

Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens Advisory
Minutes - Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Attendance: Tyler Welshimer, Bruce Wiley, LaRita Schandorff, Cynthia Reynolds, and guest Daren Fluke, Senior Planner/Project Manager with J-U-B Engineers, Inc. in Boise. **Note:** J-U-B is one of the firms preparing a proposal to bid the Nampa Bike/Pedestrian Plan Project. Daren is in attendance to gather background information on the current status of pathways in Nampa and get acquainted with our group.

Old Business

- Chip seal recommendation to Nampa Highway District
Letter was approved with some editorial changes. Marking and prioritizing a map was postponed until we request and acquire a map from NHD showing the roads in its jurisdiction and also their maintenance schedule.
- CDC *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* Grant
Partnership letter was submitted to the grant writers at Idaho Department of Health on behalf of NBPCA. A list of NBPCA participants and their role in the community has been requested by SW District Health to accompany our letter and the grant application. LaRita will send out email giving members the option to “opt out” if they don’t want their name included.
- Puncture vine -update on recommendations and strategies
Tyler summarized content of letter sent to Mayor. Mayor has offered to meet with Tyler and Nampa’s weed abatement department to discuss strategies for next spring. LaRita will enlist a volunteer to develop an information sheet/flyer that can be used to give homeowners including an explanation of the weed, descriptions, eradications options, and our contact info if they need assistance. Flyer will be offered to city for inclusion in utility bills or some other means of distribution to promote awareness.
- Street/Trail/Sidewalk issues - updates
Concerning the removal of the traffic lights at 13th and 14th and 3rd - at the City Council meeting on November 2 the Public Works department presented the following options to the Council:
 - 1) return to regular operation and continue to gather more data
 - 2) remove completely and disregard pedestrian concerns expressed by NBPCA and Downtown Business owners.
 - 3) Find \$15,000 that is not currently in budget for hawk system, pedestrian activated
 - 4) leave on flash indefinitely until downtown modifications are complete and City Comprehensive Plan and Transportation plans are complete

Council voted to return lights to regular operation due to concerns raised about pedestrian safety. Item was on the agenda again this week but no one attended the meeting so it was unknown if any new action was taken.

Neighborhood Pedestrian Ramp installation (currently underway and being completed, information provided by Michael Fuss, Public Works Director) “The ADA ramps are installed with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. This is the third & fourth year of the program. We also have one programmed for next year. The first two years were focused on

North Nampa. We are now incorporating the program into our pavement management and volunteer LID (Local Improvement District) program. The ADA ramps are being installed in pavement management area C and D this fiscal year (an area bounded by the railroad tracks, Roosevelt, and Yale extended) and next fiscal year we move on to area E (an area south of Lone Star and west of 11th). We try to get as many as funding will allow. Funding has differed over the years but it is typically around \$90,000.”

New Business

- Engineering/Maintenance Issue –
Cynthia reported a severely buckled sidewalk at 8th and 15th street that is unusable by elderly. A church is also located in this block. LaRita recommended submitting a report to code enforcement through the form on NBPCA website since sidewalk maintenance is homeowner’s responsibility and also to submit as a project at the Nampa Transportation Plan website.

Events / Announcements

- May 2010 --Nampa Bike & Walk Week, May 2010, Stakeholders and representatives of various sectors of the community who could be approached about serving on Committee were discussed. Suggestions included a rep from mayor’s teen council, a representative from the downtown business community, bicycle clubs, bike businesses, sporting goods, other health care advocates.

Involvement in Health Fest in April was discussed as a way to promote Bike/Walk week in the following month. Some interest was expressed in rallying the bicycle community to participate in Parade America because it could also provide a “critical mass” demo that would make cycling more visible to the community.

- State Bike/Ped Coordinator Position filled
Maureen Gresham is the new Idaho Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. Most recently, Ms. Gresham worked as a consultant for the international planning and engineering firm ARCADIS where she specialized in linking bicycle and pedestrian planning. All agreed we should invite her to a future meeting.
- Sunday afternoon, 5:30 p.m., Dec 13, 2009--Christmas Night Light Ride. Meeting place for soup/dinner and route to be determined. Helmets, front and rear lights will be required of all participants.
- Saturday, 9:30 a.m, Dec 5, 2009. Boise Bicycle Project, information gathering visit. Meet at front of NNU Library (611 Holly St) to carpool or just meet us at the BBP around 10 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Following the meeting the group reviewed a trail map brought by Daren Fluke. Concerns and priorities for sections that need completion were briefly discussed and marked.