



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board Minutes
Council Chamber, 140 W. Pine
July 2, 2019
3:00 PM

Voting members present: Fred Allendorf, Gene Schmitz, James Walter, Cory Simenson, Jenny Baker

Voting members absent: Britt Arnesen, Jessica Dougherty Goodburn

Non-voting members present:

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Others present: Aaron Wilson, Jordan Hess, Michael Harpool, Ross Best, Staci Shepard

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call & Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Approval of Current Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

5. Public Comment

Ross Best, concerned citizen, spoke to the board about his concern for pedestrian safety in Missoula and urged the board to look at the ordinances for e-bikes and e-scooters individually as opposed to passing the three ordinances at once.

6. Comments from City Staff, Agencies, and Boards, etc.

There were no comments from city staff or agencies.

7. New Business

7.1 E-bike and E-Scooter Ordinances (Aaron Wilson)

Aaron Wilson, Transportation Planning Manager, along with Jordan Hess, City Council member, presented an overview of the three proposed ordinances that address e-bike, e-scooters, and bike and scooter share programs. Currently, electrically assisted bicycles are not well defined in Missoula city ordinances. These new proposed ordinances aim to classify and regulate their use in the city. The board was informed of perceived advantages and drawbacks, as well as regulation specifics, legal liabilities, and permit requirements.

The board discussed the classifications of electric skateboards, the requirements of equity plans, the comments received at previous public hearing, and the private liability of bike and scooter share users.

Ross Best made a public comment expressing his concern for the pedestrian right of way in Missoula and shared his disapproval of electrically assisted bicycles on commuter trails.

The board discussed taking time to formulate their opinion and looking further into past public comments before presenting it to city council.

7.2 Striping/signing budget request recommendation

This item was held until next month's meeting.

8. Old Business

8.1 Discussion of local vs. state laws, RE: speeds, roadway designs, etc.

The board discussed ways to more effectively advocate for bicycle and pedestrian safety including asking for a recommendation from the city to petition the state to allow the board to have more local control over decisions pertaining to greenways, speed limits, and bike lane placement.

Ross Best made a public comment in favor of the board's potential petition to the state. He also encouraged the board to consider signs on the outside of city limits that would inform visitors and citizens to keep bicycles off sidewalks.

8.2 Public engagement encouragement

The board opened a conversation on ways to encourage the BPAB meeting attendance and participation including attending neighborhood council meetings, adding blurbs in the Missoula In Motion weekly newsletter, and contacting local bicycle shops for feedback on perceived problem areas in town.

Ross Best made a public comment to commend the board on their efforts for public engagement and gave general feedback on what, he believes, would make their board meeting process more efficient.

8.3 Consideration/recommendation of reverse angle parking in future street plans that call for angled parking

This item was held until next month's meeting.

8.4 Potential "traffic flow" and safety upgrades to shared use paths

This item was held until next month's meeting.

8.5 Hot spot tour planning

This item was held until next month's meeting.

8.6 SW Higgins/39th St lane widths

This item was held until next month's meeting.

9. General Comments and Announcements of Board Members

There were no general comments or announcements.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Committee of the Whole meeting will take place on July 16, 2019.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.