

Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens Advisory Meeting

February 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m

Flying M Conference Room (upstairs), 1314 2nd Street South, Nampa

Attendance: LaRita Schandorff, Tyler Welshimer, Cynthia Reynolds, Kathleen Cookman

Old Business

Update on Safe Routes To Schools grant projects *[Kristi Watkins]* - Rail Trail section behind Sherman Elementary has been identified as the project for the 2012 grant application. Kristi Met with Mr. Emerson, principal, last week, and they are very excited about the program. Walk to School Days are on their schedule and they would like us to do a Bike Rodeo at their April or May Family Fun Night. The teacher contact is Deanna Mennsen, and also works as a trainer at the Rec Center. She is excited about our program. We will need volunteers to help with the Bike Rodeo.

Update on Complete Streets grant *[Kristi Watkins]* - City Council approved our involvement in the Complete Streets program and supports the idea of an all inclusive policy. \$10,000 is available. \$6,000 will be used to take selected city leaders to Boulder Colorado for an education and "visioning" tour. Any remaining available funds will be used for creating a Demonstration Bicycle Blvd on one street in Nampa, and Public Education about Complete Streets. Another objective of the project will be to coordinate the city's Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Plan and Bike/Pedestrian Plan and Pathways plans. Please mark your calendars for a Complete Streets Workshop on March 24th from 9-1:00 at the Nampa Civic Center.

Update on Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan *[Kristi Watkins]* - Alta Consultants are reworking the Network Map. The next meeting will be used to review this, the sidewalk gap map that was inventoried by the members of NBPCA and the priority projects that have developed through the criterion (attached) discussed at the last meeting. The next meeting is Wed, Feb 23 from 3-5pm in the Nampa Civic Center. Public is welcome.

2011 Bike & Walk Week - Committee is LaRita, Tyler Welshimer, Cynthia Reynolds, Bruce Wiley, Glenda Newman, and Adam Haynes. First meeting was this evening prior to the NBPCA meeting.

New Business

In response to concerns about the placement and function of bicycle parking in the downtown area future racks were ordered which eliminate the scroll work in the center and are a simple inverted U-shape. NBPCA has been invited to design a label that can be applied to the racks that will make them more recognizable as bicycle parking.

Consensus was that labels would become worn and ugly and are not necessary if racks have been installed correctly and in appropriate locations to deter theft. All agreed it would be more productive to provide city staff with information on best practices and standards for placement and installation.

These guidelines for placement of bicycle parking From the Portland Bureau of Transportation Handbook will be submitted along with some photo examples

"What works

Locate parking in visible and prominent locations - if cyclists are unaware of the parking it won't be used. Locate parking in areas where there is high pedestrian activity - having lots of eyes and ears nearby adds to cyclists' perception of security.

What doesn't work

Isolation - a bicycle rack that is visually or physically isolated will not be used and is a target for thieves."

Pedestrian crash at Lone Star and Middleton Road has triggered monthly intersection counts between 7 and 9 a.m. from now until the end of school. Cynthia and LaRita have already conducted one count this week.

Announcements

February 23, Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Bike/Ped Plan Steering Committee Meeting, Nampa Civic Center, Union Pacific Room

March 24, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Nampa Civic Center, [Complete Streets](#)

March 24, Thursday evening (TBD) [Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Draft Plan](#), Open House for final public comment, time/location to be determined

March 26 - SAVE THE DATE - [Traffic 101 bicycle driver's course](#) to be offered. \$20 includes curriculum. Location to be announced. Highly recommend for all cyclists at all levels.

April 7, Thurs., 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Homedale Community Health Fair

April 20 - Workshop: How to be a Bicycle Friendly Business (free) - [BSU Bicycle Congress](#)

April 30 - [WestValley Community Walk/Run](#)