

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall
4 pm-Oct 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Michael Light.

1. ROLL CALL

Michael Light	Chair, Landscape Architect	Present
Michael Fuller	Vice Chair, General Public	Present
Michael Wood	University of Idaho	Absent
Denise Jeska	Disabled Community	Present
John Brunning	North Idaho Trail Foundation	Present
Dan Sheckler	City Council Liaison	Present
Brant Souvenir	General Public/Water Access	Present
Zachary Taylor Garride	Student Representative	Absent
Vacant	Alternate Student Representative	Vacant
Vacant	School District 271/SR2S Rep	Vacant
Vacant	Environmental/Retired Community	Vacant
Vacant	Walking Community	Vacant
10 Members		6 Present

City Staff Attending

Shane O'Shea	Trails Coordinator, Liaison
Kris Beyer	Administrative Assistant

Public Attending

Kathy Kincel

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2026 MEETING MINUTES – Action Item

Denise Jeska made a motion to approve the August 2026 minutes. Brandt Souvenir seconded the motion, there being no further discussion, and all being in favor, the motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Kincel addressed the committee regarding bicycle, scooter, and e-bike safety concerns in the Garden District area, particularly near 7th Street and Foster Avenue. Concerns included:

- Children riding scooters and e-bikes unsafely in streets and intersections.
- Limited helmet use and visibility due to dark clothing.
- Increased risk during darker fall and winter months.
- Traffic speeds and driver awareness along 7th Street.
- Need for public education regarding e-bike and scooter safety.

Committee members discussed:

- Ongoing concerns regarding youth use of motorized bicycles and scooters.
- Challenges with enforcement.
- Potential opportunities for safety education through schools, parent groups, and community outreach.
- The possibility of engaging PTA/PTO organizations and neighborhood groups.

The committee thanked the resident for bringing the issue forward and encouraged continued community involvement.

5. STAFF REPORT

Shane O'Shea provided updates on current projects:

Atlas Waterfront Development

- Development near the Centennial Trail/Prairie Trail corridor is nearing completion.
- Due to drainage and sediment issues along the southeast trail section, the developer received a one-year extension.
- Paving is anticipated in summer 2027.

City Link/Prairie Trail area

- Planned improvements include:
 - Relocating a section of trail into a cut slope with a retaining wall.
 - Installing drainage improvements to reduce sediment runoff onto the trail.
 - Potential realignment of the Prairie Trail near CityLink.
 - Additional tree planting, irrigation, and turf installation.
 - Reduced maintenance responsibilities for the City through HOA maintenance.

Waterfront Trail Connectivity

- Heritage Health has completed its trail improvements.
- Additional development between Heritage Health and Doma is expected to complete trail connections next year.
- Upon completion, users will be able to travel continuously from the NIC wastewater treatment area to Johnson Mill River Park.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- New board members- pushed to December meeting as no applicants at this time. The City continues accepting applications for committee vacancies and they can apply on the city web site. Denise Jeska requested information to post on the committee Facebook page to recruit additional members.
- Student Representative: Committee members supported moving forward with Zachary Taylor Garride as the new Student Representative. Shane O'Shea will reach out to him and invite him to December's meeting.
- KEA Collaboration Bike to Work Week- Mike Wood who is absent has a discussion centered around a possible collaboration with KEA regarding a future Bike to Work Week event. Committee members noted differing interpretations of previous communications regarding which organization would lead the effort. Item was tabled pending Mike Wood's return.
- Lunceford Sidewalk- Committee discussed sidewalk gaps along Lunceford Avenue. With the focus centered on the north side between Honeysuckle Avenue and North Pines Park. Members discussed existing sidewalk gaps, safety concerns raised previously by citizens, funding and project prioritization. Shane O'Shea will contact City Engineer Chris Bosley and request attendance at the December meeting to discuss options. Committee expressed frustration as there has been no forward

movement for sidewalk issues raised at city council meetings in the past. Dan Scheckler commented if there may be a possibility of starting a local improvement district for this area. He will also ask Streets & Engineering to send sidewalk and ramp proposals to the committee for comment before going to council. Denise Jeska also spoke to how having no sidewalks, no continuous sidewalks, and missing ADA ramps affects her mobility as a disabled community member as she often times is forced to use the streets to get around in her wheelchair which is a safety issue.

- Bus Stop Improvements (benches/shelters)- Members discussed reports that the Planning Department may be working with the Arts Commission on bus stop shelter improvements. Potential additions may include shelters, benches, with artistic elements. Staff will gather more information and determine whether representatives should attend a future meeting with the Planning Department and/or Arts Commission. Members suggested the bus stop on 4th St maybe a good option.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Pedestrian Mobility: (assign members) Jeska, Light
 - Monthly subcommittee meetings will continue on the third Wednesday every other month opposite Ped/Bike Committee meetings at 4:00 p.m. at Fine Brewed Café.
 - Discussion included Critical Corridors Plan, sidewalk gap prioritization, wheelchair ramp improvements, the need for greater committee involvement in reviewing accessibility improvement priorities, and possibly collecting of pedestrian count data and best way to accomplish it.
- Bicycle Mobility: (assign members) Souvenir, Bruning, Wood
 - Bike Bus Program- Committee reviewed national Bike Bus resources. The program promotes group bicycle travel to schools while teaching safety skills. Members discussed opportunities to work with area schools.
 - North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation- Members discussed coordinating a workshop with them and see where the two groups overlap and can help each other out.
 - NIC Beach/Dike Road Corridor- Discussion continued regarding long-term improvements to the Dike Road area. Concerns include separation of trail users from vehicle traffic, parking conflicts, and future trail improvements associated with NIC planning efforts.
 - I90 Corridor Projects- Committee discussed possible future presentations regarding ITD projects east of Highway 95. Staff noted that many current project decisions have already been finalized but future discussions may still be useful.
 - Bike Lane Surface Conditions- Members discussed impacts of chip sealing and asphalt overlays on bicycle lanes. Raised concerns included deterioration of ride quality and reduced usable lane width. Committee requested future discussion with Streets Department staff.

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Denise Jeska: none

Dan Scheckler: none

John Bruning: Concern was raised regarding the Centennial Trail crossing at North Beebe Blvd area and currently there has been recent development. Members noted a Rapid Flashing Beacon may have been part of the development agreement but has not yet been installed. Staff will investigate if that is part of the agreement.

Brandt Souvenir: none

Shane O'Shea: none

Michael Light: none

Michael Wood: Discussion occurred regarding a possible League of American Bicyclists promotional video highlighting bicycle-friendly community efforts. Committee expressed willingness to participate if contacted.

Michael Fuller: N/A

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:

Mike Fuller 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 5:15 pm.

Next workshop: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 18th 2026, Fine Brewed Café.

Next Meeting: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 2026, City Hall Ron Edinger Room 6.