

Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens Advisory meeting
January 12, 2010
7:00 p.m. - Flying M Coffee Garage, 1314 2nd Street South, Nampa

Attendance: Jim Dzur, Judith Dzur, Kathleen Cookman, Lia Hardy, Amanda Antilla, Alex Hackett, Ashley Curtin, Jeffrey Nicol, Adam Haynes, Bruce Wiley, Evan Chaney, Darcy Warn, Tyler Welshimer, LaRita Schandorff

Progress Reports

Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Proposals have been received from 10 firms and were ranked. 3 finalists will be interviewed this week. Once a consulting firm is selected things will move quickly and NBPCA members will be called upon to give input and assist.

Nampa Transportation Plan

3rd and 4th meetings not yet scheduled. Chip seal sweeping and bringing utility covers up to street level were submitted as projects, but will be recommended as standard practice rather than added to maintenance list as one time issues. This is a substantial change due to NBPCA's input. Thanks to all who took the time to submit comments, projects, and photos.

Chip seal recommendations to Nampa Highway District

Presentation was made January 12, Tuesday morning at NHD commissioners meeting. Summary, letter, research report (11 pages), and excerpt from Bike Idaho website (to explain the impact of this practice from a cyclist's point of view) were submitted (See "NHD packet" as separate attachment). Commissioners expressed appreciation for the information and said that they realize in the past they have only considered cars when building and maintaining roadways and that increased interest in cycling is causing them to take other modes of transportation into consideration. They did not make any specific commitment to changing practices but said that if they do the changes will take place gradually over the 4 year maintenance cycle.

Nampa Comprehensive Plan

LaRita represented NBPCA at a forum on December 15 hosted by Mercy Medical that invited nonprofit organizations in the community to tell city planners how the Comprehensive Plan could support what they do. A formal communication mechanism and an understanding of city government and services were among the suggestions. Alisha Havens, Director of Mercy Medical Foundation, pledged to lead effort to connect nonprofits in Nampa by building and distributing a contact list and hosting future meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2010.

City Council

At a recent council meeting LaRita spoke in favor of increasing developer impact fees. Developer fees have been lower in Nampa than most of the surrounding cities and one of the few funding sources for trails, pathways, and sidewalks. The increase was approved with the caveat that the city will work out a payment plan for developers who are struggling due to the economic downturn and decline in home sales.

Planning

2009 in review, 2010 overview were presented (see "Planning09_10" attachment). Participation in the Reagan Elementary Bike/Walk to school day last spring was added to the 2009 review. LaRita suggested we focus more efforts on education and encouragement in 2010.

Nampa Bike & Walk Week

Date was briefly discussed. Parade America is scheduled for May 15 and Bike/Walk Week could be in following week but other weeks will also be considered. Adam Haynes suggested we take a look at Santa Barbara's Bike/Walk Week website for ideas. It was also suggested that we contact Larry Gephardt now to kick the week off and aid in promotion through the local media. Everyone supported the purchase of a newsletter flyer to be distributed through the Chamber of Commerce since they have offered a generous discount. This will begin to go out in February to invite local businesses to sponsor.

Bike & Walk Week Planning Committee

Adam and Michelle Haynes (Nampa Parks & Rec, Idaho Physical Therapy) have enthusiastically volunteered as well as Tyler Welshimer and LaRita Schandorff. It was suggested that a rep from the Mayor's Teen Council be added or ask them for a suggestion of a local student who could serve.

Healthfest (Idaho Center) April 17

Ideas were discussed and all were urged to consider an activity for the booth that would be fun and focused on cycling, walking and health. A pedal powered generator that lights a bulb, runs a juicer, or does some sort of action were among the ideas.

Engineering

Questions were raised about the status of the unconnected sections of the Wilson Trail at Iowa and also at Roosevelt. LaRita will check with Parks & Rec to get an update.

Action items

Attend one of the public meetings Jan 19 or 21 from 7-9 at the Nampa Civic Center for comment on the Comprehensive Plan.

Send ideas for Bike/Walk Week and Health Fest - all

Get update from Parks & Rec – LaRita

Join the Yahoo Group "Nampa Cycling" – anyone who's interested in riding with a group

Join the Facebook Group – City of Nampa, Comprehensive Plan Update to stay informed.

Next meeting, February 9th, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Flying M