



CITY OF TACOMA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 24, 2015

GROUP MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jennifer Halverson Kuehn, Dan Hansen, Janet Higbee, Anne James, Kris Symer, Matt Stevens,

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Wiatr, Hannah Miner

- **Meeting called to order at 5:44 PM**

- **Call to order**

Kris welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

- **Report back on S 54th and S 56th bike facilities and Recommendations for Road Resurfacing—All**

This discussion was tabled until September to allow more time for members to explore the routes prepared by Brandi and Kris and because the meeting was held on the Grand Staircase outside and was not ideal for a discussion.

- **Announcements.—Justin Belk [jbelk@cityoftacoma.org]**

Diane presented briefly on the Puget Sound Starts Here pledge and gave members the opportunity to sign the pledge and ask questions.

Matt plans to put together a ride for the group to participate in in order to discuss the road resurfacing options. The group should watch for an announcement of where and when this will take place.

Hannah spoke about the upcoming event, Downtown to Defiance to take place on Sunday, September 13 from 9 am to 1 pm along the Tacoma waterfront. Diane will be inviting elected officials and BPTAG members should look for more information coming to Diane about what this will look like.

- **Tour of the existing and future portions of the Prairie Line Trail—Diane Wiatr [DWIATR@cityoftacoma.org]**

Diane took the group on a walking tour of the Prairie Line Trail (PLT), beginning first at the intersection of S 21st and the PLT where the section on the UWT campus begins and one of the pieces of the trail owned by the City of Tacoma begins. The City has access to four portions of

the railroad here, two that are 20 feet wide and two that are 80 feet wide. The hope is gain access to more of this property in order to continue the experience of the trail to the north through the UWT campus.

The group then walked the entire section found on the UWT campus, learning about the bioretention facility, history of the railroad, and the former chancellor's contributions.

At the northern end of the existing section, the group saw and discussed the plans for the next phase, an art and children's linear park near the United Way building. This park will help visitors more easily access the waterfront, including the Foss Esplanade.

This meeting concluded at 6:55 PM at the bottom of the Grand Staircase.