

Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens' Advisory Group
Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: LaRita Schandorff, Worth Montgomery, Kathleen Cookman, Bruce Wiley, Tyler Welshimer, Barbara Hull, Jerry Hull, Sunny Freeman, Cynthia Reynolds

Reports

1. Flamingo and Cassius Street Public hearing: L. Schandorff attended to hear concerns about bike lanes and sidewalks. Also, issues were raised concerning lightening. There is a sense that this new street system may connect some parts of Nampa in the general Karcher Mall region, if the bike lanes and sidewalks occur as discussed.
2. Schandorff reported she is building a year-around calendar for our group, so we may be “ahead of the game” as the year progresses. The group needs to be a significant presence at some events, e.g., the recent National Night Out sponsored by the police department.
3. Another example of a “presence event” is the Harvest Classic Walk/Run. It was asked if our group wishes to participate again this year. The date for this event is Sept 27.
4. Welshimer reported that the “Community Rides” are going well. These occur on Saturday mornings when he is in town. In this context several websites were mentioned, viz., mapmyride.com, bikeroutetoaster.com, and routeslip.com.
5. It was indicated that [Craig Davidson of the City Code Enforcement Department](#) may be contacted regarding streets and sidewalks that are not kept clean of weeds (particularly, goatheads, also known as [puncture vine](#)).
6. It was shared that members of our group should be pro-active in attending the hearings hosted by Governor Otter’s Office regarding transportation issues. On Tuesday, August 26, there will be a public meeting for citizen input from 4 – 7:00 p.m. This session will be at the Center on the Grove. The web site of completestreet.org was cited as a possible resource for such sessions.
7. Sunny Freeman mentioned that she will be hosting a forum on transportation issues next Tuesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Flying M Coffee Garage.

Rodney Ashby, Long Range Planner for the City of Nampa, introduced himself and told about the nature of his job assignment. He wished to have input from the group present, so he might respond or take information back to colleagues in the City. Several suggestions were discussed, including the following:

- a. Purchase and post “Share the Road” signs at appropriate places in the City.
- b. Be sure that all Storm Guard Openings are in good repair and of approved standard.
- c. Create venues and a mind-set in Nampa that bicycles should be regarded as vehicles and not simply recreational toys.
- d. Be sure that the content dealing with bikeways and pedestrian paths in the City’s Comprehensive Plan be heeded and followed.
- e. Determine one or more selected east/west arteries and north/south arteries that would be

preferred routes cycling. This proposal is for the interior or established portions of Nampa and not simply new sub-divisions or developments.

f. Consider certain days of the week or the year when some streets are designated only for walking and biking—no cars allowed. This, it is hoped, will build additional awareness about these two forms of transportation.

g. Ashby noted that a system to tie funding sources with the specific issues raised in the City's Comprehensive Plan needs to be identified.

h. It was suggested that the increased "ridership" of public transportation services around the country and in our valley (e.g., Valley Rides is up by 30%) needs to be a way of providing clout for our advocacy efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.