

Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens' Advisory Group  
Minutes - February 17, 2009

**Attendance: Mark McNeese, Mark Pemble, Julia Jones, Tyler Welshimer, Denise Henderson and Luke, Cynthia Reynolds, LaRita Schandorff, Worth Montgomery, Bruce Wiley, Kathleen Cookman, Barbara Hull, Jerry Hull.**

**Luke and Denise Henderson were welcomed as guests. Luke is a local Boy Scout who is attending as part of his work on his community badge.**

**Mark McNeese, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator for the Idaho**

Transportation Department presented results of state "visioning" survey and fielded questions. Copies of the "Idaho's Vision for Walking & Bicycling" document were handed out. Represents compilation of input from 10 face to face sessions throughout the state and email responses. Information was grouped into 2 sets. One set groups the responses by community, regional, and state and lists the responses in order of frequency. The second set sorts responses categorically, then in order of frequency.

4 observations from the face to face sessions:

- People feel walking & cycling should not be treated as secondary in planning.
- Communities with established advocacy organizations or commissions were usually more satisfied with progress toward improvement.
- People walk and bike for a wide variety of reasons.
- Decision makers tend to limit the reasons for walking and cycling to two major categories – transportation and recreation.
- Participants envisioned a future where increased importance was placed on walking and cycling.

Two most frequent comments in community, regional, and state levels were 1) that facilities be connected and continuous and 2) that decision makers adopt a "Complete Streets" approach to planning. When grouped by category, the desire for all public destinations to be walkable and bikeable and education were the most frequently mentioned.

McNeese explained that the next step will be to present findings to the State Board of Transportation in March as evidence of what citizens want. The meeting will be open and the public is invited to attend to give weight to the report. He encouraged the group to read the comments, consider our community, and use the input to help inform our vision for our city.

Discussion followed regarding the impact of the Federal Stimulus funding and also an explanation of "Complete Streets" policy which many states are adopting.

**Bike/Walk Week Progress**

Bruce presented copies of the general brochure. Brochure will be used to begin contacting sponsors in the community. Also presented a draft of a bicycle safety brochure, sponsored by Welshimer Wheels to be used for safety classes and quick bicycle checks at future events or talks.

Cynthia reported that we've received permission to have a booth at the May 16 Farmer's Market and has contacted Dennis Randall at Cafferty's for permission to borrow his canopy. She is working on the walking scavenger hunt and also the cycling events including one for adults and a child's pedal parade

down Front Street. She will check with director of Farmer's Market about liability for the events.

LaRita has met with Clayton Borah of CB Designs who has offered to donate services for the design of the logo and poster. Text was sent to the Chamber of Commerce and first announcement went out in the January Chamber newsletter. LaRita will see that something is submitted to all newsletters between now and May.

### **Update on Streets and Planning**

LaRita reported on meeting with Rodney Ashby, Long Range Planner for City of Nampa. Bicycle and pedestrian issues are being discussed more routinely at public works meetings. The street crews are aware of the hazardous grates and are reported to be in the process of replacing them with waffle style grates throughout the city. The city's Transportation Plan is in process. 4 meetings will be held to allow for public comment. LaRita will be on the CAC, City's Advisory Committee, to facilitate public input on the plan. The city would like to use the Bike Idaho event August 9-15 to promote Nampa's plan and Rodney would like to see NBPCAG help with the event. The crosswalk problem discovered by Tyler has been reported, but we are still waiting for a response.

### **Bicycle Rodeo (Safe Routes to Schools) details**

Volunteers are needed at the Nampa Rec Center from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 4. Event begins at 10:30, so early arrival allows time for setup, briefing, and assignments. Parents will be encouraged to attend and stay. Attendance is unknown because this is a first time event, but information appears in the seasonal Parks & Recreation booklet of classes and literature will go home with students at all elementary schools. Goals of event are fun, encouragement, and education. Activities include proper equipment, safety instruction and practice, and presentations by a school resource officer. NBPCAG will be allowed to pass out Bike/Walk Week brochures at the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by LaRita Schandorff