

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Members present: Annie Honrath, Joseph Garcia, Daniel Tepper, Bob Hendricks, Ian McCurdy, Reid Parker

Staff present: Gary Davis, Rodney Vandersypen, Christ Thompson, Jon Hutchings

Meeting started at 5:35

Joseph moved to approve the minutes, Daniel seconded. Minutes were approved.

Daniel discussed the WA State Trails Conference most recent meeting, 220 attended last weekend in the Tri-Cities. Government, private non-profit organizations, and individuals attended. Recreation is the major topic. Daniel was appointed to the Conference Board. Glenn Glover is a lead in the effort to enhance the trail systems around the State. The focus is now on transportation, using that term to expand trail programs. WA State will start a data base of WA State trails, but the effort has stalled. There may be more funding available than in previous years for RCO projects.

Joseph asked if the Glacier project may now qualify for funding for engineering. Christ suggested to look at the web site and consider how to proceed.

STRAVA is an application for biking and running and the application tracks where people go and then it creates a map of where people are traveling. It may help in providing stats for getting rec grants. Some of the information costs and some is free depending on what you request.

A new trail section near Bug Lake is now open (behind K-Mart).

Bob mentioned a new book *Door to Door* 2016 that tracks the travels of manufactured items around the globe and things such as travel by cars, planes, and other data including deaths of pedestrians on various US roadways.

Jon Hutchings recapped the last meeting that established the need for a white paper. He presented a sample draft of a matrix reflecting the 2017-2018 work plan and objectives for the BPAC .

Jon feels that the committee could be involved in helping to develop not only priorities of projects but also developing a financing plan for individual projects.

The committee can begin to re-prioritize the list of projects each year. The committee could also begin to integrate the various cities' trails throughout the County with county trails.

Joseph asked if the committee should be involved in new construction projects. The response was to look at those projects that require special consideration and perhaps get involved in those and not the projects that are mandated to comply with the proper bike and pedestrian building standards.

Daniel asked what criteria should be used to determine if a trail is transportation or recreation. Trails in the County right-of-way would be County works vs off-road out of Right-of-way trails could be recreation. Daniel wanted to know the determination between Transportation and recreation trails. That definition is still undecided.

Joseph wanted to know if there could be some budget consideration so that the committee could react and respond to opportunities for trail grants or other data gathering activities to justify grants.

Reid asked how the priorities of the BPAC aligns with public works. Jon offered some suggestions for the committee to review future road plans and confirm that they address trail needs and Committee priorities. Public safety is the main driver in all decisions.

Rud Brown is eager to promote economic development and the idea of a "Bike town." Should we lobby him? Discuss at the next meeting.

What Jon would like from the committee is to be able to take some projects to the council as a group that has public works benefit, safety issues, interconnectivity, and make access to parks and cities in a way that will get the blessing of the Council.

Rodney said the Marine Drive sign will cost \$100,000+ and will be 75 days out and it should be running by February.

Reid asked if we should consider going around the County to ask what the various communities may want in rec and transportation. Then take that information to the County Executive. We currently have no resources to facilitate such a process. This may be something to present to the Executive and in turn, the Council.

The committee will look over the matrix and invite Jon back when we have completed the review and revision process.