

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~

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**Tuesday
January 9, 2018**

5:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM

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

ABSENT: Becky Chastain.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Donna Howard, Staff Support; David Schott, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Staff Liaison; Brandy Sullivan, City Council Liaison.

1. Introduction of Brandy Sullivan, Council Liaison – Gradin and Schott introduced the newly elected Council member who will be the liaison to the Pathways Commission. After everyone was introduced, Sullivan asked what are the challenges the MPC had moving forward? Dibble replied finding places for new pathways and giving them credibility since the focus tends to be on new roads. Heckendorn answered increasing connectivity and making paths part of designs, not as afterthoughts. The group discussed how to be on the forefront of City designs and improving priority for pedestrians and bikers.

2. Approval of minutes from December 21, 2017 - Gradin

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION VOTE
MOVER:	Margaret Dibble
SECONDER:	Judy Brown
AYES:	Bacon, Brown, Denison, Dibble, Gradin, Heckendorn
ABSENT:	Chastain

3. Public Comment

Only for items not listed on the agenda, including responses to previous comments/questions from the public. The City's AmeriCorps Member and Volunteer Coordinator Jenine Estlick was introduced; she is attending the meeting to learn more about Moscow's Pathways. Estlick is also working with Bacon and the Safe Routes to School program.

4. Discussion: 2018 Goals – Gradin

The Pathways Commission reviewed their goals set at the February 14, 2017 meeting:

- 1.) Full complement of Moscow Pathways Commission members. **Status: Complete.**
- 2.) Update the Farmer's Market display board. **Status: Complete.**

- 3.) Investigate the feasibility of a shared use path under the south couplet at Highway 95. **Status: Complete.** *While the possibility of this path exists, actualizing it will involve more construction and ultimately funding than originally estimated. There was a discussion on alternate possibilities such as a tunnel or overpass.*
- 4.) Staff three Farmers Markets. **Status: Complete.**
- 5.) Development of a public outreach event at Berman Creekside Park. **Status: Ongoing.**
- 6.) Plan, coordinate, and implement the Annual Bike Tour. **Status: Complete.**
- 7.) Development of signage at Berman Creekside Park along the Paradise Path. **Status: Soon to be complete.** *Schott had funding approved in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget and is going to order the signs this fiscal year.*
- 8.) Locating and naming orphan paths. **Status: Ongoing.**

The commission members will solidify goals for 2018 at the February meeting including coordinating dates to staff the 2018 Farmers Market table with Estlick.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

5. Open Discussion – All

Schott received preliminary plans for the Styner underpass the day before this meeting, too late to add to the agenda. He will email this out to the commission members and requested feedback by January 17th since he needs to respond to the City's Engineering Department by the 18th. Schott mentioned that in this design the entire path is now ten feet wide and has curbing and gutters.

Schott was asked for an update on Blackbird Station; the concrete was poured last year, he has ordered three benches. Future improvements are based on donations for the project. There is room for one more bench. The biggest expense is getting water and electricity to the site; once those are completed, a drinking fountain could be installed. Schott estimates the fountain itself could cost around \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Bacon mentioned the public comment period regarding the Third Street Corridor completion project is now open. The Third Street Gallery at City Hall displays include multiple concept drawings of the proposed project, an exhibit and provide comment cards.

Adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Jonathan Gradin, Chair (or stamped by Deputy City Clerk)

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Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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