

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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**Tuesday
March 13, 2018**

5:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM

PRESENT: Becky Chastain; Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair; Jonathan Gradin, Commission Chair.

ABSENT: Erin Bacon; Judy Brown, Secretary; Brandy Sullivan, City Council Liaison; Robert Heckendorn.

STAFF: Jenine Estlick, Donna Howard, David Schott.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Heinlein, Parks and Recreation Commission Member

- 1. Announcements** – There were none.
- 2. Approval of minutes from February 13, 2018 - Gradin**

ACTION: Approve minutes as presented.

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

3. Public Comment

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

Chair Gradin requested in good faith changing the agenda order to allow the City's Volunteer Coordinator Jenine Estlick to speak next; all approved by acclamation.

4. Consideration of the 2018 Farmers Market Booth – Gradin

Estlick shared the available dates for the MPC to staff a table at Farmers Market. After discussing the dates, July 28 & September 8 were decided to be the best choices. Gradin reminded the commissioners that the Pathway Tour is scheduled in lieu of the MPC September meeting. By being at the Farmers Market immediately prior, the public could be invited to attend the September 11 bike tour. Chastain requested updated maps for handing out at the Farmers Market.

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

Moscow Pathways Commission promotes and advises on the development of a path system in and around Moscow embracing three important community concerns: active transportation, recreation, and resource conservation/enhancement.

ACTION: Approve MPC Farmers Market Booth dates as July 28 and September 8, 2018.

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

5. Consideration of Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey Questions – Schott

The Parks and Recreation Commission is in the process of updating the 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, creating an opportunity for the Pathways Commission to submit survey questions. Schott explained how these questions are different from the City's survey; these can be more detailed and, instead of only two, the MPC may submit up to twenty questions. A member of the Parks and Recreation Commission will compile the data into the revised Master Plan; the findings will be used to guide decision making and future projects. Schott asked for questions to be submitted to him and opened the discussion on tentative topics. The commissioners asked about the formatting for the questions; Schott said that multiple choice questions would be preferred but short answers could be considered. Dibble suggested asking the public how often they use the pathways and for what type of activities. Gradin wants to ask if there are connections that should be added and where could we put more pathways. Chastain suggested asking about safety along the bike system. Gradin proposed a question on lighting and striping; Dibble suggested asking what would make citizens feel safer on the pathways. Chastain would like to gauge the public's opinion on appropriating more funding for the pathways, requiring new developments to include pathways in their design and the location of benches along the pathways. Schott was asked about the ADA requirements for benches; Gradin observed that those specifications benefitted all trail users. Chastain would like to ask if the citizens think the current pathways are accessible to all users. Denison wants to know how many users drive to the paths and their opinion on the availability of drinking fountains and restrooms. Schott suggested that the questions would be best if they could be asked again for the next Master Plan update, allowing the MPC to observe changes in public opinion and gauge progress.

ACTION: No action; commissioners will email potential survey questions to Schott to be decided upon at the April meeting.

6. Discussion: Pathways Commission Annual Report to City Council – Gradin

Each year the Moscow Pathways Commission presents an annual report to City Council. This year the MPC will present on Monday, May 7th (not May 5th as listed in the agenda.) Gradin volunteered to update the PowerPoint presentation for review at the next MPC meeting; he will email it to Schott prior to April 10th.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

7. Report: New Pathway Extension to Lande Lane – Schott

Moscow's City Council approved a lot division request on February 20th in the Christopher's Crossing Addition. The new lot division retains the pedestrian pathway easements for a connection from Lande Lane to Hirschi Road. Schott showed photos of the area, Golis Construction's drawings of the proposed changes and explained how what was to be a cul-de-sac will instead be a hammerhead turnaround. The commissioners discussed how this could benefit area trail users and the possibility of a future bike path in the area.

ACTION: No action, report.

8. Open Discussion – All

Chastain asked about social paths and locating orphan paths; she volunteered to work with Dibble to check the ones she frequents against those already mapped. The group discussed the April 2012 City of Moscow Pathways maps; Gradin said Public Works Director Les McDonald is working on an update. Chastain would like to schedule a comprehensive pathways tour and invite McDonald.

Dibble asked about planning an event for Bike Month and/or Bike to Work Day. She talked with Nora Locken, president of the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance, about an event on May 11 or 18 to promote and support people biking to work in Moscow. She would like to get the City involved as a supporter, through refreshment tables along the bike routes or encouraging City employees to ride their bikes. Dibble would like the City to help improve its bike friendly community rating above the bronze level. Schott said he would approach City leadership about participating and asked Dibble to email him her ideas. Howard mentioned that the City employee's Wellness Committee is working on a Bike Month event in May as well.

Mark Heinlein was recognized to speak; as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission he has been attending other City commission meetings to learn more about their projects. He admired the Pathways Map and asked if there was a similar tool designed for K-12 grade students. Gradin replied that MPC member Erin Bacon is also the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) coordinator, explained what SR2S does and referred Heinlein to their website. Gradin also thinks the City's Public Works Department is planning more wayfinding projects. As Heinlein was not aware of the White Ave. underpass project, Gradin explained how it will utilize Highway 8's Paradise Creek Bridge to connect the Paradise Path from Styner to the sidewalk along White Ave. There will also be sidewalk and intersection improvements on White Avenue from the underpass to the Latah County Fairgrounds. Gradin hopes one day to see a pedestrian bridge across Paradise Creek at Lynn Street. Heinlein said he was glad he attended this meeting as he learned a lot.

Chastain asked about the status of the Third Street Bridge Project. Gradin and Dibble voiced concern and dislike about the approved design plans with respect to pedestrian and bike rider safety.

Adjourned at 5:55

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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