

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~

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Tuesday
March 10, 2020

5:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order at 5:02

PRESENT: Becky Chastain; Judy Brown, Secretary; Jonathan Gradin, Chair; Robert Heckendorn.
ABSENT: Erin Bacon; Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair.
STAFF: Donna Howard, Staff Support; Sandra Kelly, City Council Liaison; David Schott, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director.

1. Announcements

There were none.

2. Approval of minutes from February 12, 2020 (ACTION ITEM) – Gradin

ACTION: Approve minutes as presented.

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

3. Public Comment

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

4. Report: Update on E-Bikes from the owner of Paradise Creek Bicycles – Gradin / Clevenger

Thomas "T-Jay" Clevenger, 1875 Carmichael Road, Moscow, ID is an avid cyclist, the owner of Paradise Creek Bicycles and wanted to discuss with the MPC the future of e-bikes in the area. Clevenger has contracted with the City and the University of Idaho to maintain their fleet of fifty e-bikes and ten docking stations through Gotcha Bike; he also sells e-bikes through his business. Clevenger predicted a rapid increase of e-bike traffic on the pathways and wanted to get the MPC's opinion of and learn about the City's policy on e-bikes. Clevenger admires the work of this commission and appreciates how the local pathways compliment his business. Schott said the City is still working on an e-bike policy. The MPC made a recommendation, largely based on the City of Boise's policy, allowing e-bikes on the pathways. He recently met with two Deputy City Supervisors and the City Attorney to consider revising Moscow's Code with respect to e-bike use on pathways as well as bike lanes and roads. Schott is unaware of the status of the changes but understands the e-bike program's rollout has been delayed. Clevenger would like to see speed zones established in congested areas similar to school reduced speed limit areas. He asked if the MPC had a handout on the rules for using Paradise Path and Schott replied there isn't a document. Usage is governed by City and State code with respect to bicycles interacting with pedestrians, standard bicycle equipment such as lights and reflectors and overall operating safety. Clevenger would like to see a pamphlet with a short list of safety and courtesy best practices relating to bikers passing pedestrians, lighting, being respectful of other trail users and volunteered to help draft the document. Clevenger left the meeting and the commissioners discussed courtesy and safety on the pathways between all users.

ACTION: No action, report.

5. Consideration of Action Items for 2020 Goals (ACTION ITEM) – Gradin / Schott

The Pathways Commission approved their 2020 goals during their February 2020 meeting and followed up with determining which goals needed action items. Brown suggested connecting the goals to the FY 2020 and 2021 budget and Schott added that some of the items could be two-year or five-year goals as well. He and Brown agreed the list would be renamed 2020-2021 Goals. A discussion ensued on adding action items to the goals. Additions and revisions indicated in red:

Revised MPC 2020 - 2021 Goals Approved February 11, 2020 Working Document

1. Promote and create ideas for improved safety at pathway and road intersections.
2. Develop a protocol to deliver input and recommendations for pathways under consideration throughout the City prior to design.
a) How does this pathway fit into the existing pathway system?
3. Cataloging and prioritizing usage of orphan paths and hidden spaces throughout the city with the intention of making them more visible and accessible to the community.
a) Inventory existing orphan paths. Dave
b) Bring to MPC for review and comment.
4. Improve collaboration between Transportation Commission and the Pathways Commission.
5. Review goals and develop action items for each goal.
6. Present Annual report to City Council.
7. Staff two Farmers Markets.
8. Plan, coordinate, and implement the Annual Bike Tour and Bike to Work Day.
9. Provide recommendations on the Highway 95 Underpass Project.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

6. Consideration of Bike to Work Day (ACTION ITEM) – Schott

Schott read an update from Dibble who couldn't attend tonight's meeting. Bacon and Schott will attend the March 12th Transportation Commission meeting to discuss collaborating on the event, looking at the week of May 4th – 8th to encompass Bike to School day on May 6th and Bike to Work day on May 8th. Schott will include this as an agenda item for the April 14th meeting to finalize the details.

ACTION: No action.

7. Open Discussion

Gradin asked if the Sustainable Environment Commission's climate group could present a report during the April MPC meeting; Schott asked for a thumbnail of what they would be presenting before adding it to the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM

Next meeting: April 14, 2020

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