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## Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** January 8th/ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Jessica Szlag  
**Vice Chair:** Clint Loper  
**Recorder:** Alfonso Lopez  
**Location:** Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5<sup>th</sup>Ave, Room 3762

### Minutes Distribution List:

See Attachment A

### Members Present:

Merlin Rainwater, Izzy Sederbaum, Lara Normand, Michael Wong, Jeff Aken, Alfonso Lopez, Dylan Ahearn, Ester Sandoval, Emily Elhers, Kristi Rennebohm-Franz, Jessica Szlag, Clint Loper

### Members Absent:

Jodi Connolly

### Guests:

Kristen Lohse , Andy Sheffer, Fred Young, Gordon Padelford, Steve Kennedy, Tom Fucoloro, Ryan Harrison, Kat Willhugh, Mike Archambault, McKayla Dunfy, Mike Schwindeller, Andres Salomon, Sam Woods (SDOT), Jim Curtin (SDOT), Kiersten Grove (SDOT)

### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 by Sam Woods

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Bob Edmiston:** Multi-use trail in arboretum. The Madison Street neighborhood is "super excited". There is an opportunity to investigate the proposed connection from Broadmoor Golf Course to the trail. Broadmoor needs to redo their 18th hole in their golf course. Consider a trail around the north of the arboretum to connect Madison Park to the train station and Seward to the Burke Gilman with great facilities. It is on the master plan. Opportunity!

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planing processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

- City Council  
Resolution 25534

## PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:20 PM

**Topic: Washington park Arboretum Multi-use trail project**

Presenters: Andy Sheffer

Purpose: Project Update

- 2 projects for the 520 bridge, the trail and the "north entry".
- WashDOT transferred 7 million for the trail
- Funding is predicated on funding for the "west approach". Maybe sometime around 2016-2018
- In Design/Development, construction 2015-2016
- Second time to SBAB
- Ties into the Olmstead Blvd system.
- Team watched the presentation from SDOT on the BMP. Updated their map
- Will be a connection from Madison St. to the north end to tie into the Arboretum Drive.
- Foster Island Drive will get an ADA switchback and stairway.
- Wilcox Bridge will connect. Will be main connection until the north connection is built.
- Path goes through wetland 'D'
- Connection off of Boyer Ave. This is integrated into the design as well.
- The stairs will have a runnel for bikes. The current design is flat and maybe not so good. SBAB is interested in seeing a different design. A center rail was suggested, or a center runnel?
- Design includes "places to pause" at the azalea pond.
- The crushed rock trail will be 5 feet wide.
- The trail is 8-10 feet wide. Asphalt with crushed rock shoulders.
- Working with some techniques to interact with the tree roots.
- **SBAB Member:** How to ease conflicts between speedy commuters and park enjoyers?
  - the BMP says this trail is more of a local connection, not a fast route. This needs to be made clear.
  - try to get the faster cyclists to arboretum road
  - It's not meant to be or designed like the Burke Gilman Trail
- **Audience Guest:** Speak to the Madison connection.
  - Trail connects at 31st and Madison.
- **Audience Guest :** What is the maximum grade
  - A few short segments at 12%
- Public meeting February 27th 6:30 Graham's visitors center Washington Park Arboretum
  - SDOT requested supporters to show up.

Time: 6:40 PM

**Topic: Draft Bike Facilities Materials**

Presenters: Jim Curtin, Kiersten Grove

Purpose: Present Draft Documents.

- The goal is to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities from our streets
- Get people to know and follow the rules of the road
- The BMP is driving the work. They are developing a bicycle safety program
- Take the time to educate the driver
- Lots of questions about the new facilities from non-cyclists
- They want feedback. These materials are in draft form.
- Different concepts will be in web, poster and postcard form
- Suggestion to include what not to do and what to do. a "yes" and a "no".
- **SBAB Member:** Bike boxes already have signs. Are you going to include that for other facilities
  - No, MTCD signs will be included on facilities where needed
  - New signage would be put up if there was behavior issues
- **SBAB Member:** I find it confusing when a bike lane ends. What to do? are you required to be in the bike lane? no clear guidance.
- **SBAB Member:** the photographs are good
- **SBAB Member:** need a picture of how to queue up at a light. And maybe some info on passing on the left. And probably some bike's stop sign behavior
  - There might be a stipulation if a bike detector doesn't detect you, you are allowed to go.
- **SBAB Member:** how to leave a two way cycle track going the wrong direction. When it ends
  - Two stage left turns are used for a "three stage go straight"
- **SBAB Member:** Both bicyclists and drivers need to learn. Suggested making specific materials for drivers and for bicyclists.

Time: 7:10 PM

**Topic: Neighborhood Greenways**

Presenters: Sam Woods and Emily Ehlers

Purpose: To discuss evaluating our current Greenways

- There's an idea in doing a "report card" to evaluate a Greenway a year after it is implemented
- SDOT Delivers Greenways in these stages: Data Collection->Outreach 1->Conceptual Design -> Outreach 2 -> Design/Build -> Evaluate and Adjust
- 2014 Plan includes 5.4 miles and 15 arterial crossings complete and 12.1 miles and 29 crossings under study
- "Under Study" refers to all the phases of delivery up to "Outreach 2"
- ADA Curb ramps cost about \$10,000.
- ADA requires those yellow slippery mats on curb ramps.
- **SBAB Member:** What do people say about the Greenways?
  - Some people love them, some do not.
- **SBAB Member:** At what point do you start planning 2015 and is there a role for the Board in that process?
  - We will take the BMP and identify projects and prioritize using the

framework. City council has expressed that SDOT has to develop the 5 year plan.

- Summer might be a good time frame for board involvements.
- **SBAB Member:** Interested in participating in setting 3-5 year priorities.
  - Budget is a deciding factor as to what projects might be taken on over 3-5 years
- **SBAB Member:** Equity is not just equal roll-out; getting people across Seattle biking at the same rate is equity.
  - Equity is in the BMP's prioritization framework
- **SBAB Member:** How closely are you working with 'safe routes to school'
- **SBAB Member:** Seattle Greenway's main goal was schools.
  - **Emily:** I sit next to safe routes to school people and we talk a lot.

## **SBAB UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Emily:** From Kevin: SDOT conducted a review of the BMP under the State Environmental Policy Act, and issued a Determination of Non-Significance in terms of adverse impacts to the environment by the BMP. That was challenged. There is a pre-hearing on January 15. The hearing will be scheduled for March 5th. Pre-Hearing is not open to the public.
- **Clint:** Clint attended a meeting with the new Mayor with leaders of several large non-profits and organizations involved in cycling and pedestrian advocacy. The mayor seems interested in getting behind developing projects and expressed an interest in an "early win". The mayor also expressed an interest in better integrating planning across modes.
- **Merlin:** Announcement: SDOT has scheduled 3 drop-in meetings related to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. corridor Greenway: Monday 1/28, Tuesday 1/29 and Friday 1/31. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in late February.

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

Edward Murray, Mayor, City of Seattle

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Goran Sparrman, Interim Director, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

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Emily Ehlers, SBAB Liaison, SDOT

Kevin O'Neill, Planning and Urban Design Manager, SDOT

Sam Woods, Manager, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs, SDOT

Sara Zora, Transportation Analyst

Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)

Bernie Agor Matsuno, Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)

Allie Gerlach, SDOT Communications

Meeting Presenters

City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee Members

City of Seattle Neighborhood District Coordinators

SBAB Members

Individual Meeting Attendees