

PATHWAYS AND BIKE ROUTES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of October 15, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

Caldwell Airport Hubler Terminal – Community Room

I. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Buckendorf called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present. Bill Buckendorf, Ann Manning, Cindy Grover, and Paul Mann.

Members Absent. Bill Gigray III, Nick Molenaar and Mark Pemble.

Others Present. Brian Billingsley, Planning & Zoning Director; and April Cabello, Planning Technician; Ricardo Calderon, Associate Engineer; and Rob Hopper, City Council Liaison.

Others Absent. Brent Orton, Public Works Director.

II. **Review and Approval of the Agenda.** Brian B. requested to have item C under Old Business be continued to the next meeting and added item B. Update on the Green Belt and item C. 2014 meeting calendar under New Business.

III. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. The minutes of June 18, 2013 were presented to the committee.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013.

MOTION: Ann M., **SECOND:** Paul M., **MOTION PASSED.**

IV. **Audience Participation.**

A. Brian B. introduced the new Senior Planner, Jarom Wagoner.

V. **Communications.** None.

VI. **Old Business.**

A. **Fund Balance Update.** Brian B. reported that as of October 1, 2013 the fund balance is \$38,000.00.

B. **Family Values Park and Pathway Update.** Ricardo C. reported that the city has installed pressure irrigation around the perimeter of the park, once the laterals are complete then the seeding and sidewalks can go in. Ricardo C. further shared that they are working with Pioneer Irrigation for the crossing over the canal/drain to link the bike path, park and Heritage Charter School.

C. **FACTS Update.** Continued to the next PBR meeting.

D. Safe Routes to School Update.

Brian B. reported that staff from Caldwell Engineering Department and Planning & Zoning would be meeting with the Caldwell School District officials to review Caldwell High Schools crosswalks at Indiana Avenue. Neighbors are complaining that many of the kids do not use the crosswalks and visibility is a problem in the early morning hours.

Brian B. further reported that all Caldwell schools are placing crosswalk signs in the middle of the street during school hours. Brian B. feels they are catching people's attention and slows traffic through school crossings.

Brian B. informed the committee that staff is meeting with officials from Vallivue School district to assess the situation at Vallivue High School. There are no crosswalks and the speed limit is 35mph. Parents of student's park on Homedale Road and do a u-turn to get out while kids are leaving the school by vehicle and by foot. The Principle of the school wants to remove parking from Homedale Road, place bike lanes, a center turn lane and crosswalks on the street. Brian B. stated nothing is finalized but hopes to have it wrapped up soon.

- E. 2013 Indian Creek Festival.** Brian B. thanked April C. and Jarom W. for managing the booth in his absence. Brian B. stated he had heard the bike rodeo was well received and went very well. Brian B. asked the committee for input on what did or did not work. Paul M. responded that the police officers who ran the bike rodeo were allowed to work for 2 hours and thought it should be longer. Brian B. confirmed for next year's Indian Creek Festival, the police should run the bike rodeo from 9am to 1pm and have pamphlets to hand out. The committee wondered about the number of helmets and how many to order for next year. The committee decided to order more small / toddler helmets and less large helmets for the 2014 Indian Creek Festival.

April C. and Rob H. informed Brian B. that West Valley Medical Center had three high school interns work the PBR booth and they were wonderful. The interns jumped right in fitting helmets and helped keep the flow moving. April C. and Rob H. felt the kids responded better to the young interns.

April C. reported that next year the rodeo / obstacle course area needs to be marked/sectioned off so no one can park or drive through the course.

- F. Caldwell/Nampa Bike Route (CNBR).** Brian B. reported the committee had their first meeting a few weeks ago to discussed goals. Nampa agreed with Caldwell that we should create one bike route on each side of the freeway. Brian B. informed the PBR committee that the next CNBR meeting is at Nampa City Hall, October 29, 2013 at 3:30 pm. The goal of the meeting is to draw four or five routes on each side of the freeway, gather as much data like traffic counts, speed limits, R-O-W width and lane width to determine the best route between Nampa and Caldwell. They invited ITD to attend the meetings because the routes would cross some of their highways and they invited Compass to help with planning and maps. Rob H. stated the City of

Caldwell has a good pathway already in place, Indian Creek. Brian B. responded they are looking for an immediate route and Indian Creek will require time, a lot of money and land acquisition. The committee will try to stay on existing streets as much as possible.

VII. New Business.

- A. Lake Lowell Bike /Pedestrian Master Plan.** Brian B. reported that Canyon Highway District received a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant in the amount of \$130,000 to develop a bike and pedestrian plan around Lake Lowell. Canyon Highway District will start working on the plan this winter. Canyon Highway District requested a representative from the Pathways & Bike Route committee and the City to serve on the Lake Lowell Bike /Pedestrian Master Plan committee.

Bill B. volunteered to serve on the Lake Lowell Bike /Pedestrian Master Plan committee.

Paul M. volunteered as an alternate. No further action was taken.

- B. Update on the Greenbelt.** Brian B. stated the Street Department would be doing some greenbelt improvements on the north side of the river, starting from the silver bridge and ending at the freeway. The Street Department will scrape off the existing asphalt and in the spring, they will pave a 10ft wide asphalt pathway. Because of easements along the greenbelt, the city is working with the property owners along the greenbelt and the owner of the RV Park has no problem with the improvements. The city is trying to contact the Farmers Co-op Ditch Company to make sure the improvements along the greenbelt would not interfere with their operation. This is the major project for this committee in 2014.

- C. 2014 PBR Meeting Calendar.** Brian B. handed out the proposed 2014 PBR Meeting Calendar suggested the committee hold seven regular meetings next year on the third Tuesday of the month in January, March, May, June, August, October and November.

Paul M. noticed the November 11, 2014 date was not the third Tuesday of the month.

Brian B. noted the November date should be November 18, 2014.

Cindy G. made the motion to approve the 2014 PBR Meeting Calendar with the correction of November 18, 2014.

MOTION: Cindy G., **SECOND:** Bill B., **MOTION PASSED.**

VIII. Committee and Staff Reports. None

IX. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

MOTION: Bill B., **SECOND:** Paul M., **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted by April Cabello,

MINUTES APPROVED AND SIGNED BELOW BY CHAIRPERSON BILL BUCKENDORF
ON THE DATE NOTED BELOW.

Bill Buckendorf, Chair

Date

ATTEST: Brian Billingsley, P&Z Director

Date