**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee**

**John Stanford Center, Room 2750**

**March 2, 2018 Minutes**

**STSC Attendees**

Richard Staudt (SPS)

Mary Ellen Russell, Chair (parent volunteer)

Shanti Breznau, Secretary (Citizen-At-Large)

* Margaret McCauley (Pedestrian Safety Advocate)
* Kevin O’Neal (SPD)

James Wells (Metro)

* Mitchell Lloyd (SDOT)

Carolyn Birkenfeld

**Other Presenters**

Craig Rankin, parent and staff at STEM at Boren, in Delridge

**Public comment**

No comments

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**New Member Recruitment, Mary Ellen**

New ad posted. No responses so far.

Two applicants from last summer were contacted. Both are appropriate for at large position, and located in North Seattle. Both are still interested.

Richard brought up concern with lack of representation from SE portion of the City.

**Action:** Mitchell & Mary Ellen to interview two applicants.

**Action:** All committee to post ad wherever possible.

**Action:** Kevin will distribute ad to Academy Alumni list.

**Action:** Richard to promote the idea of possible student involvement at Franklin.

**SDOT Updates, Mitchell**

Mitchell is working to get school crossing street signs updated to match new walk boundaries and designated cross walks.

Mitchell got the funding priorities list from Serena.

Kevin noticed there are no speed limit signs near View Ridge Elementary on 70th. He asked Mitchell who is the person to contact at SDOT when something like this comes up. Mitchell suggested using Find It, Fix It.

Kevin mentioned that student patrol at View Ridge was at 70th. Richard was concerned that this may be illegal.

Action: Richard will check in with View Ridge Elementary to make sure that the student patrol is following the district’s policy.

**No School Bus, No Problem Flier**

Flier has been finished and translated. SDOT paid for the translation services.

**Action:** Richard and Yvonne will make sure it gets distributed to elementary school parents. The Committee recommends sending it to all parents.

**SPD Meeting, Crossing Guard Recruitment, Margaret & Kevin**

Kevin is working to schedule a meeting with Captain Hayes, hopes to have it by the next meeting.

Sandwich board signs still have not been posted.

**Action:** Yvonne will send list of needed intersections to Carolyn, committee, and Paula.

**Action:** Carolyn will print out large size color posters, 11x17

**Action:** Mitchell will facilitate getting posters laminated

**Action:** Mary Ellen will follow up with Paula to make sure that she has information she needs to finalize maps. Ask Paula to share spreadsheet with Margaret.

**Denny Middle School Traffic Circle**

Mitchell brought up the issue with this traffic circle at SDOT bi-weekly project meeting. SDOT discussed possibilities and will take on some changes as a Safe Routes to School project.

Richard mentioned concern about speeding on SW Kenyon eastbound.

**Action:** Mitchell will bring up concern about speeding, update committee as project advances.

**North Beach Elementary Follow Up**

Mitchell presented this at bi-weekly meeting, but there are not many options for physical improvements at this location. SDOT will do traffic and pedestrian counts in the spring to try to get an improved understanding of the situation.

Kevin highlighted North Beach on hot spots list. Motorcycle officers had been sent there previously, but the Captain’s response was that they had not seen concerning speeds. Kevin went back out to North Beach, made two stops at 27 and 28mph, both parents taking kids to school. This warrants attention, but likely is not appropriate for camera. Kevin observed parents pulling off on wrong side of street to drop kids. Kevin will deploy speed camera at North Beach next week.

Kevin has been pushing for traffic officers to be relieved of collisions from 7:00-9:00 AM to handle school hot spots.

**Action**: Margaret will write letter to Chief Best supporting policy of making school traffic the priority between 7:00 and 9:00 AM.

**Greenway at Boren K-8, Craig Rankin**

Craig presented some information on planning and improvements that have already been done. The school is an option school with a high proportion of drivers and few walkers. Current conditions at the school are problematic: parking lot backs up into the street, crossing guard is often missing. The school has used volunteer parent crossing guards when the crossing guard is absent, and untrained crossing guards on this busy street are dangerous. School would like to consider bringing all drop-off into the lot by removing parking on

Delridge corridor is currently under re-design. The school would like to support Rapid Ride Option #3’s proposed crosswalk at Graham. The school would also like SDOT to take another look at removing the existing parking on the West side of Delridge between Juno and Graham.

**Action**: Mary Ellen will write letter in support of crosswalk at Graham and studying removing parking on W side of Delridge.

**Future Topics, Mary Ellen**

Wing Luke follow-up

Ped & Bikd safety around light rail stations

Flier distribution

Funding priorities

Next meeting moved to 3/30