

# MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~

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**Thursday**  
**November 15, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

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

**The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Erin Bacon; Judy Brown; Becky Chastain (5:12); Tanya Denison; Margaret Dibble; Jonathan Gradin, Chair.

**ABSENT:** Robert Heckendorn.

**STAFF:** Donna Howard, Staff; David Schott, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director; Brandy Sullivan, Council Liaison.

## **1. Announcements**

Schott announced that Parks Staff recently installed the Linda Pall Memorial Rock on Paradise Path near the Troy Highway underpass; Dibble was unaware of this project and asked for more information. Schott explained that 18 red oak trees were planted along Paradise Path to honor Pall's 18 years served on City Council and there was also supposed to be a large rock that was not installed at that time. Schott obtained the rock from Wasankari and had it inscribed by P&R Sandblasting.

## **2. Approval of minutes from October 9, 2018 – Gradin**

**ACTION:** The minutes were approved as presented.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION VOTE</b>   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Brown                                 |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Dibble                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bacon, Brown, Denison, Dibble, Gradin |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | 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. Report: Blackbird Station Dedication – Schott**

Schott announced that the construction on Blackbird Station is complete and there will be a dedication ceremony, ribbon cutting and refreshments on Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 AM. Bacon was at the site and mentioned that the dog fountain was working but the human water fountain wasn't working. Schott will have staff look at it but said the water will be turned off for the winter after the ceremony. After Schott shared the printed itinerary cards with the group, Denison asked for a PDF of the announcement; Schott will share it with all of the MPC members. Gradin will speak at the event; Sullivan will also be speaking on behalf of Nancy Chaney as she won't be able to attend. Chastain asked if Mrs. Evelyn Palmer was invited; Sullivan emailed the details to Tom Lamar, who will forward to Palmer so she knows what is happening.

**ACTION:** No action.

## **5. Report: Highway 8 Underpass Dedication / Ribbon Cutting – Schott**

Schott said that the Highway 8 Underpass Project is nearing completion; after the last of the safety elements are constructed it will open to the public. The ribbon cutting ceremony/dedication will be planned at a later date, most likely in spring 2019. There was a discussion about a recent incident of vandalism in the underpass and possible ways to prevent future occurrences.

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **6. Discussion: Electric Bikes and Scooters on Pathways - Schott**

The Moscow Pathways Commission discussed electric bikes and scooters on the City's pathway system with a goal of making a recommendation to City Council on what might be equitable for all users. Schott opened the discussion by saying that there currently isn't an agreement between a bike share company and the University of Idaho but one is expected in the near future. The MPC discussed the types of bikes, hover boards and scooters available for purchase and rent from various companies; throttled vs. non-throttled assisted bikes; possible top speeds, heaviness of and built-in safety measures of the different kinds of bikes; limiting riders' speed; how assistive bikes could encourage more people to ride; concerns about rider courtesy and safety; protecting pedestrians using the pathways; enforcing any regulations imposed by the City; reciprocity between the City, Latah County, University of Idaho as well as Whitman County and the City of Pullman with respect to restrictions; popularity of and anecdotal interactions with different types of vehicles. Sullivan will share Boise City's definitions of and code regarding e-bikes via email to the commissioners as something to consider when making a recommendation. Gradin and Schott stated that this will be continued as a discussion item and asked all the MPC members to share any documentation, research and opinions via email or bring same to subsequent meetings.

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **7. Discussion: 2019 Goals - Schott**

The commission reviewed their 2018 goals and Gradin asked the members to bring ideas for 2019 goals to the next meeting for discussion. The 2018 MPC Goals:

- 1.) *Establish a protocol to deliver input and recommendations for pathways in new subdivisions prior to the development agreement. (Ongoing)*
- 2.) *Develop a protocol to deliver input and recommendations for pathways under consideration throughout the City prior to design. (Ongoing)*
- 3.) *Development of a public outreach event at Berman Creekside Park to promote the pathways system via the park. (Incomplete)*
- 4.) *Aid in the promotion of Blackbird Station to secure donations with the goal of a completed project. (Project completed)*
- 5.) *Cataloging and prioritizing usage of orphan paths throughout the city with the intention of making them more visible to the community. (Ongoing)*
- 6.) *Promote and create ideas for improved safety at pathway and road intersections. (Ongoing)*
- 7.) *Staff two Farmers Markets. (Completed and ongoing)*
- 8.) *Plan, coordinate, and implement the Annual Bike Tour. (Completed and ongoing)*

**ACTION:** No action.

#### **8. Open Discussion – All**

Gradin and Denison shared their previous experiences with law enforcement while riding. Both expressed concern that the officers weren't aware of biker safety issues and bicycle use permissions.

Schott reminded all that the election of officers will be held at the next meeting; Gradin will continue as chair unless someone else is interested in the position.

Chastain asked what was the next step regarding orphan paths in Moscow; Dibble suggested it would be choosing which paths should be designated as public paths with signage and going forward in that manner.

**Adjourned at 6:00 PM**

**Next meeting: December 11, 2018**

**Minutes Approved On**

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**Clerk/Deputy Signature**