



## CITY OF TACOMA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** March, 17 2014

**GROUP MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Dave Cook, Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Anne James, Aaron Knight, Paul Nordquist, Brandi Riddle, Kris Symer,

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**ABSENT:** Justin Camarata, Janet Higbee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Himes, Brennan Kidd, Curtis Hancock, Hannah Miner, Diane Wiatr

- **Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM**
- **Introductions**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **ADA Requirements** – Gail Himes, ADA Coordinator, City of Tacoma

Gail spoke about the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act and how barriers to programs, services, and activities are addressed in Tacoma. This began with a self-evaluation and transition plan. This process is ongoing and seeks to evaluate everything for potential barriers. For example, curb ramps were evaluated in 2005 and it was found that Tacoma needs 17,000 additional curb ramps. The City of Tacoma's 74 buildings were evaluated in 2008 and there are currently 15 left to retro-fit.

Tacoma has an 11 member Tacoma Commission on Disabilities that seeks to oversee the implementation of the transition plan. The Department of Justice prioritized right-of-way and the Commission has chosen to focus on bus stops and access to hospitals. This year the focus was on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and I St. Curb ramps were installed and the bus stops were moved. Striping will be done as part of the 2014 contract. Division and I St. is the focus for 2015. The City of Tacoma has designated \$2.5 million for pedestrian improvements and Gail hopes to support whatever becomes a priority.

The group then discussed the ways in which BPTAG can support Gail in the work that she currently working on and it was decided that Diane and Gail would cross reference their lists of priority areas and see what overlaps in order to partner in the future.

- **Announcements and Updates**

- **Volunteers to give public comment at the March 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Public Hearing on Bicycle Parking Code Amendments**

Jennifer provided the group with an update on the letter she wrote on behalf of BPTAG with recommendations to the Planning Commission about this proposed amendment. Jennifer will attend Planning Commission Public Hearing on behalf of BPTAG and will be supported by Kris and Paul.

Jennifer also spoke about addressing the lack of bike parking and signage in parks. The new amendment will not impact change in these established green spaces. The Group decided to look for possibilities to work with MetroParks and the Parks Board to impact change.

- **Propose meeting at 5:30 PM instead of 5 PM**

The group will try meeting at 5:30 PM instead of 5 PM next time and see how it goes.

- **Bike Month 2014 Update—Map Masters sign-up at Bike Swap on May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

BPTAG (formerly BPAC) members have supported Bike Month by acting as Map Masters at the Tacoma Bike Swap. This year it will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM. Dave Cook will volunteer as a Map Master from 10 AM to 12PM, Kris will volunteer from 12PM to 2PM. Anne is available for either shift. Hannah will follow up with more details about the need for Map Masters at Bike to Market Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Bikenomics forum on April 4<sup>th</sup> at noon**

- **Exit133.com/bike253 calendar now in operation**

- **Pedestrian Improvements public meeting schedule**

Brandi will make a Doodle poll and compile a schedule to make sure that BPTAG is present at all meetings.

- **Daffodil Classic on April 13—Registration is open!**

This is the Tacoma Wheelmans Bicycle Club fundraiser.

- **Review of the site visit at Pearl near Pt. Defiance Park—Curtis Hancock, Program Administrator, MetroParks Tacoma**

Point Defiance is a high use area for pedestrians and bicyclists with a long history. Curtis has been working on creating the vision for Pt. Defiance for the next 100 years. BPTAG members discussed how to best support cyclists and pedestrians as they gain access to the park, looking first at the larger city-wide network and then discussing infrastructure within the park.

The next meeting of the City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be on April 21, 2014, 5:30 PM, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Visibility Center, 747 Market St, Tacoma, WA 98402

