.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

Mike Wood 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 5:21 pm.