

MOSCOW PATHWAYS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday
June 14, 2022**

5:00 PM

**Mayors Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

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

PRESENT: Erin Bacon; Judy Brown; Tanya Denison, Chair; Margaret Dibble, Vice Chair; Jenine Estlick; Robert Heckendorn, Secretary.

STAFF: Donna Howard; David Schott; Anne Zabala.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Pathways Commission May 10, 2022 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. Brown 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. Consideration of the First Annual Fall Pedestrian Tour (ACTION ITEM) – Tanya Denison

The Pathways Commission will discuss the date, time, route and theme for the first annual pedestrian tour.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the date, time, route and theme for the 2022 Annual Pedestrian Tour; or take other such actions deemed appropriate.

The commissioners discussed possible options for the pedestrian tour. One idea was to start at the Moscow School District Community Playfields (MSDCP), walk to Heron's Hideout, Latah County Fairgrounds, or to Good Samaritan Village and visit the Sixth Street construction project. An alternate route could be starting and ending at Mountain View or Anderson Frontier Park's picnic shelters and walking the pathways in the vicinity. Another idea was walking to the underpass from the MSDCP and discussing a future art installation; Schott was concerned this would be too far of a walk for many people. Denison was asked if the participants could park in the NRS lot near Blackbird station; she will have to check availability and ask permission. Schott will check if there are events planned at the MSDCP as this may cause an issue with parking and congestion. The group also discussed keeping the route short enough, the pace slow enough to accommodate people of all walking abilities and appeal to less experienced trail walkers. Suggested activities included bubbles and sidewalk chalk, draw hopscotch and other games on the pathway, invite participants to bring a blanket, their own brown bag meal for a picnic afterward, provide ice cream sandwiches, explain to participants about feeding bread to ducks and geese and

how it is bad for them. Schott asked if the group would still want to do this in lieu of the regular MPC September 13th meeting; concerns relating to that included early sunset time and people hesitant to participate due to it being on a work or school day. If it were instead held early in the day on a Saturday in August, the temperature might not be as hot and there would be plenty of daylight hours. The commissioners asked for more time to consider options before deciding on the specifics for this event.

NO ACTION: To be decided in the June meeting.

4. Report: May 2022 Bike Day, Farmers Market, and Annual Bike Tour (ACTION ITEM) – Tanya Denison

The Pathways Commission will debrief the three May 2022 events.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, report.

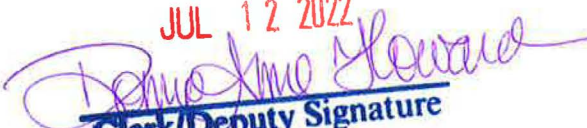
Dibble commented on the updated Bike Month Proclamation, revised by David Schott and read by the Mayor at the May 2nd City Council meeting and appreciated the revisions. She thought it was great to include the month's events in the proclamation and appreciated the City's participation and support. Schott's impression of Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20th was that it was well attended and a successful event. He appreciated those who participated despite the cold temperature, including City Council member Zabala and Lauren O'Laughlin, Administrative Specialist for the Moscow Farmers Market and Community Events Division. O'Laughlin was promoting the Farmers Market (FM) Bicycle Benefits Program and gave out \$2 FM Vendor wooden tokens to citizens who were riding for Bike to Work Day. Schott asked about volunteering at the FM the following day and holding the bike tour that afternoon; all agreed it was too much to do in two days. Dibble said the weather was cool and damp in the morning at FM but could have been worse. Denison had positive interactions with the public at FM; many people were new to the area or visiting and wanted more information on the pathways. Her impression was that the pathways are an important part of the Moscow community. Schott asked if holding the bike tour after FM and in May to recognize Bike Month was better than having it in the fall. Bacon said this was a very busy week and month for many of the people she interacted with and the stormy weather probably discouraged people from attending the bike tour. Denison didn't think the Bike Tour needs to be in Bike Month. The group discussed planning it for June or August in future years. Bacon suggested re-naming it a Family Ride to appeal to that demographic. Another idea for the ride would be to construct a scavenger hunt; people would look for landmarks on the trails, this could be done as a group or virtually. Then people could go at their own pace, either bike riding or walking. The MPC could encourage selfies to be uploaded via social media websites and prizes could be offered. Schott asked if the goal was to increase participation and the commissioners agreed they would like more involvement from the public. Ideas for future events included giving away bandannas with simple pathway maps printed on them and holding a bike maintenance or repair clinic.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next meeting: July 12, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk/Deputy Signature