

Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee January 27, 2017 Minutes

Attendees

Committee Members:

- ✓ **Shanti Breznau (Citizen At-Large)**
- ✓ **Yvonne Carpenter (Seattle Public Schools)**
- ✓ **Jen Cole, Chair (Pedestrian Safety)**
- ✓ **Brian Dougherty (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- ✓ **An Huynh, Secretary (Citizen At-Large)**
- ✓ **Shannon Koller (Cascade Bicycle Club)**
- ✓ **Kevin O'Neill (Seattle Police Department)**
- ✓ **Serena Lehman (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- ✓ **Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)**
- ✓ **Richard Staudt (Seattle Public Schools)**
- ✓ **Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)**

Other Presenters:

Steven Jones
Cindy Nash
Michelle White
Shawn Gerwin
Michael Montgomery

Public Attendees:

Cailin Henley (UW Student)

November 2016 Minutes: Approved

ACTION: Serena to loop back to Sandpoint Way community member (Nora).

December 2016 Minutes: Approved

ACTION: Shanti to email Yvonne about missing crossing guard in West Seattle.

Committee Overview and Introductions:

- STSC is in the process of getting a Metro representative back on the committee

Dearborn Park Circulation Plan:

ACTION: Richard to ask school district about engineering of playground surface.

Follow-up on Start Time Letter to Board

- The letter was finished and submitted to School Board before the last meeting.
- Shanti is trying again to speak at the next meeting
- Peggy Maccavoy: assistant superintendent of operations sent committee an email – committee's letter has been heard

Cascadia Elementary

- There is a proposed city-sanctioned homeless camp. Tiny homes will be built in the camp. The proposed entrance and exit on Nesbit, but the school wants it to be moved to Aurora. This would make the camp entrance/exit one block further away from school.
- The school is looking to committee to recommend moving the camp entrance/exit.

ACTION: The committee suggests to keep camp entrance at Nesbit. School to reach out to the camp to start a relationship with the new residents. Richard to respond to Peggy – committee has declined further support behind her request given the information that we have to move the camp entrance to Aurora.

Crossing Guard Updates

- 4 new guards: Greenlake, Van Asphalt, Gatewood, and Lafayette
- Few applicants for Sandpoint school

Intersection observation: 15th Ave NW at NW 65th St and NW 67th St.

- Shannon and Alyssa did some field work during the first full week of school on January 9th in Ballard (near Ballard High but also Salmon Bay)
- There is concern from the community around 15th and 67th, unsafe behavior reported
- Studied # of students crossing: 13 students traveling westbound at 67th intersection, 12 students westbound at 65th intersection -- these numbers do not warrant a crossing guard
- Students had good street safety behavior
- Concern: cars left turning from 65th north on 15th – more enforcement that can be done here
- Cars turning right onto 67th from northbound 15th – unsafe driving behavior

ACTION: Serena continue look into pedestrian buttons functioning properly at intersection and follow up with Shannon and Alyssa

ACTION: SPD to increase enforcement at these intersections

Intersection of 48th Ave NE & NE 70th (View Ridge)

- Families are use church parking lot for drop off and pick up
- Assistant principal was wondering if the committee could consider putting a crossing guard NE 70th St and 48th Ave NE
- Committee discussion: Intersection did not rank in the committee's matrix
- Crossing puts kids into an active parking lot is a concern
- Committee should consider in the future standard response for crossing guard resources

ACTION: No, we won't be placing a crossing guard here. Richard will reach back out to assistant principal about committee's decision.

Membership Recruitment

- STSC is recruiting new members
- Application deadline is this Sunday, January 29th
- Richard and Jen will review applications and interview candidates
- New members' first meeting will be in April 2017
- The new committee will need to chose a new Chair and Secretary

ACTION: Serena to send out posting again to the committee.

Subcommittee for Mode Choice data

- Committee discussed forming a subcommittee to examine mode choice data - we are wanting more accurate and consistent data for our schools
- Mode choice survey happens every year: ask classrooms a tally sheet about mode choice to get to school – data is compiled to inform decisions, never had 100% response from schools, the best year had a 48% response rate
- National program asks to do survey on two days, which is part of reason why 2016 numbers dropped off
- Interested committee members: Shannon, Kathy, Ashley (experience with mailing surveys), and Serena

ACTION: Serena to send Doodle Poll to Ashley, Shannon, and Kathy for scheduling subcommittee meetings.

ACTION: Serena to organize a time when sub-committee can meet with a principal/school-based representative for one of their first meetings. Potentially reach out to Emerson folks.

Let's Go Program Updates

Talking to PE Teachers to refine the program

- Program is talking to SDOT about adding adaptive component to program district-wide for the 2017-18 school year
- Adding on a middle school program, bike and pedestrian safety in PE classes, district-wide, 2018-19 school year

Safety Camera Stats

- Numbers were lower because December 2016 was a short school month
- Violators given a \$245 ticket
- Cameras have been slowly added to school bus paddles, initial discussion of funding gained from paddle cameras going towards supporting crossing guards

Public Comment

Future Topics and Announcements

- Kathy and Serena to meet with schools about PARK(ing) Day - usually in September. They're talking to SDOT about a May PARK(ing) Day for schools and students. Bike to school day is May 10th.
- City's bike share program will end, balance will go to SRTS program, 19 schools throughout the city, crossing improvements and traffic calming projects from this money, 1.4 million dollars
- Play Streets representative will come to next month's meeting

10:30am Adjourn