

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~

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Tuesday
October 9, 2018

5:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order 5:05 PM.

PRESENT: Erin Bacon; Judy Brown; Becky Chastain; Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble (5:38 pm) ; Jonathan Gradin, Chair

ABSENT: Robert Heckendorn

STAFF: Kristin Graham, Staff; David Schott, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director; Brandy Sullivan, Council Liaison

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Heinlein, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

1. Announcements

None offered.

2. Approval of minutes from August 14, 2018 (ACTION ITEM) - Gradin

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

3. Public Comment

Erin Bacon announced that there are currently schools from 40 countries registered to participate in the October 10, 2018 International Walk to School Day.

4. Report: Pathways Commission Annual Bike Tour – Gradin

Gradin reported that the annual bike ride event went well, with approximately 21 participants. Sullivan agreed, adding that good information was provided at each stop along the ride. Gradin mentioned there are several places along the path in need of repair.

5. Report: September 22, 2018 Farmers Market – Gradin

This was the Pathways Commission's second day at the 2018 Farmers Market, and was also the day of the kids' bike rodeo at the Market. Gradin reported that the event went well, though participation numbers were lower than expected, possibly due to the unfavorable weather conditions.

6. Consideration of the US-95 Underpass Project (ACTION ITEM) - Schott

Schott presented information on the proposed US-95 underpass project, which will be similar to the one currently being constructed under Highway 8/Troy Highway. Preliminary studies have determined the project is feasible, though like the Highway 8 underpass there may be a few days per year where the path through the underpass will be underwater. Gritman Medical Center has indicated that removal of the bridge will be a condition for their donation of the property necessary for the underpass construction; staff research has ascertained that the bridge is not considered historic by the State Historic Preservation Office nor is it eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places so its removal should not present any issues. There could be an opportunity to salvage and repurpose portions of the bridge structure. The estimated cost of the project is \$789,283 (\$544,333 for construction, \$163,300 for design and administration, and \$81,283 contingency). MURA has programmed \$175,000 in their 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the underpass and associated entryway improvements. Staff also plans to apply for a grant from the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP); the next TAP funding round is anticipated to occur in December, and funding typically becomes available for approved projects approximately 3-4 years from selection.

ACTION: Review conceptual plan and make recommendations or provide staff further direction.

Denison expressed concern about what appears to be a sharp corner near the University of Idaho entrance sign that could pose a challenge for bicyclists traveling that section of the path and asked if it would be possible to straighten that section; Schott said he would pass along the comment to the City's Engineering Department. Gradin also suggested ensuring the existing sidewalk it ties into is full width.

7. Open Discussion – All

Schott advised Paradise Path may be closed on Friday, October 12 for some paving work related to the construction of the Identity apartment complex; this should be the last time the path should be closed for this project.

Schott said the fountain and some trees will soon be installed at Blackbird Station. The fountain will be similar to the one located at East Gate Park, with several levels as well as a spout designed to be used by dogs.

Sullivan reported that there are plans to install a pedestrian-activated traffic light at East 3rd Street and Mt. View Avenue, near where the multimodal bridge will be.

Adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Minutes Approved On


Clerk/Deputy Signature

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