

**SANDPOINT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2017
3:00 PM CITY HALL UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Holland, Jessica Janssen, Molly O'Reilly, Anne Bagby, Emerson Kanning

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Staff liaison Melissa Bethel - Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Bill Aiken, Public Works Staff liaison Bruce Robertson, Steve Berenson, Dallas Cox,

Chairman Holland called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Approval of Minutes:

O'Reilly mentioned her statement on page two regarding the crosswalks at the Community Trail was not clear. O'Reilly suggested the comment be amended to be clear.

O'Reilly moved and Janssen second to approve the June 21, 2017 minutes as amended. **Motion passes unanimously.**

New Business:

Election of Chair/Vice Chair:

Holland explained some of the responsibilities of the Chair.

Motion:

O'Reilly moved and Bagby second to elect Holland as Chair and Janssen as Vice Chair.

Motion passes unanimously.

Complete Streets Policy:

O'Reilly stated she was made aware the City was going to repave a street (Madison) and feels the City forgot it has a Complete Street Policy. O'Reilly read the policy to the Committee. Janssen inquired why the project on Madison did not include sidewalks. Robertson stated the project was looked at by the City as maintenance since Madison was not a new street. Robertson stated the City is aware of the Complete Street Sidewalk policy, however some of the issue was budget. Robertson stated the Federal Highway District has stated rural streets that do not get over 600 vehicles a day do not need sidewalks.

Robertson stated driveway aprons were put in as part of the project.

O'Reilly stated the City Council has budgeted \$50,000 for a study of bike/pedestrian priorities. Robertson explained the budgeted dollars are because Public Works Director Ryan Luttmann wanted to update the Urban Transportation Plan but City Council did not want to budget for the entire plan to be upgraded, so they designated money for the bike/ pedestrian portion of the plan to be studied. Robertson stated the plan is heavily engineered based. Holland inquired if Farmin's Landing would be included in the study. Robertson stated Farmin is already in design.

O'Reilly stated she would like Luttmann to talk with the Committee regarding the Area of Transportation Plan and the Farmin design.

O'Reilly stated sidewalks are important and should not always be based on the number of cars traveling on the road. O'Reilly cited instances where traffic does not impact the use of sidewalks.

O'Reilly stated the Complete Streets Policy allows for sidewalks to be constructed for projects that are reconstructions and if sidewalks are not included in the project, the City has to express why they were not. Bagby stated people who struggle with walking have to anticipate so much with travel paths and if there are not sidewalks, they are hampered in which routes to take and the number of cars do not matter.

State's Children Pedestrian Safety Grant:

O'Reilly stated the City has a chance to get some sidewalks with this grant. Robertson stated he thinks the City will apply and the Committee should give the City some recommendations. He stated one idea is to replace the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) lights on the Larch roundabout. Another idea is to leverage funding for the Oak Street project which would free some Urban Renewal (SURA) funds. O'Reilly advised the grant is up to \$200,000.

The Committee discussed numerous options including areas of Boyer, Division and Ontario.

O'Reilly advised the grant needs to be simple to be applied for in December and built in September. Bagby inquired what are the City's priorities. O'Reilly stated one possibility is to go for Alley crossings, curb ramps, one piece of the sidewalk on S Ontario and call it completing the children's network. O'Reilly went over the grant scoring points. O'Reilly stated the Committee, schools, church school, museum and others could write letters of support.

Motion:

O'Reilly moved Kanning second the Committee recommend the City apply for the State's Children Pedestrian Safety Grant with the application called "Completing the Children's walking Network" which includes constructing alley crossings, curb ramps and the one missing piece of sidewalk on S Ontario for the State's Children Pedestrian Safety Grant.

Motion passes unanimously.

Farmin-Stidwell Bike Rack:

Holland stated bike parking at the west end of school was not addressed when the SURA-LPOSD project for sidewalks and bus drop-off area was done in 2016. She stated the older students use an old short rack that doesn't adequately meet their needs. She would like to see the committee put a project together to help raise funds for new bike racks. She stated she has spoken to the principal and superintendent and they are supportive.

Bagby inquired how much money would be needed. Holland stated the high school welders could help partner to build the racks and she has already discussed potentially partnering with another organization.

Holland suggested she and Bagby work on a presentation to present the idea to City Council.

Old Business:

Matters from Commission or staff:

Walk/Bike/Skate safety concerns:

City Project updates:

Robertson gave the Committee an update on the following City projects:

Oak Street, the Dover trail dome panel replacement, Downtown Streets, and the closing of the ADA complaint from 6 years ago,

Holland stated the corner of Lake Street and HWY 2 at the NE corner has a weird curb that is a tripping hazard.

Holland inquired if the Bike registration is supposed to happen in October.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Next meeting November 15, 2017