

# Sandpoint Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

### Sandpoint City Hall

| <u>Members Present</u> | <u>Members Absent</u> | <u>Staff Present</u>    | <u>Visitors Present</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Molly O'Reilly         | Jessica Janssen       | Bruce Robertson         | Mel Largent             |
| Rebecca Holland        |                       | Aaron Qualls            |                         |
| Emerson Kanning        |                       | Councilman Bill Aitken  |                         |
| Steve Berenson         |                       | Councilwoman Deb Ruehle |                         |
| Karen Sjoquist         |                       |                         |                         |

Rebecca Holland called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Molly moved for approval of July minutes. Steve seconded; approved

Molly moved for approval of August minutes. Karen seconded; approved

#### **Old Business:**

##### Code Amendment for Bike Parking Standards

Planning Director Aaron Qualls announced the code amendments were approved by Planning + Zoning Board. A public hearing will be the next step before presented to Council for final adoption.

Karen wanted to clarify the recommendation for spacing between bike parking staples was 36", not 32" as written in the draft. Also, the minimum distance between end-to-end racks should be 60".

**Motion:** Karen moved that the code amendment specify 36" minimum distance spacing between parallel bike parking staples and 60" minimum distance for end-to-end racks. Seconded by Molly

- Approved unanimously

**Motion:** Molly moved that the clear vision provision be maintained at alleys. Title 9 Chapter 1 Section 4J. Seconded by Karen; approved unanimously

Rebecca questioned the established baseline of 20 vehicle parking spaces in regards to requiring bike parking. If the recommended ratio from City staff is 20 vehicles to 4 bikes, this means there'd be no required bike parking space in a lot with 19 vehicles. Shouldn't every parking lot offer some space to people riding bikes as well as to people driving vehicles? Her suggestion was to keep the same ratio, but lower the baseline to 10 vehicle spaces. This would require 1 staple (holds 2 bikes) for every 10 vehicle spaces. Further discussion within committee preferred to simply require a minimum of 1 staple in all non-resident parking area and stay with the 20 to 4 ratio established by City staff.

**Motion:** Rebecca moved that SPBAC recommend a minimum requirement of 1 bike parking staple to support 2 bikes in all off-street parking lots. Seconded by Karen

- Approved unanimously

#### City website SPBAC page

Karen and Deb presented a draft outline for our web page on the City website. Included was SPBAC meeting information, "Explore Sandpoint!" route map, bike registration, safe routes to school information, resident's ability to report a concern, and events for biking and walking. Other suggestions were the City's sidewalk standards, bicycling rules of the road, Historical Committee's walking map, Trail Mix Committee information. Deb is working on obtaining some good photos. Karen requested any further ideas be emailed to her.

#### **New Business;**

##### Educational articles for The Reader

Rebecca said she had contacted Ben Olson, editor for The Reader, to request the opportunity to run short safety articles. He agreed and said word count should run 200-250. Members are encouraged to submit a written piece on pedestrian and cycling topics to Rebecca by email.

##### Euclid + Pine pedestrian crossing

The pedestrian flags at Church St. will no longer be used with the improvements underway on Fifth Ave. Molly suggested we consider a recommendation for moving around the corner and establishing pedestrian flags at the Pine and Euclid crossing. The committee would like to observe the traffic flow once the construction is completed and have further discussion at next month's meeting.

##### Safe Routes to Schools survey

Discussion moved to next month's meeting

Announcements:

Walk to School Day at our local schools will be October 5; please volunteer.

Sandpoint was nominated for the High Five Grant to fund a youth health program. Tell friends and family to vote for Sandpoint.

Updates from City staff

The Safe Routes crossing on Pine St to the SMS athletic fields is nearly complete. Several sidewalk projects are making progress, including around Pine St. Park and a new curb ramp on Lake St.

Next Meeting

With school back in session, Rebecca requested our meeting time be adjusted to 2:15 to allow Emerson enough time to arrive. All agreed. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19 at 2:15.

Adjourned at 3:20