

Nampa Bicycle & Pedetrian Citizens Advisory Group
Minutes
January 15, 2008

Attendance - Matt Johnson, Worth Montgomery, Jerry Hull, Tyler Welshimer, Kathleen Cookman, David Clements, LaRita Schandorff

Association with TVCA

TVCA has changed its monthly meeting time to the third Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Flicks in Boise. Our rep to their board will be Lorrie Breshears, unless she is unable to make their meetings. Purpose of the association is primarily to resource each other and utilize the nonprofit status for seeking grants.

Nampa Bike/Walk to Work Day

In the interest of the short time to plan (May 16), the group agreed we will only serve as a catalyst and facilitator this year. LaRita will contact the Nampa Chamber of Commerce to see about communicating the event and our groups' role via their newsletter. NBPAG will set the day and announce the day, provide ideas and safety tips, and collect data on who participated. There was some discussion of what kind of incentives and sponsors we could offer to participants or the business with the highest percentage of employee participation. Ideas included urging downtown businesses to offer discounts to persons who bike/walk that day and bike rack installation at the business that has highest participation.

Chip seal

David reported that he will continue to attend the Nampa Highway District meetings in hopes of building a relationship and dialogue with them about mutually agreeable solutions to chip seal on the roads. A power point used by the Oregon Transportation Department was viewed by the group. The slide show explained, with comparison photos of road surfaces, the negative impact that chip sealing has on cycling and walking and offers some suggestions for modifying the application. David will be using the presentation along with other resources to discuss various options with NHD including stopping the chip seal at the fog line, sweeping sidewalks more thoroughly, using a smaller grade gravel, or not chip sealing roads that have been designated as bike routes on the master plan. NEXT MEETING OF THE NHD1 is January 31, Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12. [Location will be announced in a later email].

Old Nampa Neighborhood Event

Matt Johnson, representing the Old Nampa Neighborhood, invited the group to participate and help with an event they are planning in the fall. The event will include the community doing a bike/walk demonstration from the Historic District neighborhood to downtown and back. All agreed this would be an effective way to promote and give visibility to biking in the city, particularly to downtown. Johnson will keep us posted as planning develops.

Nampa Customer Appreciation Day

This is a first time event occurring Saturday, Jan 19 at the Nampa Civic Center. The purpose of the event is to highlight community groups and businesses and sounds like it would be a good place for NBPAG to

get additional exposure and continue building our contact list. We would not have our own booth but Nampa Parks and Rec was willing to allow us to include our brochures and have people at the booth. [Follow up note: later in the week I called Parks and Rec and withdrew since it did not seem like it would yield enough results to make it worth our efforts-- maybe next year?].

Other

Additional strategies for advertising about the group were discussed including making posters with meeting times and photos at local businesses, hosting a booth on some peak Saturdays this summer at the farmer's market, offering secure bike/valet parking services at downtown events, hosting a city wide "Bike/walk to Market" day, and making sure we make regular on-going contact with members of the city council and planning and zoning. Lance McGrath, a member of our group, is now a member of the Nampa Planning and Zoning Commission.

Matt Johnson alerted us to a bicycle race to be staged in downtown Nampa as another event that the group might want to get involved with. Laura McKinnon is the contact person for the event. Tyler Welshimer, who is a race official and has access to the master calendar for Idaho bike races. He agreed to make the calendar available to guide her in setting the date.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30 p.m.