School Traffic Safety Committee Meeting

December 16, 2016

Room 2772

Attendees:

* Jen Cole
* Serena Lehman
* Kevin O’Neill
* Cathy Tuttle
* Shannon
* Yvonne
* Shanti
* Cailin Henley

**8:30-8:35 Public Comment:**

* No public comment, no public members

**8:35-8:45 Approval of Month’s Minutes**

* Minutes from last meeting will be approved next meeting

**8:45-8:55 Board of Commissions on-boarding meetings: Serena**

* RSJI based meeting
* Provided sign in sheet
* **ACTION**: Serena will continue sending out these emails to keep informed, through different quarters
* If people are not able to go, possible to do a teach-back in the STSC meeting

**8:55-9:05 Neighborhood Park & Street Fund: Serena**

* NPSF: rapid flashing beacons, many options.
* Opening up with deadlines in February
* Several requests for RFB’s and SDOT refers them to this program if unable to fulfill
* Shanti – Fairview opening – California and Finley request for RFB; prior crossing guard, did not work. *How can we help ID locations, especially for schools without champions? West Seattle Elementary, low-income.*
* Application: have to have a tax ID number: community council, PTA, nonprofit, general community support.
* **ACTION**: Serena will pass along a press release
* **ACTION**: Serena share focus school list

**9:05-9:20 Crossing Guard Review**

* Mayor does Find It, Fix It walks: Crown Hill near Ballard HS. People felt nervous and scared. Community member on Find It, Fix It walk made request within context of school safety.
* Looking at 67th and 70th, one block apart, along 15th
* One crossing (on 15th) is near walking path of *Whittier*, even though this is for HS. This intersection would also serve *Salmon Bay*. Private religious school also nearby.
* Kevin: these intersections have created speed concerns.
* Matrix: principle arterial (2nd highest score), minor street is non-arterial, students (K-5), number of vehicle lane (2 each direction), full signal, 30mph, pedestrians hit 70th and 15th a few years back, property boundaries close to intersection.
* Shannon: experience in neighborhood. Kids walk and bike along the greenway on 16th(?) and cross at 67th. Drivers N/S on 15th and intersection backs up, creating sudden vehicular moments.
* Shanti: look at signal timing
* Salmon Bay crossing guard present on 64th
* Would 65th be a safer crossing? Bus stop and masses present.
* **ACTION**: Shannon, Serena and Alyssa will identify a time to do an observation, student count, and signal timing.
* **ACTION**: Serena will look into Vision Zero’s *No Rights on Reds* program. Along 15th may be an ideal place to start program.
* Subcommittee for crossing guards morphed into walk boundaries committee, which has stalled. Anticipated meeting in January. Looking at all other quadrants of the city, needed for September 2017 start.
* Prior to decision: we need more information. How many students actually using the crossing? Signal timing? Vision Zero No Rights on Reds?

**9:20-9:25 Crossing Guard Updates: Yvonne**

* Sandpoint: no one has applied. May result in a split (AM/PM)
* Emerson: lost crossing guard, hip issues
* Jane Adams/Rogers: snow day, broke his back – one individual of interest
* **ACTION**: Shanti email Yvonne about missing guard locations in West Seattle; potential outreach to Senior Center in West Seattle.
* Minimum age of 18
* Mayor’s office sending jobs through AARP. Difficulty finding individuals seeking 10hrs max.
* Goal: part-time school personnel to take this jobs. Difficulties of hiring and keeping track of part-time staff, topping their minimum resulting in overtime.
* Food for thought: norming letter writing and having a committee letter of recommendation to the board to solve this problem.
* Helpful if board member picked this up as an issue.
* **ACTION**: Subcommittee working meeting, do research and identify the issues, brainstorm, and plan for proceeding.

**9:25-9:45 Bell time letter to Board – review: Shanti**

* Research with University of Michigan – *The Role of Ambient Light Level in Fatal Crashes: Inference from daylight saving time transitions.* Accident Analysis & Prevention.
* NYC vision zero program, launched program about dusk, $1.5 million pedestrian safety campaign. Focus on evening because of increased counts of pedestrians.
* Shanti’s Questions:
  + How do we want to represent ourselves? First paragraph: Identifying who we are and why we are doing this.
  + Specify start time? Richard threw out 8:15 in prior meeting(s). Letter states 8:05. Do we need to state the logistics or the goal (walking more when more light).
* Recommendations:
  + Put the ask upfront. Start and end with the ask.
  + Shorten overall length, reduce density of bullet one.
  + Highlight smaller, elementary school children: harder visibility, super vulnerable users
  + Do we have the data to support low-income children walking more, more frequently and unaccompanied.
  + Include health in the first paragraph of STSC representation.
  + Add: if you want to know more/engage further, STSC is happy to be a resource.
* January 4th is the introduction of what “they” are introducing to the board; Shanti would like to attend the meeting and speak in Public Comment section. Only 2 minutes. Bring copy of letter to put it in their record.
* Use letterhead and should come from Chair.
* **ACTION**: Shanti to send draft letter to all to disseminate to channels for further advocacy.
* **ACTION**: All will send comments to Shanti by Tuesday.
* **ACTION**: Shanti to send final letter to everyone; Jen to send to board secretary.

**9:45-9:55 Let’s Go Program Updates**

* Program staff in field supporting and observing the program, mainly at Wing Luke, noting reception of program by PE teachers and students.
* Suggestions for refinement: word change and changing order of content; bumping right away earlier and then reinforcing later on in biking stage.
* Laura Peyton, PE Teacher, will sit down with Shannon to revise lesson planning.
* Nearly 100% assessment compliance. Volunteers are grading and recording all these assessment.
* Bikes are holding up well, in maintenance now.
* Alexandria, VA interest on program replication, share out the curriculum.

**9:55-10:00 Safety Camera November Stats**

* Violations down – 5900 vs. 7700 from October.
* 15th S is still high, but down 200. Bailey Gatzert is another high roller, but down 100.
* Thanksgiving holiday may have affected it (Elementary schools closed for the whole week)
* ACTION: Cathy to email Kevin for all fall electronic copies to compare last year’s fall.

**10:00-10:15 Future Topics & Announcements**

* Meeting minutes
* Crossing guard working meeting
* School Board meeting update- introduction is January 4th and decision meeting follows in two weeks.
* Create subcommittee for hands-up survey.
* SNG: Play, Street Program – become a permanent program. Looking into how some of play streets could be permanently put in front of schools and how we can look into using that as a SRTS enhancement. Force people to park one block away.
  + **ACTION**: Serena will invite SDOT’s Play Street program personnel to next meeting.

**Next Meeting: January 27th, 2017**