

PATHWAYS AND BIKE ROUTES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of March 19, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

Caldwell Airport Hubler Terminal – Community Room

- I. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Buckendorf called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Members Absent. Cindy Grover.

Others Present. Brian Billingsley, Planning & Zoning Director; 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.**

The committee verbally and unanimously approved the agenda with the addition of item B under New Business - FACTS.

- III. **Approval of Minutes.**

- A. The minutes of February 19, 2013 were presented to the committee.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013.

MOTION: Bill G., **SECOND:** Ann M., **MOTION PASSED.**

- IV. **Audience Participation.**

None.

- V. **Communications.**

- A. **Deer Flat's Refuge Plan.** Brian B. read an article entitled "Deer Flat's New Plan May Cool Controversy" from the Idaho-Press Tribune by Mike Butts.

Bill G. reported that at the Legislative Affairs Committee meeting and the Chamber meeting a representative from Crapo's office presented a series of five alternatives. Bill G. reported that Crapo's office is supporting Alternative Two. They are recommending that the Chamber should designate someone to work with the City and the County as a vanguard / ad hoc committee, review the various alternatives, and put together some meaningful comment.

Paul M. stated he would volunteer as he has a natural resources background and training.

Bill G. moved that Paul M. be recommended by this committee to serve on a committee that would vanguard the four alternatives to the Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge Plan.

Motion to recommend Paul M. to serve on committee.

MOTION: Bill G., **SECOND:** Ann M., **MOTION PASSED.**

VI. Old Business.

- A. Family Values Park and Pathway Update.** Ricardo C. reported that work had started on the park and the ground is ready to install the sprinkler system. They are ready to start work on the irrigation system, but the piping for the official restroom is still a problem. The restroom piping has to be installed prior to the irrigation system, but the location of the restroom has not been confirmed. The location of the restroom is critical, regardless where it is placed, because the sewage will need to be pumped away from the pathway. Ricardo also reported that the YMCA Park Committee would like to meet with the PBR Committee to discuss the wheels-down option that the YMCA wants at the park. Ricardo C. wondered if the wheels-down option is taken away can the trail be amended to go through the park, make a loop, and widen the pathway from 6-8ft to 10ft.

Rob H. wondered about the 6-8ft width of the interior pathways and stated his concern that two wheel chairs could not pass by each other.

Ricardo C. stated the YMCA does not want 10ft interior pathways because it will encourage bikers and skaters to use the interior pathways.

Rob H. stated wheels down is a good thing.

Brian B. confirmed with Ricardo C. that a member of the YMCA Committee wants to meet with a member of the PBR Committee to discuss the location of the restroom.

Ricardo C. responded affirmative.

Bill G. moved that Brian B. act as the PBR designee and anyone else on the committee to meet with the YMCA Park Committee.

Motion to recommend Brian B. and anyone else on the committee to meet with the YMCA Committee to decide the location of the Family Values Park restroom.

MOTION: Bill G., **SECOND:** Nick M., **MOTION PASSED.**

- B. Fund Balance Update.** Brian B. reported that the fund balance has not changed since the last meeting at \$45,000. Brian B. stated the amount would take a hit soon once the greenbelt project is finished. The estimate on the greenbelt resurfacing is just under \$32,000, which will leave about \$12,000 to carry over for next year.
- C. Greenbelt Repairs and Improvements.** Ricardo C. reported that he received an update from the Streets Superintendent and the Streets Department has finished hauling out all the asphalt and the sand. They will continue down the pathway to the overpass and under the overpass making the pathway 8ft wide as requested. The Streets Department is working with Riverside Irrigation Company to remove debris left by the irrigation company alongside the greenbelt many years ago. Ricardo C. further stated that it would be months before the Streets Department can pave the greenbelt.

Bill G. made the motion to give the Streets Department time and to pave the greenbelt in August maximizing the efficiencies of cost by doing the cement work under both sides of the river. Signage should be placed indicating the project timeline.

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

- D. Greenbelt Clean-Up Day.** Brian B. reported that he had 30 people, a scout troop from Nampa, and Canyon County Juvenile Probation RSVP for the clean-up day. Brian B. reviewed what work needs to be done along the greenbelt and the designated team captains.
- Rotary Pond Park – Captain – Bill G.
 - Whittenburger Park – Captain – Paul M.
 - Silver Bridge – Captain – Brian B.

VII. New Business.

- A. Discussion on 2014 Budget.** Brian B. informed the committee that the primary topic of discussion will be budget recommendations for the next budget year. Brian B. shared a couple of ideas.

- Continue work on the greenbelt
- Build the pathway behind Heritage Charter School
- Placement of bike racks in downtown Caldwell
- Benches for the greenbelt
- Continued 2013 budget items

- B. FACTS.** Bill G. reported that FACTS is looking at moving the pathway west and eventually to the Snake River. Question is, where Caldwell wants the pathway to come into Caldwell, where to go through Caldwell and where it would exit Caldwell. Bill G. suggested Lincoln to Middleton Road, Middleton Road to Joplin Road, Joplin Road out of Caldwell.

Brian B. stated that Treasure Valley Partnership had a ceremony 5 years ago in Ada County where all the Mayors and County Commissioners came together, and signed an agreement. The greenbelt plan established by the Treasure Valley Partnership was put in the Caldwell Pathway and Bike Route Master Plan. Brian B. stated his recollection was the greenbelt would come up through the Middleton area on the north side of the river and eventually go through Curtis Park, cross the Boise River, and connect to the Caldwell greenbelt.

Brian B. wondered if FACTS was trying to come up with a short-term plan using the roadway system to get from the Boise Greenbelt to the Snake River because it will be decades before the pathway system will be complete. Bill said he would investigate.

VIII. Committee and Staff Reports.

None.

IX. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 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 CHAIRPERSON BILL BUCKENDORF ON THE DATE NOTED BELOW.

Bill Buckendorf, Chair

Date

ATTEST: Brian Billingsley, P&Z Director

Date