

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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5:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

PRESENT: Judy Brown, Secretary; Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair; Jonathan Gradin, Commission Chair; Robert Heckendorn; Brandy Sullivan, City Council Liaison.

ABSENT: David Schott; Erin Bacon; Becky Chastain.

STAFF: Calvin Macy, Acting Staff Liaison; Donna Howard, Staff Support.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Heinlein, Parks and Recreation Commission Member.

1. Announcements

Dibble announced that the annual Latah Trail dinner will be on April 28, 2018; please visit their website or contact her for more information about attending.

2. Approval of minutes from March 13, 2018 - Gradin

ACTION: Minutes approved as presented.

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

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 the Pathways Commission Annual Report to City Council – Gradin

The commission will present an annual report to City Council on May 7th; Gradin shared the first draft of a PowerPoint presentation and requested input from the commissioners. He will update the pictures of Blackbird Station now that there are benches and bike racks in place. Gradin made changes and additions to the document per commissioner recommendations during the meeting. Denison pointed out that one future goal of the MPC was to establish general guidelines or recommendations for including pathways when planning new developments. She suggested that be added to the presentation and asked if there was a model they could use as an example. The group discussed the Picabu Estates subdivision on Lande Lane, how the plans included paved paths and decided that was a good example to follow. Sullivan said the development's plans were included in the February 20th City Council packet; Gradin will incorporate Picabu's plans into the PowerPoint.

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.

Denison also suggested adding as a future goal improving safety measures at intersections. Gradin will give that item its own slide. Dibble would like to see the MPC informed about path changes and closures beforehand rather than after the fact.

ACTION: Gradin will make suggested changes to the presentation and email a copy to commission members for input and approval before the May 7th presentation.

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

5. Consideration of Annual Bike Tour Venue – Gradin

The MPC will once again host a bike tour; this will be in lieu of their September 11th meeting. Dibble suggested revisiting Blackbird Station now that some improvements were in place; all thought it could be an opportunity to generate interest in the project and hopefully garner donations. Gradin wondered if the White Ave. underpass would be completed by then; Sullivan didn't think it would, as construction is slated to begin after the proposed tour date. Brown wanted to travel the section of path near Alturas and Highway 8 to see if the safety improvements suggested by the MPC had been installed. Additional signs and markings were discussed to improve that area's safety. The group then discussed riding through the Picabu Estates development at Lande Lane as a good example of a well-planned, path friendly community. Alternately, the reconstructed sidewalk and path at Deakin and Sixth Street as well as the future traffic changes at Third St. and Mountain View could be visited as areas the MPC didn't think were properly engineered. The commissioners were asked to contemplate the ideas mentioned at this meeting. After considering possible routes and locations they decided further deliberation would be needed before making a final decision.

ACTION: Discuss the 2018 annual bike tour route at future meetings; decide upon the specific details by the July meeting to allow for sufficient planning and preparation.

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

6. Discussion: Bike to Work Day – Dibble

The Mayor will read a proclamation at an upcoming City Council meeting recognizing May as National Bike Month. Nationally Bike to Work Week is May 14th – 18th and National Bike to Work Day is May 18th; Dibble said that Bike for Life, Moscow, is planning local festivities on May 11th from 6:30 AM to 9 AM. One World Café is donating coffee to riders on their way to work; with the passing of Nels Peterson of Panhandle Artisan Bread, Dibble will arrange for someone to donate snacks. Denison cannot help that day as she will be at her workplace, preparing breakfast for their employee bike riders. Dibble was out of town and unable to coordinate anything with City administration to involve them in the event but would like to see them encourage and recognize City employees biking to work. She knows that the Mayor rides and hopes he could stop by the hospitality table. Dibble will attend the April 16th City Council meeting and speak at the open comment period, inviting all present to visit the May 11th event at the Maialina Pizzeria on Main and Sixth Streets. At the end of the same meeting, Sullivan will also mention this in her report to City Council about the MPC.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

7. Open Discussion – All

Gradin asked Macy if he knew when the path west of Berman Creekside Park would reopen; Macy replied that the construction near the path was scheduled to be complete mid-April but he wasn't sure if they would finish it by then. He was told the contractor is working in phases near the path and will reopen that area as soon as is safely possible; then they will continue working on areas not near the path. Gradin asked if they are going to sweep for nails before reopening; Macy confirmed they would. Macy then said there are some spots the contractor will have to cut and repave. Heckendorn asked if this would be an opportunity to move the path away from the new buildings; Macy didn't think there was enough room to move the path. Denison asked if there were plans to build a path on the south side of the construction project; no one knew if there were but many liked the idea. Macy then asked the group's opinion on repairing sections of the path damaged during construction. The contractor offered to repair just the damaged areas; Macy would rather see them replace the entire damaged section to avoid creating ruts or seams that could trap bike tires. All agreed the path should be repaired avoiding lateral seams. Macy said the City's Engineering Department was aware of his preference for the repairs and will follow up on the issue.

Macy then invited all to attend the City's Commission training on May 8th in Council Chambers, immediately following the MPC meeting. It's not mandatory but recommended for new members or as a refresher for incumbent commissioners. Sullivan said they will talk about the open meeting laws and it would be a good place to get clarification on specific questions regarding action items and agendas.

Adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Minutes Approved On


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