

**Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
DRAFT Minutes
December 9, 2015**

Attendees: David Goldberg, Gordon Padelford, Lydia Heard, David Amiton, Jeffrey Linn, Catherine Morrison, Paul Muldoon, Joanne Donohue, Angela Davis.

Public Attendees: Jacqueline Sorgen, Jacob Struiksma,

Other Attendees and Presenters: Howard Wu, Michelle Marx, Ian Macek, Mike Schwindeller, Sue Goodwin, Tracy Krawczyk, Ryan Packer, Julien Loh, Pat Craft

November Minutes: Not previously distributed, will be sent again before the January meeting and approved then.

Public Comment

Pat Craft from Safeinmagnolia.org spoke and asked the SPAB to become engaged on their campaign to create right-of-way improvements

**PMP Update: Toolbox Update and Workshop Update
Michelle Marx, Ian Macek, SDOT**

- Decided to take a step back from current work and re-consider creating an entirely new toolkit, but rather creating planned actions and strategies to implement the plan.
- Since work began, Seattle Safe Routes to Schools program developed an engineer toolkit and SDOT is working on the Rights-of-way manual, which contains
- David G.: It would be good to have a place to store and share options for creating sidewalks and sidewalk alternatives.
- Michelle reviewed partial list of planned actions and strategies as prepared by SDOT; list follows the PMP.
 - Priority Investment Network– to ensure that the pattern of investment follows the broader street network. Still need to finalize the prioritization. Will come back to that work in January.
 - Angela: We need to make it easier for the public to comment on the street concept development plan and encourage developers to “go above and beyond code requirements.”
 - David A.: How are street concept plans funded?
 - David G.: Are we looking to create more street concept plans? Michelle: Its something we do already and want to expand.
 - Jacqueline: A driveway is a curb-cut.
 - David A.: Lump 1.4.1 and 1.4.2.
 - David A.: Does the city have a baseline for the appropriate number of disruptions to the walking space? Michelle: Not beyond what is already in land use code.

- Paul: What is the timeline? Michelle: We will create a rolling five-year implementation plan as part of a larger 20 year. Tracy: Would like to bring a full five-year implementation plan at the time the plan is adopted.
- Gordon: One of the most important things about the roadway is cars stopping. Michelle: Enforcement? Gordon: You're really trying to make it so cars stop for people crossing the street. Where are raised sidewalks?
- Jeffrey: What are the diverted islands? Michelle: Concrete medians that precludes left turns and car movements.
- David A.: Scramble signals double the amount of time of standing. Should make sure it's very limited.
- Jacob: What about width of lanes? Michelle: That is guided by the ROW manual.
- David A.: There is nothing that captures reducing the amount of cars on the road.
- Jeffrey: The cut-through traffic where people are avoiding the arterial congestion – where does that fall? Michelle: The neighborhood traffic calming situation.
- Ian reviewed survey results. Over 4,600 responses (more than the BMP survey).
 - Extensive distribution and outreach among various populations, community groups, and neighborhoods.
 - Breakdown of neighborhoods. In the last days of the survey, SDOT reached out to neighborhoods with lower representation.
 - Demo breakdown targets were based on 2010 Census.
 - Angela: What did you learn for reaching out to the communities for future projects? Ian: DON is taking the lead on what are requirements are necessary for future surveys. Lack of access to online survey may be an issue. In reaching underrepresented groups, money may be better spent on focus groups than on outreach to complete online surveys.
 - Barriers for walking: Busy streets with no sidewalks response rated most often, absolute barrier.
 - Where City should prioritize improvements: Where pedestrians are injured, near public transportation, and where people are walking most.
 - What to build first: Build sidewalks where they are missing on busy arterial streets rated most important.

Parks and Recreation Greenways Initiative

Mike Schwindeller, Sue Goodwin, Parks and Recreation

- Have limited budget of \$200,000 for capital improvement plus an additional \$118,000 for events
- Lot of synergy between Bicycle Master Plan and the Pedestrian Master Plan
- We looked at the Greenways Implementation Plan
- We want our capital dollars to match and have a synergy with Greenways
- Started to develop a few example projects, prioritized based on access, partnership and funding opportunities
- Looking at three projects in 2016 with pedestrian focus – Interlaken, Jefferson

- Our role is to help activate these greenways projects to get the most people engaged and get them active
- Hiring new position in 2016, individual will reach out to diverse and underserved communities; working to build relationships with people where they are
- Angela: Is there some consideration for families that want to engage in the fitness and be part of the bicycle activities – will that be part of your work? Sue: Yes, that’s why we are going out to the communities and asking them what they need? Angela: This is an important consideration to improve equity.
- Kate: Are we authentically engaging diverse communities? Sue: Yes, for example, we just held a meeting with community leaders to discuss access to fields.
- Jacqueline: Bikeworks is a good group to partner with.
- RSJI is a priority for the first year of SPR Greenways.
- Jacob: What about individuals with disabilities? How do you reach out to disability groups to engage them? Sue: We are reaching out to as many groups as possible, to create as open of a space is possible.
- Mike: A lot of the programs we are looking at include closing down streets, which are very pedestrian friendly.
- David A.: How to grow funding? Remember survey sent out about parks that did not include any transportation related questions. In terms of find more support, it may help to include transportation in future surveys.
- Jeffrey: What is the focus of this program? Sue: 400 parks, must prioritize work.
- Kate: Is there a comprehensive assessment of parks available? Mike: Yes, we used it to determine current project priorities.
- Angela: There are multi-dwelling units are being built without consideration to parks.
- Sue and Mike: Looking to be creative, considering pavement to parks program.
- Jeffrey: What is the overlap between pavement to parks and Seattle Parks responsibilities? Mike: We are figuring it out. Parks is currently doing the maintenance.
- Jeffrey: Do you have a lot of pavement to parks space in the pipeline? Mike: SDOT does.
- Mike: All capital improvement funds will be used on Parks property.
- Kate: Are you working with public health? Sue: Yes, King County, and Children’s Hospital.
- Jeffrey: Pavement to parks is such a good opportunity. Look along greenway routes. Opportunities at acute intersection, offset intersections to create public space within the ROW. Mike: We are looking for those ideas and spaces that are ready for public space. Sue: City is working hard to reduce silos.

Board Update/ Elections

- David G.: Annual Report assignments were distributed – any questions?
- David A.: Went to an open house for Move Ballard and was surprised by all of the pedestrian focused projects, it was interesting.
- David A.: Not sure what data collection that SDOT is doing – how do we make sure the counts are being done at a time when most useful for the neighborhood?

- Check out the Google Doc for your assignments:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gzMg0YzhzBxaauPLu3EZB0y8zjqcqd_IxRzt_FzsTlY/edit.
- Kate will do the initial compilation and first edit and then distribute to David.
- Mike O'Brien will be the chair of the new transportation committee.
- Lydia moved that we update the by-laws to align with the calendar year. Nominations in November and elections in December. Angela: seconds. Vote: motion carries.
- David G.: Current nominations – Joanne, Chair; Gordon – Vice Chair; Cameron – Secretary.
- Kate: Moves to accept the slate. Jeffrey: Seconds. Vote: motion carries.
- Howard: We do our active recruitment for the board in early 2016. Will send out a press release to get the word out. Want to work with DON to publicize the openings. Encourages everyone to share the information and nominate individuals. Interested individuals should send letters of interest and resumes to Howard now. Deadline will be around the end of January. Currently have one open position. Both Lydia and David are at the end of their second terms, so there will be three openings on the board. Minimum of three openings, potentially four or five.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 13, 2015