

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Agenda~

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**Tuesday
February 9, 2021**

5:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Pathways Commission January 12, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
Presentation of minutes for approval.
PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.
- 2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)**
Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.
- 3. Review of the 2020 Goals and Consideration of 2021 Goals (ACTION ITEM) – Gradin / Schott**
The Pathways Commission will review their 2020 goals and discuss goals for 2021.
ACTION: Approve 2021 Moscow Pathways Commission goals or take other such actions deemed appropriate.
- 4. Consideration of the FY2022 Pathways Commission Budget Request (ACTION ITEM) – Schott / Gradin**
Each year City staff submit budget requests. The staff deadline for budget submittals for the Pathways Commission occur in mid-February.
ACTION: Approve the FY2022 budget request for inclusion in the upcoming budget or take other such action deemed appropriate.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next meeting: March 9, 2021

ADJOURN

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Erin Bacon (Virtual); Judy Brown, Secretary (Virtual); Becky Chastain (Virtual); Tanya Denison (Virtual); Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair (Virtual); Jonathan Gradin, Chair (Virtual); Robert Heckendorn (Virtual - logged in at 5:02 p.m.)
OTHERS: Sandra Kelly, City Council Liaison (Virtual).
STAFF: Donna Howard, Staff (Virtual); David Schott, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director.

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REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from August 11, 2020 (ACTION ITEM) - Gradin

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Judy Brown moved, Margaret Dibble seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

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None offered.

3. Discussion: Potential Naming Opportunities along the Pathway System - Gradin

The Pathways Commission will discuss any potential naming opportunities along the pathways system.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

Nancy Chaney of Moscow joined virtually and explained that she was emailed by a group located outside of Moscow interested in providing a memorial for a recently deceased relative. As they prefer to remain anonymous for now, Chaney offered to investigate on their behalf the possible options available in Moscow. The family would like to contribute monetarily toward development of a pathway, connecting spur, art or mural and naming it in honor of their relative. The group would like to memorialize their relative's legacy in a manner similar to how they lived and contributed to our society. This person promoted non-motorized accessible transportation, enjoyed Moscow's beautiful parks, frequented the Third Street corridor, was involved with the University of Idaho and worked to

improve accessibility for persons of all abilities. Chaney previously discussed this idea with City Staff and asked for input from the MPC Commissioners during tonight's meeting. A discussion followed on previous memorials such as Blackbird Station; the section of pathway on the UI Campus named for alumna Olympic Gold Medal Cyclist Kristin Armstrong; the bench and tree placed on the pathway in honor of former MPC commissioner Margaret Littlejohn; and the 18 Scarlet Oaks planted in honor of Linda Pall's 18 years of service to the Moscow City Council. Possible future projects mentioned included benches, wheelchair accessible tables in the parks, raised planting beds, universally adaptive play equipment, a new section of path connecting existing public areas, signage or a mural in East City Park, naming the Third Street Bridge, naming a public right-of-way path or an ADA accessible path at Mountain View Park, an art installation for the Highway 8 and Styner Road underpass, a garden on the south side of the underpass, collaborating with Safe Routes to School for infrastructure improvements and ADA compliance. Denison suggested considering art installations along pathways that were designed for viewing from a wheelchair instead of a 5'8" height. Chaney asked about the status of the Highway 95 underpass; Gradin replied that the MPC has only seen preliminary designs. Schott added that he hasn't been updated on that project in a while. Then the library's mosaic artwork was discussed and Gradin liked the community involvement incorporated into that project, added that he would like to see more projects like that. Schott agreed the library mosaic turned out fantastic and added that the Moscow Arts Commission would likely be included in any discussions on those type of projects. Denison suggested since the location near UI is important to the family, the City could create something near the HWY 95 underpass that wouldn't be affected by future construction, or perhaps a moveable art piece. Both could give the family some immediate impact and still beautify the area near the underpass. Kelly advised conferring with the City's Historic Preservation Commission as they do an annual signage installation, this year's location is in the Fort Russell/East City Park area, and she didn't want there to be conflicting projects. Chaney thanked everyone for the ideas and asked Schott for a list of what was discussed tonight as soon as possible. She said the next step is to consider the initial costs, any maintenance costs and find out what the family is interested in pursuing.

Chaney left the meeting.

4. Discussion: Potential Volunteer and Clean-up Opportunities - Gradin

The Pathways Commission will discuss any potential volunteer and clean-up opportunities along the pathway system within Moscow.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

Gradin observed after the recent windstorm that there was a lot of trash and debris blown around and deposited onto the pathways. He appreciates the hard work of City staff but would like to organize volunteers to assist with keeping the paths clean. Kelly offered that she works with the civic networking group GivePulse and can help coordinate volunteers. She added it could be a good Earth Day project. Denison asked Schott if the staff would appreciate this idea; Schott replied they would see it as helpful. He added that if the City organized the project it would require liability waivers but if it were coordinated by an outside group there would be less paperwork required for the activity. Dibble added that while doing the trash cleanup the volunteers could also plant flowering bulbs such as tulips and daffodils. These low maintenance plants would beautify the paths for years to come and the volunteers could feel like they made more of an impact. Gradin thanked everyone for contributing ideas, would like to see this discussed again in the future and added to the goals as an annual project.

5. Review of 2020 Goals and Consideration of 2021 Goals (ACTION ITEM) - Schott

The Pathways Commission will review the 2020 goals for the Commission and discuss goals for 2021.

ACTION: No action; 2021 Moscow Pathways Commission goals will be considered at the next meeting.

Schott shared the previous year's goals with everyone and Gradin asked the commissioners to keep those in mind while brainstorming new ideas. Gradin suggested since this meeting was running out of time that the MPC should defer this to the next month's agenda.

6. Consideration of the FY22 Pathways Commission Budget Request (ACTION ITEM) - Schott

Each year City staff submit budget requests. The staff deadline for budget submittals for the Pathways Commission occur in mid-February.

ACTION: No action; the Fiscal Year 2022 Moscow Pathways Commission budget will be considered at the next meeting.

Schott recommended working on the budget request in conjunction with setting the commission's goals, in case any goals look like they will need funding. He shared the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and advised the commissioners to estimate any items to be funded for the next cycle. Gradin suggested again since this meeting was running out of time that the MPC should defer this to the next month's agenda.

7. Consideration of the 2021 Pathways Commission Officer Elections (ACTION ITEM) – Gradin

Originally agenda item # 8 but Gradin made this the next matter to be considered due to the meeting running late.

ACTION: Commission shall nominate and vote on the 2021 Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary positions.

After discussing the responsibilities of each officer position, they were appointed as follows:

Gradin was nominated for MPC Chair by Dibble and Brown seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Dibble was nominated for MPC Vice Chair by Denison but Dibble declined the position. She is concerned that, as the current chair of the Latah Trail and should she have to act as chair for the MPC she would be overextended. This nomination was withdrawn.

Denison was nominated for MPC Vice Chair by Dibble and Bacon seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Brown was nominated for MPC Secretary by Gradin and Heckendorn seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

8. Report: FY21 Project Updates - Schott

Schott will report on two capital improvement projects slated for construction in FY21, the Paradise Pathway Lighting Project and the repair and overlay of the pathway from Eisenhower Street to F Street adjacent to Good Samaritan.

ACTION: No action, report.

Schott said that the Paradise Pathway lighting project will consist of bollards and lamp post lights plugged into the grid. Funding is expected to be sufficient for installation from the Identity on Main apartment complex through Berman Creekside Park. He is unsure if there will be enough money to continue installing lights on the path past Berman, east through to Styner Avenue.

The section of pathway from Kiwanis Park east through the campus of the Good Samaritan Society was damaged by flooding in April of 2019. Schott said the City received funding to repair those damaged sections and the City will do some other work as well. This will include replacing the sections of path where the base is coming up, areas where the surface is alligatored and other sections

will receive a much-needed overlay. The City's Engineering Department is considering repairs on other parts of the pathway that were damaged by tree roots; Schott will update the MPC on these and other projects as the bids are completed. Gradin is glad to see these projects are being scheduled and asked if there were any plans to install lighting along Paradise Path from Sixth to College Streets. Schott replied that section of path is the University of Idaho's responsibility.

9. Open Discussion

Gradin has been accepted to the University of Idaho Law School and will be leaving for the Boise campus in the fall. July will be Gradin's last meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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