

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
June 8, 2021

5:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm

PRESENT: Erin Bacon; Judy Brown, Secretary; Tanya Denison, Vice Chair; Margaret Dibble; Jonathan Gradin, Chair.

STAFF: Donna Howard; Sandra Kelly; David Schott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Schott said at the next meeting the MPC will hold elections for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions since Gradin is leaving for Boise in August.

Dibble asked if the drinking fountain is turned on at Black Bird Station; Schott said now that the COVID-19 restrictions are in Stage 4, City staff will get them up and running.

Dibble asked about Margaret Littlejohn's bench being removed from the trail. Schott said when the utilities were put in for the new Logos School being built, they were able to avoid disrupting the tree but the bench had to be removed and replaced at project end. There also is a road project near Eisenhower and F Streets; hopefully this summer, Schott expects there will be overlay in the area and the bench will be reinstalled with ADA compliant access.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Pathways Commission May 11, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

Brown asked for the minutes to be corrected, adding that she committed to being at Maialina's at 7 AM with Denison, not as written in the minutes that she would be there at 8 AM.

ACTION: Approve minutes with amendments.

Brown moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Denison seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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. There were none.

3. Report: Bike to Work Day - Denison

May was National Bike Month and Bike to Work Day was on Friday, May 21st. Members of the Pathways Commission in attendance will report on Bike to Work Day.

Dibble was very encouraged by the City's involvement in this year's event. She encouraged passersby on bikes by ringing her cow bell and enjoyed spending time with Brown and Denison.

Not many bikers stopped; Dibble attributed that to lingering COVID-19 concerns and the lack of snacks.

ACTION: No action, report.

4. Report: May 22, 2021 Farmer's Market (ACTION ITEM) – Denison

The Pathways Commission had a table at the May 22nd Farmer's Market. Those in attendance will report of the Farmer's Market.

Denison brought the items from Bike to Work Day to Farmers Market (FM) and made notes of her conversations with the public. She received multiple positive comments on the Highway 8 Underpass and many people inquired about the future Highway 95 Underpass. She said the photos of the existing underpass on the banners attracted many people to the table. She gave out a lot of maps and received positive feedback on those as well. Some people asked her about the differences between the Paradise Path, the Bill Chipman Trail and the Latah Trail. Denison feels the Pathway maps do a good job of explaining where one ends and the next trail begins. She asked if there were any maps for the Chipman Trail; Schott will be meeting next week with the Palouse Trail Committee that oversees that pathway, he will ask if they have any literature. Gradin added Pedal the Palouse might have some maps. Bacon said Gradin did an excellent job of updating the MPC's maps. Denison also appreciated the addition of Berman's Creekside Park and Heron's Hideout to the MPC maps as she often uses the trails for commuting and forgets about the areas set aside to appreciate nature. A discussion followed about bench placement; one citizen commented at FM that the benches seem to be facing the trail. The commissioners agreed that more benches should face away from the trails. Denison was also asked about the lighting along the path near Identity on Main and the lack of automobile parking near the trails. Schott suggested parking along Travois Way. Denison said some of the University of Idaho (UI) lots were available after 5 pm and on weekends. Bacon uses the parking lot on Blaine belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as she is a member. Dibble suggested the East Side Mall. Schott advised the commissioners against recommending the public use business parking areas. Denison also received complaints about the frost heaves and tree root bumps along the UI section of the path and the need for more dog waste bag dispensers and trash cans. Bacon observed people leaving bagged dog waste along the trails as there aren't always nearby trash cans. Denison also heard from out-of-town visitors about how much they liked Moscow's pathway system. Finally, Denison asked for input on how to keep the banners from blowing over in strong winds.

ACTION: No action, report.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next meeting: July 13, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Minutes Approved On
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Tonia H. Hovell
Clerk/Deputy Signature