

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



Jonathan Gradin
Chair

~Agenda~

David Schott
Staff Liaison

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Tuesday, June 11, 2019

5:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Gradin

Staff will present the draft minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments or take other such actions deemed appropriate.

2. Public Comment

Only for items not listed on the agenda, including responses to previous comments/questions from the public.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action

3. Highway 8 Underpass Ribbon Cutting (ACTION ITEM) – Schott

Parks and Recreation will be taking the lead on the Highway 8 Underpass Ribbon Cutting. The dedication is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 1:30 pm. Following the Highway 8 underpass dedication, the Third Street Bridge dedication will likely take place. Discuss Pathway Commission members interested in taking the lead on bringing the public from one location to the other.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve individual or group from the Pathways Commission to plan and lead cyclists from the Highway 8 Underpass to the Third Street dedication or provide further direction.

REPORTS

- 1. Vacant Railroad Land in Urban Communities Retrofitted to Provide Protected Bike Lanes Through Green Infrastructure – Amber Korvaes, Masters in Landscape Architecture, University of Idaho**

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- 1. Next Moscow Pathways Commission Meeting July 9, 2019**

ADJOURN

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May 14, 2019**

5:00 PM

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Erin Bacon; Judy Brown, Secretary; Becky Chastain; Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair; Jonathan Gradin, Chair.
ABSENT: Robert Heckendorn.
STAFF: Donna Howard, Staff Support; David Schott, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director; Anne Zabala, City Council Liaison.
ALSO PRESENT: Becky Couch, University of Idaho Transportation Director

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from April 9, 2019 (ACTION ITEM) - Gradin

ACTION: Minutes approved as corrected to change Kristin Armstrong's name from Johnson.

Bacon moved and Dibble seconded approval of the April minutes as corrected. Acclamation vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Absent: Robert Heckendorn, Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Only for items not listed on the agenda, including responses to previous comments/questions from the public. There were none.

3. Report: University of Idaho Draft Parking Plan – Rebecca Couch

Chair Gradin introduced University of Idaho Director of Parking and Transportation Rebecca Couch and invited her to speak to the MPC. Couch said the University is trying to promote safe and efficient alternative transportation and get people to campus in ways other than traditional vehicles. Despite a decline in enrollment, the University continues to face parking space challenges due to more students bringing cars to campus. Couch believes local residents can easily travel the University and the City of Moscow by bike or on foot and is focused on educating UI students. She understands that people living and working outside the city's limits would still need to rely on their cars. Her office is working on a concept called Vandalocity; they are interviewing one person a month who doesn't own a car and uses a different way to commute. She recently met with two students who commute to Moscow daily from Pullman, year round. The first person uses the University's on-campus car sharing program called Zip Car and the second person bikes. They will be sharing these interviews with the student body as an example of other ways to get around Moscow and to hopefully inspire more to follow suit. Dibble asked about the possibility of renewing bus service between Moscow and Pullman; Couch has been asked that often but does not see it happening in the near future. She has been examining the old inter-city bus service which was cancelled less than ten years ago because it was too expensive. Couch observed that the lack of an intercampus shuttle has resulted in the loss of classes being cross listed at both universities and feels this limits students' options. She's also been told by some UI students that they couldn't attend a class offered at WSU because they couldn't get there. She is open to ideas on how to resume inter-city connections but

the price tag is the biggest obstacle. A discussion followed about the popularity of ridesharing, carpools, using transportation alternatives like Zimride, Gotcha, Uber and Lyft and people's concerns about safety. Couch was surprised at the popularity of ridesharing requests on social media versus the use of Zimride; the latter option was safer but seemed less popular. Gradin asked if Pullman Public Transit could offer inter-city service and Couch responded there was an issue with crossing the state line. If Moscow and Pullman could join to form a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) then there would be more options available. Denison asked if it was possible to provide snow removal on the Chipman Trail to allow year-round bicycle connectivity between the two cities. Couch didn't know who would perform that service; Schott suggested contacting Dave Mahan of Whitman County and Alan Davis of Pullman Parks and Recreation to request their assistance. A discussion ensued about using the Chipman Trail in the winter versus the Moscow Pullman Highway which was already maintained, what equipment would be needed to plow the snow on the trail and if the Latah Trail and Palouse Trail committees could be able to help. Couch then talked about UI Student Amber Korvaes' Master of Landscape Architecture project which was a pathway design connecting Highway 95 North of Moscow to the UI Campus via E Street. Dibble met Korvaes at the Styner Road underpass, heard about her design and was interested in seeing her presentation. Couch thought that Korvaes was moving away after graduation but would give her Schott's contact information when they met later this week. Dibble, Gradin and Couch felt a pathway in this area was needed. Couch expressed an interest in partnering UI Parking and Transportation Services with the MPC and the City on future events promoting biking and walking in the area. Gradin asked if her department was planning on extending the Hello Walk to 6th and Jackson Streets; Couch said that was not within their purview. Bacon mentioned that some areas of the bike path on campus at needed structural repairs and repainting. Gradin would like to see the 6th Street corridor designated as a shared use area to encourage more pedestrians and bikers to use that route. Couch wasn't sure who would be responsible for accommodating those requests but did say the University plans on repainting the striping.

ACTION: No Action.

4. Report: 2019 Annual Report – Gradin

Bacon attended the City Council meeting on May 6th and said Gradin did a great job presenting the MPC's annual report. Gradin emphasized in his PowerPoint that the underpass' flooding was expected when the path was designed and this spring experienced an unusually heavy rainfall which caused atypical flooding throughout Moscow. He felt the Council members were interested in his presentation. In addition to Gradin's report the Mayor designated May as Bike Month with a proclamation presented to Gradin and Dibble at the same meeting. Dibble was able to announce Bike to School and Work Days at the same Council meeting.

ACTION: No Action.

5. Report: Bike to Work Day – Dibble

Dibble and the other members of the local Bike for Life have been busy making preparations for Moscow's Bike to Work Day, this Friday, May 17, 2019. Dibble is concerned that the forecasted rain may put a damper on participation and asked if the City could provide a temporary shelter for the volunteers handing out coffee and treats from 7 AM to 9 AM. Schott thought the City's portable canopy would be too big for the designated area and Brown suggested borrowing a smaller one from PCEI. Dibble handed out posters to promote the event. Zabala offered to volunteer at the hospitality station.

ACTION: No Action.

6. Report: Highway 8 Underpass Ribbon Cutting – Schott

The grand opening of the Highway 8 Underpass is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Schott will arrive on site early to help set up for the ribbon cutting and speakers, among whom will be Dibble. He passed out invitations and discussed the schedule of events. The ceremony will be on the

south side of the underpass. The group discussed ideas for how to mitigate graffiti in the area, including installing artwork and providing chalk for passersby. One concern about people drawing in the area with chalk was the space restrictions and possibly causing a collision. Schott will contact the City's Art Department to request their consideration of the site for a permanent art installation. Gradin asked Schott about the timers on the underpass lighting as they only come on when it is dark and not when there is low light conditions; Schott will investigate. Gradin asked if there had been any developments in the Lynn Street Bridge and Schott was not aware of any. Dibble and Gradin discussed how the Highway 8 underpass made traveling the pathway safer and hoped its success would inspire City officials to initiate similar construction projects.

ACTION: No Action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gradin asked about the parcel of land located at D Street and Mountain View Road; he thought a path had been planned going through the property. No one knew of any specific agenda to access that area.

Dibble said that on May 18th at 1 PM the Latah Trail Committee will be conducting a bike tour of Bear Creek Canyon in Troy, approximately 10 miles east of Moscow, and invited anyone interested to join them.

Dibble mentioned that the City will be installing the Third Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge on Thursday, May 9th beginning at 8 AM. She said some areas will be off limits for safety but onlookers will be directed to a suitable place to watch the crane install the structure.

Bacon announced that this year's Bike to School on the traditional first Wednesday of the month, May 1st, was a big success; a record breaking 109 bikes were counted at the middle school. Dibble asked about participation from High School students; Bacon said there was an increase from 3% to 12% and she was crediting that to more public awareness and education about riding.

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ADJOURNED at 5:47 PM.

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