

Spokane PC Transportation Sub-Committee

April 10, 2018

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 9:02 am

Attendance:

- **Subcommittee Members Present:** John Dietzman- Chair (Plan Commission), Charles Hansen (PeTT Committee), Paul Kropp (Neighborhood Alliance and CA Transportation Committee), Heleen Dewey (SRHD), Eve Nelson (SRTC), Mike Tresidder (STA), Raychel Callary (Lilac Services for the Blind and Accessible Communities Advisory Committee), Rhonda Young (BAB), Kitty Klitzke (Futurewise), Lori Kinnear- City Council Liaison, Char Kay - WSDOT
- **Committee Members Not Present:** Joe Tortorelli (Good Roads Association and Transportation Commission), John Van Sant (Spokane Public Schools), Todd Beyreuther (PC)
- **Staff Members Present:** Heather Trautman, Rick Romero, Katherine Miller, Louis Meuler, Brandon Blankenagle, Jacqui Halvorson

Public Comment:

- None

Briefing Session:

1. Minutes from the [March 6, 2018](#) meeting. Paul moved to approve; Charles seconded; minutes approved unanimously 9/0.
2. Chair Report- John Dietzman
Attended the Children of the Sun charrette and was impressed with the number of alternatives offered by several stakeholder groups.
3. Secretary Report - Louis Meuler
 - Introduced Heather Trautman, followed by introductions by members of the sub-committee.
 - Heather gave a summary of her background with the City, upcoming projects, the connection between the various departments, as well as her new position as planning director.
4. Stakeholder Reports
 - a) **Lilac Services for the Blind - Raychell Callary.**
 - No report.
 - b) **WSDOT - Char Kay**
 - Gonzaga University is participating in the North Spokane Corridor efforts and the North East community, where they are encouraging voluntarism. Bicycle Summit is April 29-30 at SFCC. The bike ride is being sponsored by the Summit speaker.
 - WSDOT is partnering with the City on the Jefferson/Maple Gateway Project.
 - Thanked those who participated in the Smart Growth America Economic Vitality workshop, which recognized the diversity across the state in economic vitality.
 - Working with SRTC on US-195 to improve connections including the I-90 interchange.
 - Re-imagining Division Street will include more local context and safety considerations.
 - c) **Council Liaison Report - Lori Kinnear - District 2**
 - Council received the results of the homeless individuals 'point-in-time' count called "Everybody Counts Campaign"; counted 1,245 individuals and 1000 households. We covered surrounding areas including Deer Park and Cheney. City is doing better housing vets, but not the 18-24 year old group.
 - Continuing to have folks calling us who are affected by the 240 unit Garden Project near Crestline and 37th. Issue seems to be Crestline becoming an arterial, also losing wooded open space. CM Beggs and I are looking at alternatives.
 - d) **Paul Kropp**

- The “Speed around Parks Forum” was well-attended, where we asked the public for ideas and feedback regarding the 20 mph speed limit around parks. Paul noted that the topic is really “pedestrian safety”. Four city council members attended. City Council will come back to the group with suggestions. Paul indicated that the PeTT Committee will also be offering some options by summer.
- e) **STA - Mike Tresiddor**
 - Working with the City regarding transit stations at SFCC and SCC; weekly meetings with Gonzaga and Avista regarding the Central City Line (CCL); working on Plaza Study for improvements of operations; start outreach for 2019 service change primarily on south hill; West Plains Transit Center is coming along; Hub at SCC targeted for 2021 along with CCL and other routes that bypass the Plaza.
- f) **BAB and GU - Rhonda Young.**
 - Weighing in on projects such as Sprague Avenue, etc. Also attended the Speed Forum. GU students are working with Brandon on the Cincinnati Greenway project.
- g) **Spokane Regional Health District - Heleen Dewey**
 - We are in full-swing of implementing the Walking Schoolbus program. Parents expressed relief, and it has shown to improve attendance on chronic absences. An administrator from Oregon is doing a site visit this week hoping to implement a similar program in their school district.
 - Walk by Bus will be focused in the Hillyard district this year.
- h) **Charles Hansen**
 - Shared photos of the last of the concrete being poured on the ADA ramps as part of the traffic calming project; also, sidewalks along Pittsburg next to the school and Sampson near the park.
- i) **SRTC - Eve Nelson**
 - Working on our work plan and getting it ready to present to committees. The US-195 transportation planning project will be included.
 - We have sent out our call for projects and received 52 project applications.
 - Working with the Washington Transportation Commission, they are updating their transportation plan, which advises the legislature; based on funding, impact of technology, and resilience. Joe Tortorelli is on the Commission.
 - Bike Summit - Women Transportation Seminar - we are sponsoring a breakfast with a speaker whose topic is *Safer Streets*.

Workshops/Presentations:

City of Spokane Strategic Plan - Rick Romero

Rick gave a presentation on the City’s Strategic Plan which was adopted by resolution by City Council this year. The Plan is closely aligned with the Comprehensive Plan. Under the Strategic Plan we look at dollars in a more horizontal way through the Community Investment Plan. We also developed a 6-year Plan which looks at we want to accomplish in the next few years. We also developed a Community Investment Plan.

John asked if the Plan should be part of the City Charter. Lori said it would have to go before the voters.

- Presentation given.
- Questions asked and answered.

6 Year Transportation Program Recommendation - Brandon Blankenagle

Last month Brandon reviewed the Program's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, and how it aligns with the Strategic Plan. Today he presented the reconciliation sheet for the 6-Year Program. Brandon is seeking a recommendation to the Plan Commission on this Program from the Transportation Sub-committee.

The Consistency Review Workshop with the Plan Commission is scheduled to occur April 11th. Brandon will then present the Program to the Plan Commission at a public hearing in May, after which it will go to the City Council for approval.

- Presentation given.
- Questions asked and answered.

Motion: That the projects coming into the Program are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as shown in the Consistency Matrix.

Moved; Heleen seconded; Unanimous 9/0.

Next PCTS meeting is scheduled for June 5th. (*No May meeting is scheduled at this time*).

Meeting Adjourned at 10:26 am.