



CITY OF TACOMA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October, 21 2013

GROUP MEMBERS

PRESENT: Justin Camarata, Dave Cook, Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Anne James, Aaron Knight, Paul Nordquist, Ken Peachey, Brandi Riddle, Kris Symer

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ABSENT: Janet Higbee

OTHERS PRESENT: Tacoma City Council Member David Boe, Diane Wiatr Josh Diekman, Kendel Reed, Hannah Miner

- **Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM**
- **Introductions**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Information on the Transportation Master Plan planning process, scoping and public outreach plan**—Josh Diekman, Public Works Engineer

Josh spoke about the purpose of the Transportation Master Plan in providing a long range vision for transportation in the Tacoma. The last update to this portion of the Comprehensive Plan was the Mobility Master Plan. The Mobility Master Plan is missing transit and the TMP will seek to fill in those gaps in addition to including recent updates to structure, looking at whether transportation supports land-use and improving intermodal links.

Transportation Commission's open meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 PM in the 9th Floor Visibility Room. Jennifer Kammerzell is the staff representative.

- **Logistics including:**
 - **Selection of Officer and terms**

New officers were approved. David and Kris will act as co-chairs.

Diane presented a draft set of bylaws and will send out a more copy after the City of Tacoma Legal Department has approved the draft. Spoke specifically about open records rules and the necessity of giving public notice to community before a meeting.
 - **Seeking a Student for BPTAG**

BPTAG is seeking a student representative, age 16-18, to act as a member. Diane will do a press release and solicit through the Tacoma Public School District.

- **Meeting format and BPTAG requirements**

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BPTAG members could be subject to dismissal if they are absent three or more times.

- **December meeting scheduled for the 16th**

Group agreed that this would not conflict with holiday festivities and decided to hold this meeting

- **Governance in cities in WA State—Diane**

The Growth Management Act, 1991, requires that cities plan for growth in a Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to envision where Tacoma will be in 20 years and plan for how to achieve those aspirations. Tacoma is among many cities in the state that are due to update their Comprehensive Plans in 2015.

Tacoma has a strong City Manager that is appointed by the City Council and a weak Mayor. The Mayor is a figurehead in addition to being a member of the City Council. There are a number of commission and other bodies like committees, advisory groups, etc. that make recommendation to the City Council. For example, the Planning Commission makes recommendations about planning to the council and will review the Transportation Master Plan.

- **Hello and Welcome—Tacoma City Council Member David Boe**

Council Member Boe welcomed BPTAG members and thanked them for participating in the process of advising the Transportation Commission. Additionally, Council Member Boe asked for members of the group to be patient as recommendations are considered and to please come and speak before the Council about issues that they feel strongly—whether they speak on behalf of BPTAG or as residents of Tacoma.

- **Walk through of the Mobility Master Plan—Diane Wiatr**

Diane took the group members page by page through the Mobility Master Plan and asked that they review it more closely on their own.

- **View video of NYC's Janette Sadik-Kahn**

Video can be viewed at the following URL:

http://www.ted.com/talks/janette_sadik_khan_new_york_s_streets_not_so_mean_any_more.html

The video was followed by a discussion of takeaways, including factors that make NYC successful not conveyed in the film and what can be applied to Tacoma.

- **Updates and Reports—Diane**

ForeverGreen Trails Conference will take place Wednesday, October 30th, from 4-8 PM, at Chambers Creek Regional Park 9850 64th Street West, University Place 98467, \$10/person

There are plans to host a Community Walking and Cycling meeting in January. This could be a good opportunity to get public feedback about pedestrian and cycling issues in Tacoma.

Prop 1 is on the ballot in November.

- **Objectives for Future Meetings**

Develop Work Plan Ideas for 2014-15

- **Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM**

The next meeting of the City of Tacoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be November, 18 2013, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 9th Floor Visibility Center.