

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 28, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

**Members in Attendance:** John Koch, Christopher Aiken, Ed Rutledge, Mike Kretzler, Robert Kam, Joseph Ott, Rick O'Neill, Christopher Jennings, Rob Richards, Carolyn Newsome

**Staff in Attendance:** Kerry Tarullo, Associate Planner, Public Works Transportation  
Randy Wesselman, Transportation Engineering and Planning Manager  
Sophie Stimson, Senior Planner, Public Works Transportation  
Caroline Inions, Program Assistant, Public Works Transportation

**Public in Attendance:** Peter Guttchen, Northeast Neighborhood Association (NENA)  
Jack Horton, Olympia Woodland Trail Greenway Association

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The September 23, 2009, meeting minutes were approved with a minor edit.
4. **Public Communication and Announcements from Members**
  - Peter Guttchen shared a conceptual drawing for a redesign of the parking lot at Roosevelt Elementary School. The project is estimated at \$108,000 and will be included as part of a school district bond. Peter is asking BPAC to write a letter of support to the Olympia School District of the project. More project information is available on their website at [www.neneighborhood.com](http://www.neneighborhood.com).
  - Jack Horton shared that the Lacey portion of the Olympia Woodland Trail is nearing completion.
  - Joseph Ott is the new liaison from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
  - Kerry shared that St. Peter's Hospital was recognized by the League of American Cyclist for being a bicycle-friendly business.
5. **Improving Public Pathways Draft Proposal**
  - At the City Council's request, staff will be working with the committee to develop a program for others to improve pathways in their neighborhoods. The draft proposal that was included in the meeting packet is currently being reviewed by Legal staff. Sophie briefly reviewed each of the documents. This program is intended for very simple pathway improvements.
  - Sophie shared that she received input from Councilmember Messmer about getting signatures from adjacent property owners. She feels it makes it too formal. There was quite a bit of discussion over the signatures of permission vs. signature of notification.
  - Robert brought up the topic of missing sidewalk links. Can this program include those?
  - Jack shared they agree that the signature portion of the agreement could be a potential problem. Jack further shared that Jonathon Turlove from the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department did a good job getting neighborhood buy-in on a recent project to Mission Creek

Park. One item that is missing in the plan is other public land, as demonstrated on the ½ mile walking distance map.

- Peter shared that they are all very excited about the plan. In terms of getting approval, he again talked about the work that Jonathon Turlove did in partnership with the NENA for the Mission Creek Park. Property owners need to be engaged early and involved in the design. A partnership could help overcome some obstacles. Peter echoed Jack's comment about other City-owned property not being on the list. There may be some other very promising opportunities that could be missed. If the City can provide him with maps, Peter offered to work on identifying some of these locations and where the NENA would like to focus. Using the Howard Street connection to Reeves Middle School, Peter emphasized the need to have adequate survey data for these connections. What is "in the books" may not be adequate enough. Peter talked about the funding for these neighborhood connection projects. Sophie believes there is potential to use Parks and Pathways funding. Peter is opening to helping staff identify alternative funding for some of the projects.
- Sophie shared that we applied for a grant last week and some of that money will be used to map neighborhood connections. The Parks Plan includes some neighborhood connections; however, this has not been approved by Council yet.
- Invite neighborhood associations, as well as Jack and Peter, to attend in November to further discuss this topic.
- There was discussion about the title of this project. Neighborhood connections vs. public pathways. The committee leaned towards public pathways.

#### **6. Committee Planning for City's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Debrief**

- Despite the cold and wet weather and being off the main path, there was good turnout. Thank you to Robert for shooting the interview with Councilmember Messmer. A big thank you to John for putting it all together. The slideshow will be posted on the City's website soon.

#### **7. West Olympia Access Study Update**

- Randy Wesselman provided the committee with an update on the West Olympia Access Study.

#### **8. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Restriping**

- Reschedule to a later date.

#### **9. November and December Meeting Dates**

- Given the upcoming holidays, the committee agreed to meet on November 18 and December 9.

#### **10. Meeting Evaluation**

- Good meeting.

**Next Meeting:** November 18, 2009

- Public Pathways

#### **Future Topics:**

- E3 Program Future
- Bicycle Boulevards Presentation
- BPAC Review of West Olympia Access Study