



MINUTES

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Nampa City Hall, Council Chambers & Teams

Meeting September 9, 2021

4:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Kasey Ketterling, Chair
Bruce Purcell, Secretary
Chasity Emerson
Cindi Hartley

Philip Peterson, Vice Chair
Tim Rigsby
Kelsey Parra

City of Nampa Staff Present:

Kristi Watkins, Planning & Zoning
Jeff Barnes, Public Works
Cody Swander, Parks & Recreation

John Spencer, Engineering
Clemente Salinas, Engineering

Others Present:

Braden Cervetti, COMPASS

Joe Barton, Paragon

Approval of Minutes from Aug 12 2021: Motion made and seconded. Minutes approved as submitted.

Announcements: None

Additions or changes to the proposed agenda: None

Education:

Braden gave a brief overview of the last webinar that covered issues from the ADA community and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming webinars. Kasey also noted that if the group knows of any upcoming opportunities that they can be added here as well.

Upcoming COMPASS Webinars:

- 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:

- Debrief – Looking Glass Academy – Aug 23 & 24 – Kristi Watkins
Kristi gave an overview of the course presented by the Looking Glass Academy. After the course, the Looking Glass Academy is required to do a project as this is grant funded. They would like to do that project at West Park. They'd like to do some curb extensions and other things to see if they can slow traffic and make it safer. The City is asking the Mayor's office for permission to do the project or see if they need permissions from City Council.

- Greenhurst Parking Issues – Kristi Watkins/Tim Rigsby
Tim showed pictures of trucks/trailers parking in the bike lane along Greenhurst. The example he showed was a lot that had one house originally and now had four. This left no parking, so the bike lane on the street is being used. The other examples he had were landscaping workers parking their vans in the bike lane while working. This presents barriers to people walking/biking safely. Kristi noted that she appreciates getting pictures when these happen. She passes them along to code compliance and Nampa PD to address and has done so in this case. Kristi encouraged anyone who sees this type of thing to take pictures and forward them to her.
- Roosevelt Project – City Council Meeting debrief – Kristi Watkins
Kristi reminded us that last meeting we voted for our vice chair to write a letter to City Council recommending that they approve the removal of parking along Roosevelt between Middleton and Midland and the installation of bike lanes. Cindi took that letter to the City Council meeting and gave a personal presentation and this was approved.

New Business:

- Numina Counter Update – Library Square – Braden Cervetti, COMPASS
COMPASS has been working on piloting a new counter technology made by Numina. These new counters present more in-depth data than the traditional traffic count data. The Numina counter was installed near Library Square (map was attached showing location). The counter recognizes the differences between pedestrians, cars, trucks, etc. and specific areas can be zeroed in on. Data is recording and all identity recognizing data is removed, so all data is anonymous. Braden then showed some of the data collection that has occurred since the counter was installed.

Braden asked the group if there were any ideas on uses for this expanded data.

- Pathway Easements v. Deed & Dedication – Cody Swander
Historically, Nampa has requested 20 ft of property to be deeded and dedicated as development happens. This has added many acres to Nampa Parks for maintenance. Nampa is shifting this to requesting easements instead. This would allow owners (HOA or development) to do nicer landscaping than the City can afford to install and maintain. The City would still some maintenance such as spraying and posting signage. Cody asked for the committee's input the move towards this direction. Cindi asked if there would be minimum standards to keep access available. Cody replied that yes, these kind of standards would be there as part of the easement rights.
- Highway 45 Feedback – Jeff Barnes: Deferred to next meeting
- Lake Lowell Avenue Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities – Clemente Salinas, Joe Barton
Joe Barton gave an update on this build. Joe showed the area on the map – from the Wilson Pathway to 12th. Most of the current right of way purchase is between the Wilson Pathway and Mason. The goal is to rebuild the roadway with elements from the Bike and Ped Master Plan and to make a sidewalk connection.

He noted areas where there separated bike lanes planned, but due to difficult property acquisition, these were changed to bike lanes without separation and an 8 ft sidewalk connection. There are concerns from the property owners – they are concerned about the sidewalks and do not want bike lanes. The owners do want to address City Council and will address them on Oct 4. In response, the contractor has developed a minimal lane section where bike lanes were reduced to 4 ft minimum standards and they have reduced the travel

lanes to 11 and maintained the 8 ft sidewalks. This has reduced the overall right of way acquisition to 30' from 40'. They do not anticipate that this satisfy all property owners. They asked the committee for input on the reduced area and for support of the bike lanes. Joe requested to know if someone from the committee would like to present the importance of the bike lanes to City Council. Kasey noted that this an area that he rides his bike in regularly. He noted that it is currently a bit chaotic and that the mitigated proposal would be sufficient to make the area safe for riding and pedestrians – there are a number of children playing in the area. Phil also noted that the 4 ft mitigation would be workable for bicycles.

Jeff will be at City Council meeting to ask permission to move forward with the plan as revised and asked for someone from the committee to attend to support the plan. Kasey said that he could attend the meeting. A motion was made to support Kasey writing a letter (with Kristi) and attending the meeting to present the letter and supporting the plan for the Bike and Ped Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Stoddard Pathway Phase 3 – John Spencer
Phase 3 goes from Sherman to 2nd Ave. Paragon is on board to do the project. They are looking at input in design as this project moves forward, particularly at 1t 24th and 2nd St S. John presented some pictures with the current situation and proposals. The two proposals are: 1) Continue straight and do a termination at 2nd St S with a potential future build out on 2nd to connect the sidewalk. 2) The second proposal showed cutting through a lot to get to 24th Ave. There's also been talk about putting in a HAWK in various places, but there is nothing concrete at this point. There is also the opportunity to a land swap with the owner of part of the area that could allow a small parking lot at the corner.

Kasey suggested we should do a field trip to look at options as it was hard to visualize the reality with just the map. Kasey suggested that committee members take a look at the area to formulate suggestions. One other thought was – what is the future build out of 2nd Ave S? That could affect which option is best.

Kasey suggested that the committee do the field trip and add this back to the next month's meeting with proposed options.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 4pm to 5pm – City Hall Council Chambers and Teams