



City of Nampa

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Nampa City Hall, Council Chambers & Teams

Meeting August 12, 2021

4:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Philip Peterson, Vice Chair
Tim Rigsby
Kelsey Parra
Bruce Purcell, Secretary
Chasity Emerson
Cindi Hartley

City of Nampa Staff Present: Kristi Watkins, Planning & Zoning
Jeff Barnes, Public Works
Clemente Salinas, Engineering
John Spencer, Engineering
Cody Swander, Parks & Recreation
Officer Marvin Curtis, Nampa PD

Approval of Minutes from July 8 2021: Motion made and seconded. Minutes approved as submitted.

Announcements:

- Kristi: Reminder - Looking Glass Academy Information – August 23 & 24. A couple of members have RSVP'd. Please RSVP if you'd like to attend.
- Kristi: Send everyone an email regarding Public Works requesting feedback for Highway 45 (12th Ave going south out of town) on August 26 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Civic Center and encouraged everyone to attend.
- Cyndi shared some information to Kristi on looking at trails (not as much as she would have liked, based on the hot weather). Kristi shared information from Cyndi to the Looking Glass Academy so that they could possibly look at the specific areas in the class.
- Tim: Mentioned that he had noticed parking issues at two projects on Greenhurst where contractors had parked on sidewalks or taken all available spaces. Kristi thought that Jeff might be able to check the areas specifically.
- Jeff: Spoke to COMPASS. They had noted success on our projects due to being ready. Jeff noted that we had completed the easier projects but the harder ones involving right of way were coming up. Also noted that we needed to "restore the storehouse" of projects.
- Jeff: State Hiway 45 project – noted that if we go to the meeting to mention the bike path option through downtown. Questions were asked about the various options and Jeff explained the various options looked at initially. Cyndi noted that the option at Northside is not a pedestrian-friendly option as-is due to sidewalks and ramps. Jeff noted that if that option were selected that the entire road would be redone and that these type comments at the meeting could help ensure that these type of things are considered. Jeff said he would send out public announcement so that comments could be submitted.
- Jeff: Holly St and Roosevelt Ave project to reduce lanes from 4 to 3 and then stripe bike lanes was not approved by City Council even though it was in the plan, seemed feasible and there was grant money.

The Roosevelt project to add removed some parking and add bike lanes is initially tabbed but is going back to City Council for approval as well on Monday, August 16.

Kristi noted that the vote would be to remove parking. If not approved, then the bike lane could not happen. After some discussion about the project, there was two motions. The first was to draft a letter supporting the project to preserve bike lanes on Roosevelt between Midland and Middleton. The second motion was for Cyndi to present the letter to City Council on behalf of the Bike and Ped Committee. Both MSC. Kristi to prepare letter for Phil to sign.

Additions or changes to the proposed agenda:

- Braden's agenda item to be delayed as Braden is not present.
- Bruce requested an update on the asphalt project on Stoddard Trail. Item was added to new business with other updates from Clemente.

Education:

Kristi attended the July 21 webinar on Pedestrian Safety Crisis in America – why it's happening and what we can do. She did feel that the webinar covered that subject well. It did talk about planners and how they should be planning for high risk group (elderly, homeless, others). There was a lot of focus on southern states, so racism was covered as a result as it is more relevant for that area. There was some information on testing vehicles and a list of vehicles that were more likely to cause harm because of their shape. A more wedged vehicle might cause less damage than SUVs or trucks that are more blunt and the potential to start testing vehicles for potential damage to pedestrians. There was also discussion on group meetings and trying to get more input from attendees using tools such as blocks from a group called Place It where streets/neighborhoods can be laid out. There was discussion of Latino communities using their streets for socializing and using them as a "canvas" with murals, etc. and how this positively affected safety. They talked about wayfinding and wayfinding signs – something that Nampa has been successful with.

Upcoming COMPASS Webinars:

- Aug 18 - Planning for All Ages and Abilities Through Inclusive and Virtual Walk Audits
- Sep 15 – Linework, Models, Counters...Oh My: A Utah Store of Multi-Agency Collaboration to Develop Active Transportation Data and Tools
- Oct 20 – Defining the Relationship Between Bicycle Infrastructure and Gentrification
- Nov 17 - Walking & Biking in Rural Communities: How Planning Partnerships & Equity Play a Role
- Dec 15 – City as a Canvas – How Three Florida Cities Approach Placemaking

Old Business:

- Plan to refresh bicycle traffic markings – Waiting for update from Public Works
Phil presented pictures of sharrows along 16th Ave N going by and in Lakeview Park showing how worn and faded these areas are. He noted that since sharrows wear faster when they are in the lane and car traffic passes over them. Phil asked if there is a specific plan other than the standard seven year cycle for repaving to refresh these. The worn areas are about three years, so will not make a full seven year cycle.

Clemente said that they had talked to the Streets Department. They stated that with their full-time chip sealing that they lack the manpower, time and resources to update these more often. In short, it is a scarcity of resources that prevents these from being updated more often. Cyndi asked if they could be redone every 3-4 years as every year is not possible. Jeff noted that these were particularly bad as it is a high traffic area and the sharrows are in the wheel paths. One thing that they are attempting to do is to shift the markings so that they are not in the cars' wheel paths. He did agree that it should be done more often and that perhaps it should be reviewed. Phil asked if there are alternatives to using the expensive thermoplastic material. Officer Curtis noted that juvenile offenders are often assigned to paint over graffiti and he could enquire about using this labor to assist with remarking the sharrows as well. Jeff noted the extended time (and, as night work) required to mark the area with paint and stencils (as opposed to thermoplastic), so thermoplastic was the way to go. While more expensive, it costs more in time and other resources. Clemente noted another alternative might be to put signs in the area in place of the sharrows. Kristi noted that these particular sharrows had been a point of contention since initial installation ten years and that perhaps sharrows in this particular area may not be the right solution. Jeff noted that a 12 foot multi-use path might be better. Phil proposed that perhaps 1 or 2 of the sharrows in this area could be done per year rather than "all or nothing". Jeff said that he could talk to Streets about this possibility. Finally, Phil noted that some of the bike lanes were blackened from use, particularly where cars turning right from Garrity have to cross the bike lanes. Phil asked if those could be cleaned. Jeff said he would take a look at this as well.

New Business:

- Numina Counter Update – Library Square – Braden Cervetti, COMPASS
Postponed to next meeting

- Transportation Project Updates – Clemente Salinas, Nampa Engineering
 - Holly Street – done by Jeff during announcements.
 - Indian Creek Pathway – Clemente noted that this is almost complete. Paving was done. There is some landscaping and fencing to do.
 - Grimes Creek Pathway – John noted that Grimes is also close to complete. Sod was due to be installed that week. Signs are being ordered. Other punch list items are being completed.
 - Roosevelt Avenue. Covered during announcements.
 - Stoddard Trail Asphalt Project. Clemente noted that there were difficulties with the project. Currently, they are installing new irrigation lines. There are concerns about how much fill dirt is required. This all has delayed the start of the paving. They are hoping to complete this evaluation on how to proceed in the next week or so. Since irrigation water is being shut down early, installation of vegetation will be delayed until spring. Everything else will be installed – the paving should be completed by end of September and the path should be fully usable. Everything except the vegetation will be completed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 4pm to 5pm – City Hall Council Chambers and Teams