

Minutes of the Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens Advisory Group
October 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Flying M Coffee Garage, Nampa, ID

Attendance: Kathleen Cookman, Sunny Freeman, Paul Sutherland, Jerry Hull, Sheree Welshimer, Tyler Welshimer, Julia Jones, Rodney Ashby, Worth Montgomery, Bruce Wiley, and LaRita Schandorff

Updates and News

- Amity Road Project - (Per communication rec'd from Clair Bowman, Sr. Transportation Planner)
City Council approved the recommendation from HW Lochner to focus on the Chestnut to the overpass section. Recommendation included four lanes (2 in each direction), turn bays, infrastructure for future traffic signals, curb-gutter-sidewalks on both sides and bicycle lanes (one in each direction). There will be at least 2 more public meetings where participants will see "lines on paper", probably spring 2009. One-on-one meetings with property owners is also part of the process. According to Ashby there is a possibility that bike lanes or markings might also be added to Amity from Chestnut to 12th Avenue as part of the project.
- Trail Development - (Per communication from Darrin Johnson)
Construction has slowed. Wilson Trail Roosevelt connection is awaiting further subdivision development. The new Dog Park will have walking paths within the park. It is hoped that this park will eventually be connected to other city amenities through adjacent pathways.
- LaRita has been invited to attend a Safe Routes to Schools Workshop on October 30 with Lynda Clark, grant writer for the city of Nampa. According to an article in the Oct 9 Idaho Press Tribune, a \$5,000 grant from the Idaho Transportation Dept. has already been awarded and funded the education and encouragement aspect of the Safe Routes to Schools Program at Reagan Elementary.

Old Business

- 2 routes that were identified at the last meeting have been recommended to the city. Next steps for follow up and implementation are being discussed with the transportation planners.

New Business

- Public Education Campaign
A draft contract has been received from the NNU Mass Communications Department for the filming of public service announcements that would air in May. The group developed the following theme idea for the project -
"Share the Road--it's the law" and using S-H-A-R-E as an acronym with each letter representing:
 - S = See, cyclists and walkers

- H = Honor signage, laws, and signals
 - A = Attend to your surroundings (no cell phones or texting while driving, riding, or walking!)
 - R = Respect the rights of cyclists and walkers to use the road
 - E = Enjoy cycling and walking and its benefits, including improved health, reduced traffic, cost savings, cleaner air
- May Bike and Walk to Work Week
Briefly discussed. LaRita will bring a strategic plan, time-line, and task sheet to the next meeting. Suggestions included competition between business or categories of business, having a commuter challenge where we mentor a person who wants to commit to commuting by bike or walking, folding the spring Parks and Rec bike rodeo into the week's activities, and expanding the sponsorship base. Poster artwork from last year can be reused.

ACTION ITEMS:

City of Nampa staff and Police Department will be contacted about public service campaign project - LaRita

Bike & Walk to Work Week plan and task sheet will be created and brought to next meeting - LaRita

Treasure Valley Cycling Alliance will be consulted for advice on how to contact and secure sponsors for events - Julia Jones

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.