

CITY OF NAMPA

NAMPA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Committee Meeting

March 10th, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (NBPAAC) was held at Nampa City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, March 10th, 2016, beginning at 4:00 P.M., pursuant to notice duly posted by the City Clerk and provided to the individual committee members by e-mail. Present at the meeting were the following:

Committee Members:

- LaRita Schandorff, Chair
- Bruce Wiley, Acting Secretary
- Philip Peterson
- Meggan Manlove
- Jeremy Robbins

City of Nampa Staff:

- Karla Nelson, Community Planner
- Alex Hackett, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
- Cody Swander, Parks & Recreation
- Jeff Barnes, Staff Engineer
- Kyle Christensen, NPD
- Sandi Levi, Nampa City Council

I. **Welcome.** LaRita Schandorff opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

2. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes were approved as presented with no corrections. Motion to approve was made by Phil Peterson and seconded by Meggan Manlove.

3. **Additions or changes to the agenda.** None

COMMUNICATIONS

4. **Canyon County & Intercounty Bus Route Changes.** Margaret Havey with Valley Regional Transit presented proposed options for the restructuring of bus routes in Nampa and the Treasure Valley. The changes were discussed and a recommendation was made that there should be bike racks installed at some bus stop locations. Perhaps the drivers could give the best feedback on where they should be placed. Access to SW District Health was mentioned. No formal action was taken.

5. **Bike and Walk to Downtown Pathway Update.** Jeff Barnes- The phase 1 pathway from 15th Ave to the train depot is coming along on schedule and way finding signage and furniture was discussed. It was unanimously decided to postpone any decision of that until phase 2 is also completed extending this to 17th Ave S and we can use it and get a feel for

what's needed where they should be located. Ribbon cutting for phase 1 will be during the Mayor's bike ride in May.

6. Pedestrian Crossings. Jeff explained the concerns with latest national figures showing a 10% increase in pedestrian deaths. Upcoming safety projects were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

7. Temporary Traffic Control Policy- bike and pedestrian considerations. This came up as an issue when the new bike lanes on the 16th Ave overpass were blocked by construction signs. AASHTO recommendations were discussed as well as remedies. Consensus is that construction projects will need to be more aware of bicycle and pedestrian travel on city streets or lanes and make accommodations for their safety in work zones. Bike lanes should not be blocked if possible.

Concern has also been voiced for using steel road plates (1"+ thickness) with abrupt edges and the hazard they pose to cyclists (and vehicles). Jeff will check on the Nampa street department's procedure for steel road plate use to assure they are properly edged with asphalt. It was also noted that many cities require non skid coatings on road plates, tire slippage is a hazard on bare steel and cyclists have died due to this.

8. North Nampa Food Desert Transportation Issues. Nampa is applying for a \$60,000 grant through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to address health in Nampa. The grant is primarily a planning grant but if awarded a small amount of money could be used to make some transportation improvements in North Nampa. This includes bus shelters as well as bicycles for those that can't afford a car. The problems the "Food Desert" committee is addressing were discussed.

9. Bicycle Repair. Alex is planning on having some repair classes at the library repair stand downtown. This would include some hints for cycling around town safely.

10. Parade America. Bruce has reserved a place in the parade for Bike/Walk Nampa and suggestions for signage, etc. were discussed. Jeff said we could get some road signage for display on our bikes or trailers.

ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjournment. There being no further business to be brought before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

By Bruce Wiley