

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of Jan. 22, 2025

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting was an in-person meeting at North Bend City Hall and was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Brian Duncan, Matt Miller, Minna Rudd and Tim Talevich. Ethan Eusebio attended via video. Absent: Eric Thompson and Kyle Braun.
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty and Caitlin Hepworth

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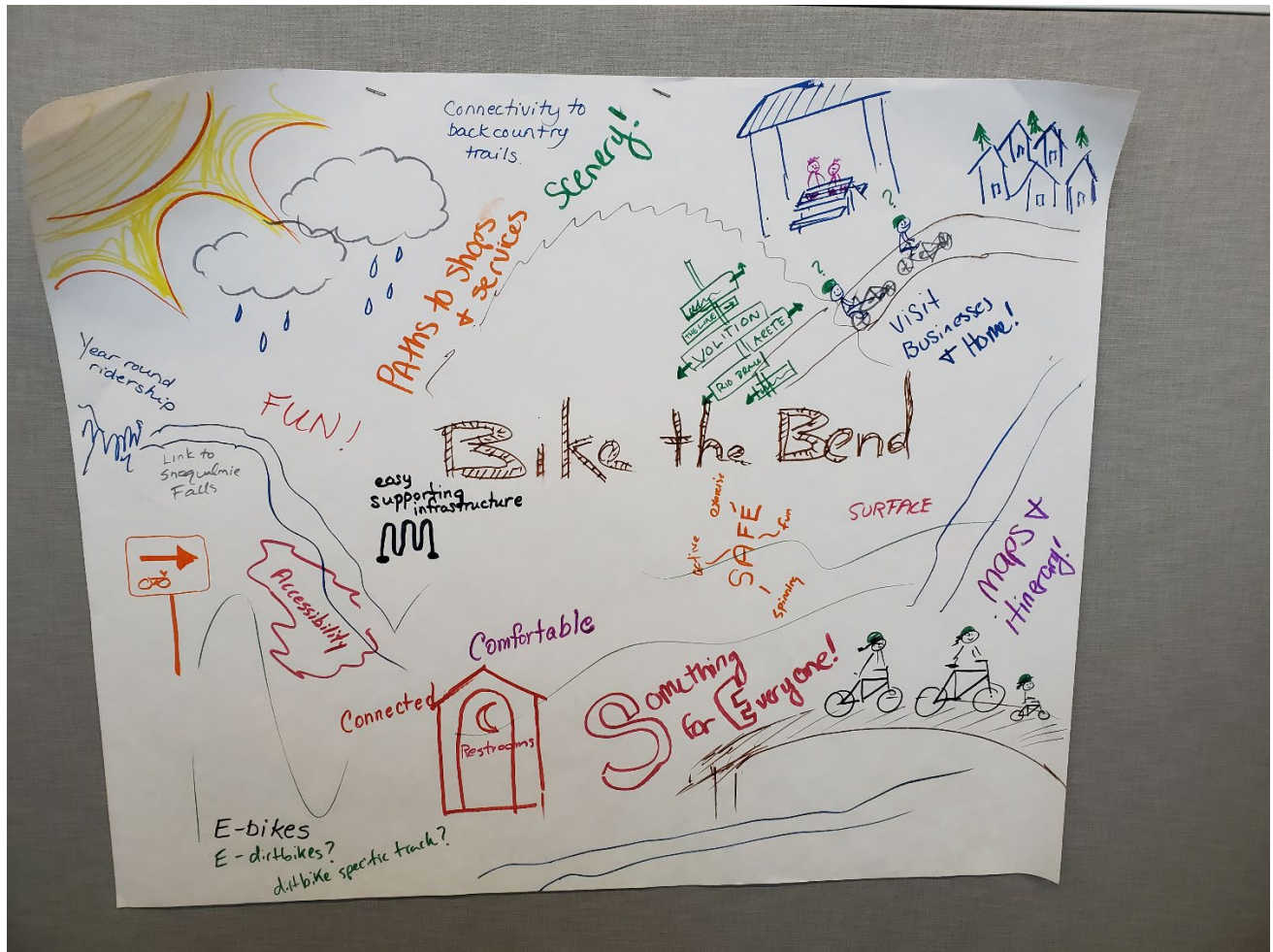
A correction was requested for the minutes, changing “Commission President Rudd” to “Commission Chair Rudd.” Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment; Commissioner Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Selection of the chair and vice chair for 2025

Commissioners discussed time availability and individual aspirations for the commission leadership positions. Current Chair Rudd expressed a willingness to continue with the chair position. Given the absences of commissioners Braun and Thompson to participate in discussions about vice chair, it was agreed to reexamine the matter when they are in attendance. Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve Chair Rudd for another term, and select the vice chair later. Commissioner Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Scoping for Bicycle Mobility Plan

The city of North Bend is formulating a Bicycle Mobility Plan, and Parks Commission input will be part of the process. Associate Planner Hepworth gave an overview of the scope of the project, explaining the Plan will ultimately be a guide that encompasses existing bike policies and goals into a cohesive document. Creating the plan will require looking at existing bike lanes and paths, identifying missing links, gauging public interest, and more. Hepworth led commissioners on a series of exercises to gauge key points to address and start on a vision for a robust bike system in the city, linking to surrounding areas. An informal commission “vision board” about the bike plan listed things such as safety, connections to other trails, connections to local businesses, accessibility for all users, and more, copied below for the purpose of these minutes.



Review and comment for Bendigo Boulevard Multi-use Trail and Bridge

Plans are being drafted for the SR-202 shared-use trail extension across the South Fork Snoqualmie River. The project provides screening for the Wastewater Treatment Plant with a new curb and gutter, sidewalk, and landscaping from West 4th Street to the SR-202 bridge. Work also includes installation of a pedestrian bridge over the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River adjacent to SR-202 bridge. The bridge lacks an appropriate sidewalk. The new pedestrian bridge will also function as a utility (sewer pipe) carrier.

Commissioners made several comments, including these:

- Can the trail near the sewage treatment plant extend to the sidewalk on 4th Street.
- Can the new trail connect with the trail and boardwalk under SR-202 bridge.
- Is access to existing water spigots being used by farmers retained.
- Can the new bridge include a “pullout” or “bump-out” in the middle to allow people to stop and view the river, as few such amenities are available in our area.

Miscellaneous Updates

Commission members discussed updates on several topics, including:

- Downtown garbage and recycling cans. The images have been delivered to the product company, and the containers are expected to arrive in February.
- Commissioner Talevich reported that he attended the online meeting for the Snoqualmie Valley Outdoor Recreation Action Team.
- A question was raised whether trees in the median on North Bend Way near the crosswalk in front of the Phoenix Building might block visibility for pedestrians as drivers approach from the west near QFC heading east.
- The swings at Torguson Park are pretty high off the ground now, as the wood chips are worn down.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich