

PATHWAYS AND BIKE ROUTES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of April 24, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.

Caldwell Airport Hubler Terminal – Community Room

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

Members Present. Ann Manning, Bill Buckendorf, Cindy Grover, Bill Gigray III, Larry Evans, Nick Molenaar, and Rod Garrett.

Members Absent. Paul Mann, Mark Pemble.

Others Present. Brian Billingsley, Planning & Zoning Director; April Cabello, Planning Technician; Ricardo Calderon, Associate Engineer.

Others Absent. Rob Hopper, CC Liaison; 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 March 20, 2012 were presented to the committee.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2012.

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

IV. **Audience Participation.** None.

V. **Communications.** None.

VI. **Old Business.**

A. Update on Fence Bike Route #1. Ricardo C. reported that the vinyl fence along the Dixie Drain on the south side of Washington and Spruce was replaced with the new three-rail cedar fence. The contractor stained and installed the fence, but the City will be responsible for maintaining and staining the fence once a year. Brian B. confirmed with Ricardo C. that the placement of the fence is on City property. Ricardo C. confirmed and stated that in some areas the fence is closer to the pathway because of the placement of the fence on City property and the pathway not being straight.

B. Community Pride Day (April 28, 2012). Brian B. reminded the committee that Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., is Community Pride Day and the committee will work on cleaning up the pathway along the

new fence located along Bike Route #1. Brian B. asked for a show of hands for how many committee members will be able help on Saturday. Six committee members and Paul M. signed up to attend. Brian B. stated he has garbage bags and everyone needs to bring their own weeding tools, gloves and he needs a committee member to bring a weed whacker. Brian B. informed the committee members they are welcome to meet at City Hall for doughnuts and coffee at 8:30 a.m. and meet at Indian Creek / TVCC parking lot for pizza after the clean-up project is complete.

- C. FY 2013 Budget Recommendations.** Brian B. answered a question fielded from a committee member at the previous meeting about the \$30,000 set aside in the current budget year and whether it could be spent in the next fiscal year if funds are not spent this year. Brian B. said he spoke with the Public Works Director, Brent Orton, and Brent O. confirmed that unspent funds can be rolled over into the next fiscal year. Brian also reported that Brent O. is willing to budget another \$30,000 in FY 2013.

The committee at the previous meeting also asked if the City has a map of streets scheduled to be chip sealed. Brian B. confirmed the City does have a map/schedule and presented the map to the committee for review. The map identifies the City is chip sealing streets this summer in the southeast corner of the City including Indiana Avenue and Florida Avenue. In 2013 the east side of the City is scheduled for chip sealing. In 2014 Canyon Hill will be chip sealed and in 2015 downtown will be chip sealed. Brian B. and Brent O. agreed that the bike lanes should be painted on city streets after a road has been chip sealed.

Brian B asked Ricardo C. if bike lanes would fit on Indiana and Florida and Ricardo C. confirmed that bike lanes would fit but parking will be eliminated on the east side of both Florida and Indiana between Linden and Ustick. Brian B. asked Ricardo if he had suggestions for bike paths on Indiana between Linden and Cleveland Blvd. Ricardo C. responded his suggestions were reducing the traffic lanes on Indiana from 4 lanes to 3 lanes with a median in the middle and bike lanes on both sides. Brent O. is requiring traffic counts for a traffic analysis because the City will need to explain to the public the reason for the lane reduction on Indiana Avenue between Cleveland Blvd. and Linden Street. Ricardo C. explained and presented a map showing the plans for Indiana from Linden to YMCA and that the City would reduce the lane width on Indiana to 12 ft with a bike lane on the east side of the road and parking and a bike lane on the west side of the road.

Brian B. explained to the committee if they wanted to keep with the chip sealing schedule, the striping of bike lanes on Indiana and Florida will be this year, 2012, and then continue to follow the chip sealing schedule for the remaining proposed bike lanes.

Ricardo C. also stated that Robb MacDonald, Assistant City Engineer, told him that another staff member is working on re-striping the bike lanes on Linden Street from Montana Avenue to Cleveland Blvd.

Brian B. reminded everyone that the committee had requested for the 2012 budget to upgrade the I-84 overpass, which is in works and should be complete this year. The request for bike lanes on Montana Avenue is complete. The request to designate a bike lane on Marble Front Road and place bike route signage on 21st Avenue between Chicago Street and I-84 has not been completed so Brian B. recommended postponing the Marble Front Road project until 2014 to when the road is scheduled to be chip sealed. Money for the bike route signs on 21st Avenue is in the 2012 budget, should be simple to install and is projected to be completed in 2012.

Brian B. stated the committee needed to discuss projects for the budget year FY 2013 and suggested striping bike lanes on Smeed Pkwy, Aviation Way and Ward Lane. He also suggested requesting funding to build a pathway from the new charter school down to Ustick Road.

Rod Garrett recommended for the 2013 budget the engineering and construction of the multiple use pathway from the YMCA to Ustick Road and to budget 30k for sidewalk construction, either new or replacement.

Brian B. stated according to the budget put together for FY 2013 the committee was going to designate Illinois Avenue with bike lanes, Logan Street as a shared roadway, and establish bike lanes on Smeed Parkway. Brian B. suggested the committee add to the FY 2013 Budget the projects of striping bike lanes on Smeed Pkwy, Aviation Way and Ward Lane. Brian B. asked what the committee felt the priorities are for the next 5 years.

Bill G. wanted to confirm the pedestrian overpass upgrade will be spent in this FY 2013 and will not be a carryover but Marble Front Road, Georgia Avenue and Illinois Avenue will be a carryover and be moved from FY 2012 to FY 2014. Brian B. confirmed. Bill G. also wondered about the carryover from FY 2012 of \$2,200.00 and questioned if they had a windfall from something else and thought there was another amount. Brian B. responded that the previous year the committee received \$15,000 and last year the amount increased to \$30,000, which was the windfall. This happened after the committee submitted the FY 2012 budget request.

Bill G. wondered about the \$1,000.00 listed for bike lanes on Smeed Pkwy and if the amount would increase to include Ward Lane and Aviation Way under "Anticipated needs for the next 5 fiscal years: B. FY 2013 item #3 on the FY 2012 Budge Report". Brian B. replied and stated he would multiply it by 3 meaning \$1,000.00 for each project for a total of \$3,000.00 and the committee will have \$27,000.00 to build the new pathway.

Ricardo C. confirmed with Brian B. that the committee would have roughly \$50,000.00 to build the new pathway in 2013. Brian B. confirmed.

Bill G. wondered if Brian B. recommended moving items 1 and 2 of the budget FY 2013. Brian B. responded yes. Item 1, Illinois Avenue will move

from FY 2013 to FY 2014 and item 2, Logan Street will move from FY 2013 to FY 2015.

Bill B. inquired about installation of the new crosswalks on Grant Street and 10th Avenue. Brian B. and Ricardo C. replied that a grant that the City applied for would pay for the crosswalks, not the City money, and the winner of the grant will be selected this summer.

Bill G. wondered about bike route # 5, item 1, C. FY 2013 under "Anticipated needs for the next 5 fiscal years: FY 2012 Budget Report". Brian B. responded that bike route #5 would be discussed later in the meeting under new business.

Bill G. wondered about the cost to install the pathway from the YMCA to Ustick Road. Brian B. responded that last year the committee applied for an \$85,000.00 grant but that amount included everything from lighting to landscaping. Ricardo C. stated if federal funding pays for a pathway that will trigger many requirements but if local funds were used, many of the requirements would not be required and to further cut cost they could install the conduits but not the lighting. Another way to cut cost would be to have the City crews do the work and lay a ten-foot wide strip of asphalt from the current path to the YMCA to Ustick and would guess it would cost \$30,000.00 in materials. Ricardo C. stated he or someone in-house could design the pathway in 2012 and construct it in 2013 using the local funds of \$50,000.00. The price will go up to around \$60,000.00 if the City builds the crossing over the canal and will need to obtain a crossing agreement with Pioneer Irrigation District.

Rod G. wondered if the committee should ask City Council for more than \$30,000.00 for the budget.

Bill G. agreed but the committee needs to decide how much to ask for and what the big projects will be down the road.

Brian B. stated if the committee wants to receive more money, committee members need to have a reason and a specific project.

Ricardo C. informed the committee that Scott Curtis, the director of the YMCA, contacted Brent O. about a park that was discussed 1 ½ years ago and would like to proceed with a park committee and developing the park this year or next year. The park is similar to Mallard Park but on a smaller level and using the empty 7 acres of land behind the YMCA. This park will have a walkway around it, shelters, and a bathroom. Ricardo also stated it would require a 500ft pathway to connect the park walkway to the existing pathway. Ricardo C. said he would bring to the next meeting a layout of the field to the next meeting.

Brian B. suggested using park impact fees to pay for the 500ft pathway connection and asked Ricardo C. for an estimate needed to complete the project by the next meeting on May 15, 2012.

Bill G. made the motion that the PBR Committee is requesting Brian B. to prepare a proposed 5yr fiscal year budget request and move bike route #4 from FY 2012 to FY 2014, move from FY 2013 bike route #2 to FY 2014, move bike route #7 from FY 2013 to FY 2015, retain in FY 2013 bike route #6 with the addition of Ward Lane and Aviation Way and request an estimate for the continuation of the pathway from YMCA to Ustick and the associated cost to be included in FY 2013.

MOTION: Bill G., **SECOND:** Larry E., **MOTION PASSED.**

VII. New Business.

- A. 21st Avenue Widening Project.** Ricardo C. gave a report and stated the design has been started and will continue with the same width down 21st Avenue from Indian Creek to the college. Ricardo C. stated this project is funded with federal money and was contracted out to a consultant engineer Parametrix in Boise. Parametrix worked on this project for over a year and submitted five different proposals. Ricardo C. reviewed and discussed each proposal with the committee.

Bill B. made the motion to recommend proposal #3 (build a 10-foot wide sidewalk on the south side of 21st Avenue and do not build bike lanes on this portion of 21st Avenue) because it is safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

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

VIII. Committee and Staff Reports.

- A. None.**

IX. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by April Cabello,

MINUTES APPROVED AND SIGNED BELOW BY CHAIRPERSON NICK MOLENAAR
ON THE DATE NOTED BELOW.

Nick Molenaar, Chair

Date

ATTEST: Brian Billingsley, P&Z Director

Date