

BPAC – January 20, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Annie, Daniel, Joseph, Reid

Others Present: Rodney, Gary

- I. Baker to Bellingham Recreation Plan – Rodney
 - a. Went to mtg last night at Ferry Terminal – about 300 ppl attended from various interest groups; mtg was mostly just informational
 - b. 2nd mtg tonight in Lynden
 - c. Looking for folks to serve on a committee (13-16 ppl)
- II. Gary – Planning Commission at last month’s mtg put the trails map and descriptions *back* into Comp Plan recommendations; also added Dan Probst’s trail to Baker via the mountains
- III. Airport Trail update – Daniel
 - a. Presentation made to Port Commissioners, who were all favorable to trail and want to try to fast-track feasibility determination, although it probably won’t be built quickly
- IV. Potential RDS radio spots – Daniel
 - a. Larry (owner) is one of biggest advocates of Airport trail
 - b. He also buys airtime on radio station, approached Daniel about offering airtime for Daniel to use to talk about trails (“Cascade Radio Group”)
 - c. Larry is personally interested in portion of trail along I-5
 - d. Larry may be open to others speaking about other community events and happenings
 - e. Daniel will check to see how many spots Larry’s willing to lend
- V. WA State Trails Caucus – Daniel
 - a. Going to be in Richland, WA, October 13-15
 - b. Now soliciting ppl to give presentations @ breakout sessions
- VI. CTAG (advisory to COG) – should we open up convo w/CTAG?
 - a. CTAG doesn’t have much teeth, but talk about similar issues as BPAC
 - b. Cathy Berg is chair, they meet quarterly
 - c. Offer to sit in on their next mtg? Joseph will email Mary Anderson
- VII. Whatcom County Trails Conference – Daniel
 - a. Mentioned idea to Jon Hutchings at the last mtg, to have one, perhaps in Spring?
 - b. County-specific, supported by the Parks Foundation
 - c. Daniel not sure he has the energy or time to plan this, but hopeful someone else will step up to the plate
- VIII. Rodney – Marine Drive sign update
 - a. Engineers working on design – hope to finish by end of January, and installation by end of June
 - b. Daniel suggested measuring average speed of vehicles NOW compared to after sign is installed?