

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/454/Moscow-Pathways-Commission>

Tuesday
November 9, 2021

5:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

PRESENT: Erin Bacon (virtual); Judy Brown; Becky Chastain; Tanya Denison, Chair; Jenine Estlick (arrived at 5:09 pm); Robert Heckendorn (virtual).

STAFF: Donna Howard; Sandra Kelly; David Schott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenine Estlick Introduction (postponed until her arrival, see below).

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Pathways Commission August 10, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

Bacon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Heckendorn seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

There were none.

3. Report: Annual Bike Tour – Denison

Each year the Moscow Pathways Commission hosts an Annual Bike Tour. The MPC held the bike tour on September 14, 2021. The MPC will report and discuss the 2021 Annual Bike Tour.

ACTION: No action, report.

The commissioners all agreed that the tour went well; Mayor Lambert told Kelly that he enjoyed it. Suggestions made for future tours included following a pedestrian route instead of biking or starting the tour at 1 pm after Farmers Market. Brown walks on the trails and said she sees a lot of walkers using the trail from Carol Ryrie Brink Nature Park through Heron's Hideout to get to the Latah County Fairgrounds.

4. Report: September 18, 2021 Farmer's Market - Denison

The MPC attended the September 18, 2021 Farmer's Market and will report and discuss.

ACTION: No action, report.

Denison said that she was joined by Chastain and Dibble but there wasn't a large crowd at the Market. Those who braved the windy, rainy conditions asked about the paths and gave positive feedback on Moscow's pathway system. The commissioners then discussed ideas for drawing in people to the information table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenine Estlick arrived at 5:09 pm and Schott introduced her to the group. Estlick previously lived in Moscow, is currently attending the University of Idaho and is looking forward to serving on the MPC.

5. Report: Woodbury Subdivision Phase 1 Parkland Dedication – Schott

The City worked with the developer of the Woodbury subdivision to satisfy the required parkland dedication requirements for phase 1 of the subdivision. Staff recommend deferring the 0.61 acres of required parkland dedication for phase 1 until phase 2 of the subdivision for a natural area and pathway.

ACTION: No action, report.

Schott shared a PowerPoint and, as this was only informative, asked the commissioners to share their opinions on this project already approved by City Council. Denison asked if the deferment was being done so the full amount of parkland dedication will be all in one space; Schott replied, yes, this will be one, larger piece of land rather than two smaller parcels. A discussion followed on the park layout, pathway specifications, need for a retaining wall and if the area was dry or marshy. Schott said the pathway would be constructed on higher ground and would conform to ADA specifications. The Parks and Recreation Commission asked Schott if there would eventually be a traditional park in this development; since there won't, they agreed that not every neighborhood needed that kind of play area, especially since there were two playgrounds nearby. Denison liked that there would be a linear path through the neighborhood and noticed more developers doing these kinds of improvements.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next MPC meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2021. Schott asked if anyone had ideas or requests for agenda items to please email them to him. Chastain enjoyed doing the orphan path report in August and would like to continue to bring those to the MPC's attention. She asked if there was a way to improve the pathway near Almon Asbury Lieuallen Park; Schott is concerned that the grade is too steep and to bring it up to code would be cost prohibitive. The commissioners also discussed signage for paths that were adjacent to private land. By marking these right-of-way areas, the public can access shortcuts without trespassing. Kelly suggested getting the Historical Preservation Commission involved as they might be able to help with locating and marking orphan paths.

Next meeting: December 14, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.

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Dan Schott
Clerk/Deputy Signature