

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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~Agenda~

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**Tuesday
August 14, 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; Judy Brown, Secretary (arrived at 5:12); Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair; Jonathan Gradin, Chair.

ABSENT: Becky Chastain; Robert Heckendorn.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Heinlein, Parks and Recreation Commission Member

- 1. Announcements:** There were none.
- 2. Approval of minutes from July 10, 2018 - Gradin**

ACTION: Minutes approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION VOTE
MOVER:	Bacon
SECONDER:	Denison
AYES:	Bacon, Denison, Dibble, Gradin
ABSENT:	Brown, Chastain, 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 Date Change – Amanda Argona for Jen Pfiffner

The MPC Annual Bike Tour was scheduled for September 11, 2018 in lieu of the regular meeting; Assistant City Supervisor, Jen Pfiffner, requested the Pathways Commission reschedule the tour to September 18 to coincide with Pedal the Palouse Bike Week, September 17 – 22. City Community Events Manager, Amanda Argona, attended instead of Pfiffner. Argona and City Sustainability Coordinator Kelli Cooper are planning events at the 9/22/18 Farmers Market including bike decorating, inviting local bike shops to do air, brake and chain checks (ABC) and ending the market by inviting youth to walk their bikes in a parade. Argona would like the MPC to hold their bike tour during this week and be a part of the activities at FM on the 22nd. Bacon was at the Pullman Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding this week long event. She said Tuesday the 18th is designated as Bike Two Miles Day and the MPC tour would be a way to achieve that. Bacon and Argona also said that if the MPC bike tour was changed to the 18th it could be promoted in a press release and on social media with the other Bike Week festivities. After discussing the merits of holding the bike tour on the new date, all agreed this would be a beneficial change.

ACTION: Cancel the regularly scheduled September 11 MPC meeting, change the annual bike tour date to September 18, reschedule the FM booth date to September 22nd.

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

5. Consideration of Annual Bike Tour Map and Written Route Description – Schott

Schott presented a map of the proposed route and a draft promotional flyer. The members went over the material and requested adding information and changing some of the wording. Brown suggested having a handout with information about how to donate to Blackbird Crossing's completion; Schott mentioned that the FY 2019 City Budget included funds for the majority of the project but donations could still be made for additional improvements. Schott directed Howard to make the recommended changes and forward the revised documents to Gradin for approval. The completed flyer and directions will be sent to the MPC members and shared with the public. Brown asked who would give reports at the stops; Gradin replied that it wouldn't be that formal, the group would observe and discuss. When the tour is at Blackbird Station, Dibble would like to mention that people can still donate to its development. Schott replied that the adopted FY19 budget included funding for that and is planning on completing work there this fall.

ACTION: Approve the Annual Bike Tour map route and description with edits.

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

6. Report: UI Spin Bikes and Scooters - Schott

Schott reported that the University of Idaho expected to have 100 bikes this fall and 75 scooters by spring but the contract for the Spin dockless bicycle share program was terminated. At the July MPC meeting there was a discussion about the City's policy prohibiting motorized vehicles on the pathways, except for those individuals requiring powered wheelchairs or a similar conveyance and people with express, written permission. The Bill Chipman Palouse trail has a similar prohibition. Schott advised the commissioners that this topic will surely return in the future and suggested they consider preparing a recommendation for City Council with respect to motorized vehicles such as hoverboards, golf carts, electric bikes and scooters. The MPC members discussed their observations of powered vehicles using the local trail system and ideas for specific trail use guidelines including posting signs about speed limits and painting sharrows along the roads. Drafting a recommendation regarding motorized vehicles for City Council will be an agenda item for the October meeting.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

7. Report: July 28, 2018 Farmers Market – Gradin

Denison and Dibble represented the Moscow Pathways Commission at the Farmers Market on July 28th. Dibble said they were asked if there were plans for an overpass at the Highway 95 and Styner intersection and asked multiple times about the Third Street Corridor improvements. A discussion ensued on the changes to that project which, according to Sullivan and Schott, will now include a pedestrian and bicyclist bridge instead of completing the road for automobile use. Sullivan also updated the group on the improvements along Third St., from downtown to Mountain View Road, including installing curb bulbs, bike lane improvements and that the City and the Idaho Department of Transportation will be improving Third St., west of Jefferson. Some of those projects may be

delayed pending further studies and to allow contemporaneous water main and sewer improvements. Denison was also told about a lack of notification regarding construction from the City to property owners adjacent to work sites. Sullivan and Schott explained that the engineering department mails notices to the physical address as well as the registered homeowner to allow notifications to landlords and occupants. There are also public notices posted in the paper. Someone also said to Denison that they thought bicycles travelled too fast on the pathways and the group discussed pathway etiquette. Denison was also asked if there were plans for an air pump or bicycle repair station at Blackbird Station. Schott said it was not in the design plans but there will be at least one at the new bike shelters the City will install. Bacon asked about the timeline for that project; Schott was unsure. Dibble said the Latah Trail Foundation installed a repair station along the Latah Trail, at the picnic area halfway to Troy, with the rationale that it would be most useful to a rider needing assistance at that location. A discussion followed regarding donating a repair station, which Bacon estimated could cost between \$1,000 to \$3,000 depending on amenities. Denison then said that multiple people were unaware of the White Ave. underpass and asked if the City could post a sign; Schott said that the City and the Public Works Department post information about current projects in the newspaper, on social media and the City's website and he didn't expect a sign to be forthcoming. The group discussed having a sign at Blackbird about what will be built and how to donate to that project.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

8. Open Discussion – All

Bacon said there is a Pedal the Palouse meeting on Tuesday, August 21 from 10 AM – 11 AM at the Daily Grind in Pullman. All are welcome to attend.

Adjourned at 6:09 PM

Next meeting: Bike Tour: September 18, 2018; regular monthly meeting: October 9, 2018

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk/Deputy Signature