

Non- Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Present:

Alyse Nelson, Wayne Roth, Patty Lyman, Chris Hammer, Lief Horwitz, Demi Allen, John Grinter, Don Willott, Lee Cross (Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation District), La Trina P. Jackson (visitor from Atlanta Georgia)

Call to order- Lief Horwitz called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm. Alyse Nelson took over the chair of the meeting when she arrived from the late ferry.

Modification of Agenda- Demi Allen reported that Bike Battles book presentation was not something he was planning to talk about at this meeting. The agenda was otherwise accepted.

CIP/20- Year Project Planning Meetings-Alyse Nelson asked the committee to commit to two work meetings – July 14 and July 16th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. She hopes members of the committee can at least come to one of the two. A subcommittee consisting of Alyse, Demi, Patty and John will work on the agenda for the meeting. The meetings will work on moving from vision to reality and how we will prioritize projects. Chris Hammer will plan to bring maps to share. It was commented that it would be helpful to identify the “Right of Way” areas on the island so we can see where we are “constrained” in building our infrastructure.

Follow-up Hawley Cove Trail Discussion- After much discussion of proposed trail option application, the committee voted unanimously for the following statement:

“The NMTAC has reviewed the Non-Motorized Plan (NMP) goals, policies, and maps as they relate to trails with the Hawley Cove Park project. The Winslow System Plan map (Map E) identifies a trail connection zone between Wing Point Way NE and Hawley Way NE. The NMP states that trails “are meant to provide a secondary network of connections to destinations.” The NMP defines trails as shared facilities that, while primarily recreational, provide a secondary network for cyclists, equestrians, and pedestrians and supports the overall NM system.

The current trail, which is not part of the current application, exceeds a grade that is accessible by a wide range of users. The NMTAC supports the development of a trail that meets the spirit of the NMP. We encourage the Parks Department and City to work towards creating a project that will provide a secondary connection between Ferncliff Ave NE and Wing Point Way NE.

We recommend that the Parks District work with the City to redevelop the existing trail for a wider range of users in the future.

This connection will best serve the community by facilitating travel by all ages and abilities — including people walking, running, using assistive devices, riding bicycles, and riding horses. While the trail may not be able to serve all users, the NMTAC encourages the facility to be designed to serve as many potential users as possible.”

City Engineer Report- Chris Hammer gave out complete updated chapters of the Island Wide Transportation Plan which the committee has reviewed and submitted changes. Our August meeting focus will be to make a final review as a committee of the whole packet. Committee members are asked to go through the packet before that meeting. The August meeting date will be changed to allow Chris Hammer to attend, as he is not available the first week in August. The committee briefly discussed the edits of Chapter 4, 5, and 9. This will continue in our August Meeting. Chris Hammer brought a copy of the application for “Bike Friendly Status” and will send a link to the committee to review. The deadline for the application is August. Unless someone on the committee has time to do the paperwork to apply, we will work on this for next year.

Lost Valley Transfer Discussion- Lee Cross reported that the Parks Department vision of the Lost Valley trail was to make a trail eventually all the way from Winslow to Gazzam Lake. It was commented that to use the Lost Valley Trail as a non-motorized transportation connection to Lynnwood would be very complicated and expensive. Other alternatives should be explored in the committee’s goal to make a Winslow to Lynnwood non-motorized connection usable for all. The committee agreed on the following recommendation to the City of Bainbridge:

“The NMTAC encourages the City to move forward with transfer of the Lost Valley property to the Parks District with a condition that preserves the ability for the City to develop a NM connection in the future.”

Public Comment- Our visitor from Atlanta stated the meeting reminded her of the show “Parks and Recreation”, which brought some humor to the end of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm. Alyse Nelson clarify what date the committee will meet in August.

Submitted by Patty Lyman, minute taker



Alyse Nelson, Chair

Date: 9/2/15