

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND
NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NMTAC)

Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Meeting Minutes

Bainbridge Island City Hall

City Council Conference Room

280 Madison Ave N., Bainbridge Island, Washington

Present: Demi Allen, Don Willott, Marsha Cutting

Late Arrival: Christian Ford, Lief Horwitz

Liaisons: Chris Hammer (City Engineering Manager), Wayne Roth (City Councilman),
Kirk Robinson (Parks District Commissioner)

Public: Robert Dashiell & Kristin Easterbrook

Call to Order

Demi called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 pm.

Minutes and Agenda

Approval of minutes deferred until the arrival of Christian and Lief, and the subsequent constitution of a quorum. No modifications to the proposed agenda for the current meeting were suggested.

Comments from public:

Robert Dashiell declined to offer comments. Kristin Easterbrook of the Friends of Rolling Bay brought concerns about traffic, specifically Valley from Madison to Rolling Bay as the connector from the main thoroughfare to a community service center—no shoulder, and a hill that leads people to speed. Chris noted that the road segment in question was on the CIP and explained some of the challenges related to terrain.

Update by COBI engineer

--CIP issues

--Right-of-way gaps initiative.—slated to happen over the next 3-5 years, asked committee to prioritize. Demi reminded the committee of the commitment to connecting neighborhood service centers.

--Cave Ave. sidewalk improvements; there are property issues – an easement will be requested, but may not be forthcoming. Since the street is not heavily traveled, Demi suggested it would not be a priority. \$60K

--Knechtel St. Sidewalk improvements. \$50K

--Bucklin (Blakely-Fletcher) bike lanes \$260K

--Eagle Harbor Drive \$800K

--STO, Phase 3 \$60K

--Wyatt, Madison to Lovell \$500K (Grow to Lovell) + \$700 (Madison to Grow) Total \$1.2 M, price includes a possible roundabout at Madison & Wyatt.

Robert asked question about why the four year time frame for several projects, & Chris explained the acquisition process. Kristin raised questions about how much acquisition would be involved in the Valley project & Chris responded.

Chris recommended that STO & Wyatt be deferred because of strategic questions about grant funding, and said he plans to start on the first four this year.

TBI discussion:

Cave speed humps—problems for wheelchairs where there are no sidewalks, so what to do to calm traffic until sidewalks go in is problematic. The rest of the money will go for asphalt patching.

Wayne recommended spending the TBD money in a way that can be identified to the public.

Chris informed committee that Operations & Maintenance is putting together a trails inventory.

Olympic Drive NM Project – Chris presented a report on public meetings, notifications and records on the Olympic Drive NM Improvement Project. He and Patty will be meeting with Washington DOT and the Washington State Ferries staff.

Council will move its meetings to Tuesdays after Labor Day, so NMTAC will need to find a new meeting day.

Minutes submitted by Alyse were approved, since Christian and Lief had arrived.

Process for Developing Vision for All Access and Abilities (AAA) Non-Motorized Network

Demi introduced the process for developing a Vision for All Access and Abilities (AAA) NM Network. Comments were offered about the need for separated facilities so that kids can ride, rather than simply focusing on improvements for commuters. Christian suggested doing a temporary road closure to allow people to envision alternative uses of the space—a place to gather rather than a place to drive through to get from point A to point B, and build support for funding. The vision is not seen as a change to the plan but rather as an augmentation. The goal is an all ages and abilities network connecting all parts of the island. Demi framed the discussion as a beginning to the process.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 9 p.m.