

**Nampa Bicycle & Pedestrian Citizens' Advisory
Minutes
September 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Cynthia Reynolds, Jeri Gowen, Julene Tegerstrand, Kathleen Cookman, Joe Schaefer, Phillip Westlund, Chris Davis, Evan Chaney, Mike Hoyt, Lia Hardy, Joey Miller, Amanda Antilla, Zac Rotz, Bruce Wiley, Worth Montgomery, David Peckham, Gene Schandorff, LaRita Schandorff.

Guest Presentation: David Peckham, founder and director of the [Village Bicycle Project](#), distributed information and spoke briefly about his experiences with collecting bicycles and shipping them to Ghana. The Boise Bicycle Project is doing similar work on the local level. Bicycle projects have the potential to benefit a community by

- educating the community on bicycle maintenance and riding skills
- providing affordable transportation to residents with low income
- Changing the transportation culture by increasing the number of bicycles used.

Peckham is willing to be a resource person to launch a Nampa Bicycle Project and collected names and email addresses of those in attendance that were interested. He has a contact at the Nampa Arts Charter School and already held an event that has shown some interest. Biggest initial need is space for storage of 15 bikes that have already been donated. Volunteers would get training in repair, breaking down frames and building bikes. Group discussed possible storage areas and locations.

Old Business and updates

- Iowa and Wilson Trail crosswalk - request has been submitted to Public Works staff and we're waiting for status.
- Lake Lowell bike/ped route development - Public Works staff will include in discussion when meeting with Canyon County Highway Department to coordinate projects. LaRita will submit request to CCHD and also County Sheriff about increased patrol.
- LaRita Schandorff attended 2nd of 3 meetings for the City of Nampa Transportation Plan. To date, 80 separate projects have been submitted to the Transportation Plan from nearly 200 individuals. 3 out of 4 project suggestions submitted to date are related to bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Please continue to [submit project suggestions](#) (specific locations for bike lanes, intersections, cross walks, wheelchair ramps, sidewalks needed, etc.). These will be added to a list and eventually prioritized.
- [Downtown Priorities Survey](#) (online and in print at the Flying M and public library in the last few months) has been completed by 217 persons and is also still open for comment. Responses so far have ranked the options as follows:
 - High priorities - 1)facilitate parking, 2)make downtown more bike/pedestrian friendly, 3)connect to regional transit

- Moderate - 4) redirect truck traffic out of downtown, 5) reduce congestion
- Low - 6) provide a trolley service for downtown
- \$350,000 in stimulus funding for Nampa's Bike & Pedestrian Plan will be contracted in the next week so Rodney Ashbey (Long Range Planner for City of Nampa) is asking us to review his draft RFG (Request for Qualifications) and consider which parts of the plan our group can assist with. Group was asked to consider other days and times that a special meeting could be scheduled outside of the monthly meeting. Watch for announcement.
- [Boise River Canyon County Ride](#) - Sept 26. Please **RSVP to bikewalknampa@gmail.com so we can arrange enough shuttle vehicles.** Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Middleton Park (near the railroad). Shuttle will be provided to Nyssa for 38 mile ride from Nyssa back to Middleton. Bring your own lunch, snacks, and spare tires (if possible).

New Business

- Idaho Transportation Choices Coalition Sign on Letter was read and group agreed to sign in support.
- Senate Vote on Transportation Funding - Handouts were provided and members were encouraged to contact senators immediately and urge them to vote no on Senate Amendments 2370 and 2371 (to be debated and voted on senate floor Wed, Sept 16) which will eliminate more than \$250 million in fiscal year 2010 for hundreds of trail projects, bike ed programs, bike rack on bus programs, and roadway improvements for cycling and walking.
- Request was submitted asking for information about the city's plan for pedestrian safety when the traffic lights on 3rd at 13th and 14th are eliminated.
- Request was submitted regarding the status of hazardous storm drains identified a few months ago.
- LaRita will check with city staff about requested items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.