

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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**Tuesday
June 12, 2018**

5:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM

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

ABSENT: Judy Brown, Robert Heckendorn

STAFF: Donna Howard, Staff Support; David Schott, Staff Liaison; Brandy Sullivan, City Council Liaison.

1. Announcements

There were none.

2. Approval of minutes from May 8, 2018 - Gradin

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

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

4. Consideration of Annual Bike Tour Venue – Gradin

The Moscow Pathways Commission will hold their Annual Bike tour in lieu of the September 11th regular monthly meeting. Gradin opened the discussion about where the tour should travel. The group would like to ride by Blackbird Crossing to see the improvements and near the underpass to look at the construction progress. The route could start at the Intermodal Transit Center on the University of Idaho campus, travel east and cross Highway 95 near the Identity construction project, continue to Blackbird Station and then end at Alturas Park for refreshments. Schott suggested making sure parking at UI Sweet Avenue lot is allowed as he doesn't want people to be ticketed while participating in the tour. Bacon will find out about parking enforcement. Then the group discussed the Identity parking lot layout and how those residents could access Berman Park via Paradise Path. Denison was concerned that there is a drop-off from the parking lot near the trail and that people could be injured. Gradin often rides in that area and will look at the parking lot's construction progress and report back to the commission. He will contact the City's Engineering Department to see if they have photos, take photos if necessary and will work on a flyer for the tour.

ACTION: No action; Gradin will have on the July agenda to finalize the tour route.

5. Report: South Main Pedestrian Underpass Project Feasibility Study Proposal – Schott

Schott summarized a presentation Bill Belknap gave to City Council on June 4, 2018. The City and the Moscow Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) recently completed a floodplain assessment in the vicinity of the south couplet, at the intersection of South Main and U.S. 95. During the assessment process, City Council expressed interest in exploring the construction of a pedestrian underpass which would improve safety and connectivity in the area. The MURA solicited a proposal from Alta Science and Engineering to develop a concept design, hydraulic analysis, cost estimation and wetland delineation. MURA committed to pay half of Alta's \$14,000 cost for the proposal and the other half would be funded from Parks Professional Services. Schott explained this would be similar to the project at Styner Avenue, White Avenue and Highway 8 which was partially funded with a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant. The City will submit a TAP funding request for construction of the South Main Pedestrian Project and has contacted Gritman Medical Center and the University of Idaho regarding the possibility of needing pedestrian easements. Schott wanted the Pathways Commission members to be aware of the project while it is the planning phase and will continue to update them as details develop. The commissioners discussed the project and would like to offer input during the planning phase.

ACTION: No action.

6. Consideration of Exercise Stations Proposal – Schott

Bill Parks recently approached the City about donating exercise stations along Paradise Path, between Highway 95 and Mountain View Road. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed this at their May meeting. Schott asked the MPC if they had objections to the possible project; Denison and Dibble suggested there could be a collision hazard created by people stopping to use the stations, leaving bikes in the path while using the stations or when reentering the pathway. Schott replied that the stations would be installed according to standards set by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and should mitigate these issues. Chastain recommended the installation of equipment for both children and adults to accommodate all trail users. Bacon suggested ample parking areas would be needed; she and Gradin would like to see bike racks and repair stations included in the exercise stations' installation. The general consensus was that this would be a good addition to the trail.

ACTION: No action.

7. Development of a Public Outreach Event at Berman Creekside Park - Chastain

The MPC would like to hold an event at Berman Creekside Park to share the Commission's mission, goals, current and future projects with the general public. Chastain opened the discussion about planning the event for Saturday, September 8th. That will be the same day the MPC is staffing the table at Farmers Market and will allow the public to hear about the event. In addition to providing music, food and entertainment, Chastain asked if the MPC could use the event as a fundraiser for Blackbird Station or the Lynn Street overpass; Schott will check and see if this is allowed. Schott mentioned that he requested funding for additional improvements at Blackbird Station and will let the MPC know if it is approved by City Council for the FY 2019 budget. Chastain asked about the status of Berman Park's flora; Gradin said City staff did a good job trimming shrubbery and barking the flowerbeds. Bacon suggested partnering with Gritman and Healthy Active... Sullivan suggested inviting PCEI to provide educational and fun activities as well as asking T-Jay Clevenger from Paradise Creek Bicycles to present his tire change class. Denison suggested asking the Palouse Bicycle Collective about presenting a mini bike tune up clinic. Schott recommended encouraging the public to park at alternate locations as there are only a few parking spaces in Berman Park. Denison said the parking lot on the UI Campus near Sweet Avenue could be used as it's a blue lot and only enforced 6 AM until 5 PM on weekdays. Bacon looked at Duke's Food Truck's website and learned

they don't charge to appear at events like this but do require a \$150 minimum in sales. Other possible options would be having food catered or doing a potluck. Denison will bring the banner stands from Farmers Market to display at the event. Chastain would like to have some signs advertising the event posted at Berman Park or near the underpass construction site on Highway 8. Gradin will keep this as an agenda item for the July meeting.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

Open Discussion – All

Chastain would like to see a sign at the construction of the Hwy 8 underpass so people know what's being built and that the Paradise Path will be accessible through the tunnel. Schott will look into it.

Denison asked about the Farmers Market table dates; Gradin replied the MPC is scheduled to be at FM on July 28 and September 8, 2018. That will be an agenda item for the July meeting so people can sign up for times.

Adjourned at 5:57

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Minutes Approved On


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Clerk/Deputy Signature