I. **Call to Order.** Vice-Chairperson Manning called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present.** Ann Manning, Nick Molenaar, Bill Gigray III, Paul Mann and Mark Pemble.

**Members Absent.** Bill Buckendorf and Cindy Grover.

**Others Present.** Brian Billingsley, Planning & Zoning Director; April Cabello, Planning Technician; Ricardo Calderon, Associate Engineer; and LaRita Schandorff, Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Alliance.

**Others Absent.** Rob Hopper, CC Liaison; and Brent Orton, Public Works Director.

II. **Review and Approval of the Agenda.**

The committee verbally and unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

III. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. The minutes of January 15, 2013 were presented to the committee.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2013.

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

IV. **Audience Participation.**

A. LaRita Schandorff of the Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Alliance introduced herself and explained that they are a citizen’s grass roots advocacy group acknowledged by the Nampa City Council as a helpful entity. LaRita explained that she was at the PBR meeting to observe and stated that both groups have the same mission and yet are very different.

Brian B. asked if the Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Alliance group would go public and LaRita responded no.

Brian B. asked LaRita to explain what a Bike Boulevard is to the PBR Committee and wondered about the Bike Boulevard in Nampa.

LaRita responded that a Bike Boulevard could not have more than a certain amount of traffic, the speed limit not more than 35 miles per hour and no uncontrolled intersections. The Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Alliance group
identified roads that are parallel to high traffic roads that are good north-south or east-west alternate routes and marking the roadway with Sharrows; (*A sharrow or 'shared lane marking (SLM)' is a pavement marking installed on streets popular with bicyclists but too narrow for conventional bike lanes*).

Bill G. stated that FACTS (Foundation for Ada County Trail System) intends on mapping interconnections of all the greenbelts and pathways to their project that are coming west from the Boise River and will connect to Eagle Island State park in the near future. The issue is connecting Eagle Island State Park west to Caldwell and intersecting with Meridian coming to the north. Bill G. further stated that he reminds FACTS that Nampa has a bikeway system and strongly recommend that someone from the Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Alliance sit in with the FACTS board so they can say how they would like to connect to the Boise River Greenbelt. Bill G. asked LaRita to email him so he can link her in with the FACTS group email.

V. Communications.

None.

VI. Old Business.

A. Family Values Park and Pathway Update.

Ricardo C. reported that Family Values Park is still in the same status but what had changed was Engineering spoke with Jerry Bauman. The farmer that farms his field talked Jerry B. out of allowing the easement to go through the middle of his field because it would cut his field in half and would have to stay off the easement if he wanted to develop the land in the future. Jerry B. suggested selling to the city an easement around his field. Ricardo C. explained to the committee the easement would increase from 450ft to 1300ft by 20ft wide bringing the project back to option 2, adding a lift station and cutting the sewer back to 400ft. The cost to build a small lift station would be about 10k to 15k, which is the cheapest scenario. Ricardo C. explained there are three options for building the restroom:

Option 1 - estimated cost $60k- take out the road, add two fields to get gravity to grow but would be on the borderline of freeze zone.

Option 2 – estimated cost $15k - lift station in the park.

Option 3 – estimated cost is now 45k- easement around Jerry Bauman field.

Ricardo C. further explained that this would be a 3-phase park. He has received the irrigation design to irrigate the park and is currently receiving bids on the parts; the estimated cost for irrigation parts is about 50k. Ricardo C. further explained they have the layout for the sidewalks but the pathway that goes through this park is in the Pioneer Irrigation District, which is what is preventing the city from crossing the A-drain. The Public Works Director and Assistant City Engineer are meeting with Pioneer Irrigation to decide
when the pathway may be built across the A drain; Ricardo C. stated he thought maybe next fall.

B. **Montana Avenue Safe Routes to School Project.**

Brian B. stated that he is wrapping up this project with Elaine Kleg and scheduled another conference call next week to discuss last month’s recommendations.

C. **Fund Balance Update.**

Brian B. reported that the fund balance has not changed since the last meeting and it stands at 45k. Brian B. stated the amount would take a hit soon with the project D under old business and if there were no questions on the fund balance update, they would go right to item D of the agenda.

D. **Greenbelt Repairs and Improvements.**

Brian B. informed the committee that the Streets Department selected a section of the greenbelt that had the worst pavement conditions (east side of the river between the Silver Bridge and the freeway) and started removing that portion of the greenbelt and will resurface that section with an 8ft wide surface.

LaRita wondered if there is a standard for the width of the pathways.

Brian B. responded that the standard pathway can be anywhere from 8-12ft wide.

Ricardo C. stated the estimated cost of materials for the length of 3,700ft by 8ft wide of pathway would be $31,252.00 but the departments working on the project might want to charge time. Ricardo C. also suggested if the Streets Department goes all the way to the interstate as he suggested; hopefully that will take care of the angle of the pathway that dives down and bring it out 30ft.

E. **FLAP Program.**

Brian B. referred back to the previous PBR meeting where he spoke about the FLAP program (Federal Lands Access Program), money made available by the federal government to help get people to federally owned parks. Deerflat staff came to the P & Z office about a month ago to inform him about this program. Unfortunately, Deerflat staff came to Brian B. two weeks before the deadline to fund this year’s program and there was no way he could get an application in for this year. Brian B. stated maybe next year he can submit an application for bike lanes along 10th Ave and Orchard Ave. Deerflat staff informed Brian B. that once they have their plan finished, they would like to call together the officials from Nampa, Caldwell, and the Highway Districts to talk about a plan of bike lanes and pathways around Lake Lowell.
VII. New Business.

A. Greenbelt Clean-Up Day.

Brian B. shared with the commission a brochure he designed “Greenbelt Clean-Up day” asking the public to come help clean-up the greenbelt. Clean-Up day will be on April 27, 2013 from 9am to 12pm. Brian B. stated that the Greenbelt is huge and they will need many people to help with trimming, sweeping and some chainsaw work. Brian B. said he will have the brochure printed this week and to let him know if anyone wanted to take some to hand out to friends and neighbors.

Bill G. suggested contacting the Boy Scouts.

Paul M. stated he gave Brain B’s name and number to a local Boy Scout Troop.

Ann M. stated that her husband is a Scoutmaster and she will ask if his troop can help.

Brian B. suggested having a crew for the east side of the river and the west side of the river, starting at Whittenberger Park and Rotary Pond Park, then work north to the silver bridge.

Bill G. wondered about waste removal.

Brian B. responded that the Streets Department suggested contacting the Parks Department to assist with garbage/waste removal and asked the committee if they would like him to ask for assistance from the Parks Department.

The committee asked Brian B. to request help from the Parks Department.

Ann M. wondered about advertizing the Clean-Up Day in the local newspaper.

Brian B. responded he would handle the advertizing.

Brian B. wondered if they should have three crews instead of two crews with captains and asked for volunteer captains.

- Rotary Pond Park – Crew Chief – Bill G.
- Whittenburger Park – Crew Chief – Paul M.
- Silver Bridge – Crew Chief – Ricardo C. or Brian B.

Brian B. informed the committee the Mayor’s office (City Hall) would serve doughnuts and coffee at 8:30am and after the clean up, pizza would be served at Indian Creek Park.

Bill G. stated in 1983 the greenbelt was built.
B. Joint Meeting with Nampa Bike/Ped Group.

Paul M. reported he reviewed the minutes from the last Nampa Bike/Ped Group meeting and saw that Mark P. had attended the meeting and tonight LaRita is attending our PBR meeting.

C. Caldwell Elementary School Rezone Project.

Brian B. reported that earlier this evening he attended a meeting with the school board about overcrowding in some schools and lack of efficiency in others schools. The school district would like to rezone the entire elementary school boarders for the Caldwell school district. Brian B. stated he had served on the committee and one of the frustrating things with the old boundaries was that some parents could hear the school bells ring from their home but the district is busing their kids to a school on the other side of town. Brian B. shared a proposed boundary map presented at the public hearing, which was well received by the parents who attended the meeting. Brian B. informed the committee he has been working with the district trying to make our schools more walkable. Brian B. hopes the school board will adopt the proposed boundaries at the next school board meeting.

LaRita wondered if Brian B. brought the initiative for the boundary change to the school board.

Brian B. responded that the school board brought the initiative forward because one of the schools that are over crowded busses children to that school and from that school then busses the children to another school. Brian B. further explained the he is involved with this process because the school district needed to know of future development so the school district can prepare for new students.

D. Prohibition of Eminent Domain on Pathways.

Bill G. reported that the bill for Prohibition of Eminent Domain on Pathways came before the house but the bill failed to be recommended out of the committee. Bill G. stated the bill is gone for now but is brought back every year.

VIII. Committee and Staff Reports.

None.

IX. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

MOTION: Paul M., SECOND: Nick M., MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted by April Cabello,
MINUTES APPROVED AND SIGNED BELOW BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON ANN MANNING ON THE DATE NOTED BELOW.

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Ann Manning, Vice-Chair     Date

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ATTEST: Brian Billingsley, P&Z Director     Date