

PATHWAYS AND BIKE ROUTES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of June 18, 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, Bill Gigray III, Nick Molenaar, Paul Mann and Mark Pemble.

Members Absent. Cindy Grover.

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

Others Absent. Brent Orton, Public Works Director; and Rob Hopper, City Council Liaison.

II. **Review and Approval of the Agenda.** Brian B. made the motion to move items under VII New Business to VI.

III. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. The minutes of May 21, 2013 were presented to the committee.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2013.

MOTION: Mark P., **SECOND:** Ann M., **MOTION PASSED.**

IV. **Audience Participation.**

A. **Presentation on the Federal Lands Access Program.** Tim Richard, Canyon Highway Dist #4, gave a report on the FLAP Project Proposal for a bicycle pathway around Deer Flat refuge. Tim R. also reported that funding came from the bridge replacement fund awarded for 2.3 million. The funding will pay for building a new bridge next to the Silver Bridge. They will rehab and convert the existing Silver Bridge into a pedestrian bridge.

B. The following scouts from troop #221 attended the meeting:

- Phillip Wright
- Murdo Gigray

V. **Communications.** None.

VI. New Business.

- A. Nampa/Caldwell Bike Route.** Brian B. reported that a citizen from Nampa approached him about wanting the cities of Nampa and Caldwell along to work with the local highway districts on a plan to create a bike route connecting the two cities together. The committee discussed route options and made the motion to make this an agenda item for the next meeting. The committee asked Ricardo C. to inquire with ITD about future traffic lights locations on Karcher Road and report back at the next meeting.

Motion for Ricardo C. to give a report at the next meeting.

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

VII. Old Business.

- A. Fund Balance.** Brian B. reported at the last meeting that the fund balance was at \$11,000.00 but another bill for \$ 3,000.00 came in late for the gravel on the greenbelt, leaving the fund balance at \$8,000.00. The total cost for the first phase of repaving the greenbelt came out to \$37,000.00.
- B. Family Values Park and Pathway Update.** Ricardo C. reported that the city started the roundabout project at Indiana and Ustick and estimates the completion before school starts. Ricardo C also reported that city crews will extend water, sewer and power lines to the location of the proposed restroom at Family Values Park. Phase 1 of the park, which involves installing sprinklers, sidewalks and grass, should be complete by October 2013 and depending on funding, the remaining improvements should be done in 2014.
- C. FACTS Update.** Bill G. reported there was no meeting last month. Bill G. further explained that the board members want to be more inclusive of valley pathways and not so focused on the Boise River. FACTS will need to work with the highway districts, Caldwell and Nampa for interconnectivity with the Greenbelt projects along the Boise River.
- D. Safe Routes to School Update.** Brian B. reported that he met with officials at Syringa Middle School and agreed on next year's work program. The City will improve crosswalks and build a sidewalk on the west side of Montana from Linden down to Spruce. The completed projects for this year were placement of a rapid flashing beacon in front of Jefferson Middle School and a hawk crossing on 10th Avenue at Elgin.
- E. Adopt 2014 Budget Recommendations.** Brian B. reported that he put into writing the recommendations for next year's budget including two more years of greenbelt resurfacing.

Bill G. wondered if there was a plan for new pathways around the ponds and asked Ricardo C. to look into this question and report at the next meeting.

Bill G. made the motion to request a report on pathways around the ponds.

Brian B. continued to report on anticipated needs and budget recommendations:

- 2014
 1. Greenbelt Resurfacing Project, Phase II (\$27,000).
 2. Purchase bike racks for downtown Caldwell (\$4,500).
 3. Participate in Lake Lowell Bike/Ped Master Plan (\$2,500).
 4. Create map boards of existing bike routes and pathways (\$1,000).

- 2015
 1. Greenbelt Resurfacing Project, Phase III (\$25,000).
 2. Bike Route #2 (northern segment). Designate bike lanes on Illinois Avenue between Canyon Hill and Interstate 84 and a shared roadway on Freeport Street between Interstate 84 and Chicago Street. (\$3,500).
 3. Bike Route #4. Designate bike lanes on Marble Front Road between Illinois Avenue and Georgia Avenue. Designate a shared roadway from Georgia Avenue to Van Buren Elementary (\$2,500).

- 2016
 1. Build Phase I of Lake Lowell pathway connecting the YMCA to Heritage Community Charter School on Ustick Rd. (\$40,000).
 2. Bike Route #2 (southern segment). Designate a shared roadway on 9th Avenue and Fairview Avenue between Chicago Street and Logan Street. (\$1,000).
 3. Bike Route #5. Create a shared roadway bike route connecting City Center and Griffiths Park. (\$1,000).
 4. Bike Route #3 (northern segment). Designate a shared roadway on Dearborn Street connecting City Center to College Avenue (\$1,000).

- 2017
 1. Build pathway through Jefferson Middle School property and connect it to the new Syringa school pathway (\$26,000).
 2. Bike Route #9. Create a shared roadway connecting Manchester Park Subdivision to the YMCA pathway and Jefferson Middle School (\$1,500).
 3. Bike Route #23. Create a bike lane on the westbound portion of Linden Street between Indiana Avenue and Kimball Avenue (\$3,000).
 4. Bike Route #3 (southern segment). Designate a shared

roadway on College Avenue connecting the College of Idaho to Lake Lowell Pathway (\$1,000).

- 2018
 1. Lake Lowell Bike Route. Set up a temporary bike route from Vallivue High School to Mallard Park. The existing highway system will be utilized until a multiple-use pathway can be built to connect the park to the high school. Way finding signage and pedestrian amenities would be necessary (\$7,500).
 2. Greenbelt Extension to Curtis Park, Phase I (\$22,500).

Budget Recommendations and Requests:

Committee Administrative and Promotional Expenses:

1. Books and Subscriptions (\$200).
2. Informational Materials (\$300).
3. Bike Helmets for Indian Creek Festival (\$250).

NOTE – These items should be funded in the Planning & Zoning Department budget.

Maintenance:

The committee requests that the Mapping Department continue to maintain a database of existing bike path signage. The committee also requests that the Street Department monitors the condition of existing signage and reports back to the Committee when old signs need to be replaced.

New Signage:

1. Provide ten (10) bicycle parking signs for existing businesses in Caldwell (\$250).

NOTE – This item should be funded in the Planning & Zoning Department budget.

New Pathway Amenities:

1. Build and erect informational map boards at I-84 pedestrian overpass, Lincoln Elementary School, Syringa Middle School and YMCA (\$1,000).

NOTE – These items should be funded from a Public Works Department budget.

Multiple-use pathway acquisitions:

1. The Committee would like the City to acquire three parcels owned by Patrick C. Wallace of 14533 River Rd., Caldwell, Idaho consisting of Parcel Number 34667000 which is 46.5 deeded acreage with a 2011 assessed value of \$93,850, Parcel Number 34667011 which is .37 acres which has the agricultural home site with a 2011 assessed value of \$110,800 and Parcel Number 34668000 consisting of 5.95 acres which has a 2011 assessed value of \$15,750.00 for the future expansion of the Caldwell Greenbelt known and designated as the Oregon Trail Centennial Greenway.
2. The Committee would like the City to acquire land along Indian Creek between Simplot Boulevard and Centennial Way to extend the Indian Creek pathway to the Boise River.
3. The Committee would like the City to acquire the last parcel of land north of Plymouth Avenue and south of the Boise River that is privately owned. This parcel is an ideal site for a City park and for an expansion of the greenbelt to Curtis Park.
4. The Committee would like to acquire land between the Ustick and Vallivue High School for Phase II of the Lake Lowell pathway project.

The recommended source of funding to be used to pay for the capital expenditure and the proposed fiscal year of the expenditure.

The Committee recommends the funding for street improvements and signage come from the maintenance and operations budget of the Streets Department. Land acquisition for pathways should come from parks impact fees, when eligible. Land acquisition for road widening projects should come from the Streets Department budget. Pathway amenities should be set aside in the Parks Department maintenance and operations budget or park impact fees. Administrative and operating expenses incurred by the Committee should come from the Planning & Zoning Department budget.

Recommended fee or fee increases to be included in the budget request for fiscal year 2014.

The Committee does not recommend any fee increases.

Bill G. made the motion to approve and submit the budget recommendations to the City and to provide copies to the various departments with the notation that the second item of physical year 2018 would show phase 1 of the extension of the green belt bike path past the silver bridge to Curtis Park.

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

F. 2013 Indian Creek Festival. Brian B. reported that West Valley Medical will be our co-sponsor for the third straight year for the bike helmet give-away. Brian B. further reported he was contacted by a scout leader who asked if the PBR committee would be interested in hosting a bike train event with a helmet give away. Brian B. suggested the Caldwell Police can teach rules of the road, the YMCA can do minor bike repairs and the PBR committee will give away helmets for children. Brian suggested that children must bring a bike to participate in the bike rodeo.

Bill G. made the motion as part of the Indian Creek Festival, the PBR committee would put on a bike safety clinic, make it know particularly to scout troops then distribute the bike helmets to the participants of the clinic first then open the give away to the public.

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

VIII. Committee and Staff Reports.

Brian B. reported that an article about the Greenbelt was in the paper and thanked Ann M., Bill B. and Paul M. for meeting with the reporter and staff.

Bill B. reported that Channel 6 news contacted him to do an story on the Greenbelt.

IX. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 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