

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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5:00 PM

Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85888863160>

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM

PRESENT: Erin Bacon; Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair; Jonathan Gradin, Chair;
Judy Brown, Secretary

ABSENT: Becky Chastain; Robert Heckendorn; Sandra Kelly, City Council Liaison

STAFF: Donna Howard, Staff Support; David Schott, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

1. Announcements

2. Approval of minutes from March 10, 2020 (ACTION ITEM) - Gradin

ACTION: Approve minutes as presented.

Denison motioned and Dibble seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Acclamation votes:
Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: Chastain, Heckendorn.

3. Public Comment

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

4. Consideration of Annual Bike Tour and Palouse Bike Week (ACTION ITEM) – Gradin / Schott

The Pathways Commission discussed options for the 2020 Annual Bike Tour which traditionally is held in lieu of the September meeting. This year Palouse Bike week is scheduled for September 14th – 19th while the regular MPC meeting is slated for September 8, 2020. The commissioners discussed holding their tour in conjunction with Bike Week; the benefits included increased awareness and advertising for the event. Denison added that, if done properly, physical distancing could easily be observed and would allow an opportunity for people to benefit from safely socializing and exercising. Bacon agreed but emphasized the need for observing the six-foot distance between attendees even when stopping to appreciate sites along the tour. Dibble observed that it would be easier to change or cancel the event should the need arise rather than try to plan it at the last moment and recommended moving forward with planning the tour concurrent to Bike Week. Brown added the later date during Bike Week could also be beneficial since Labor Day on Monday might detract from an event on the day immediately following.

ACTION: Approve holding the 2020 MPC Annual Bike Tour concurrent with Palouse Bike Week.

Dibble moved to schedule the MPC Annual Bike Tour for September 15, 2020; Denison seconded. Acclamation votes: Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: Chastain, Heckendorn.

5. Consideration of the Parkland Dedication for Gateway on Sixth Project (ACTION ITEM) – Schott

According to City Code, any new construction project requires a parkland dedication of either a parcel of land earmarked as park area or cash in lieu of the required square footage. The City is

considering a parkland dedication for a development adjacent to Ghormley Park involving a pathway option rather than the traditional choices. In this case the developers, the City and the Urban Renewal Agency would each pay one-third of the pathway's construction costs. Schott showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the future pathway that would go through the Gateway on Sixth development. After a discussion on the overall benefits of this option the commissioners agreed this would be an improvement to the pathway system's connectivity to the Third Street Corridor, the Paradise Path and the Chipman Trail.

ACTION: Approve support for the pathway option.

Dibble moved to support the pathway option for the Gateway on Sixth construction project; Bacon seconded. Acclamation votes: Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: Chastain, Heckendorn.

6. Report: Paradise Pathway Lighting Project – Schott

The City of Moscow and the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency proposed in FY2021 a lighting project along Paradise Pathway from Highway 95 to Berman Creekside Park. Schott said this is currently in the budget request phase but wanted to share this information with the MPC as there were previous discussions on the need for lighting in the area. Denison asked if they would be solar lights; Schott replied no, the trees would limit the charging potential of solar cells and previous solar bollards were problematic. This project would plug into the electrical grid. Gradin was glad to hear that it is still in consideration for the FY 2021 budget; in addition to the commissioners' concerns, he said this topic garnered lots of interest when the MPC did the Farmers Market tabling.

ACTION: No action, report.

7. Report: Itani Park Phase II Pathway Project – Schott

The City of Moscow awarded the Itani Park Phase II Concrete Pathway Project to a contractor; this project will include the construction of a 6-foot wide pedestrian pathway at Itani Park to provide pedestrian access from Itani Park to Crestview Drive. The project will begin this summer and be completed this year. Schott showed the area of impact on an online map. Schott said eventually we could have paths connecting the neighborhoods to McDonald School.

ACTION: No action, report.

8. Open Discussion

Denison asked about what she thought could be a potential orphan path, on Roosevelt near B Street. Schott brought up Google Earth; after viewing the area in question, Schott confirmed it is private property. Gradin asked about another area, north of town near Jefferson St. that needs connectivity via a pathway. Schott talked to Bill Belknap previously about the path going through in the north end of town; the City has it on the radar for future project planning.

Adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Next meeting: August 11, 2020

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