**Transportation and Public Spaces Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

**8:30—10:00 am, SMT Room 4096**

Attendees: Mary Snodgrass, Katie Wuestney, Brent Butler, Lenny Orlov; Seth Schromen-Wawrin; Jennifer Breeze; Ray Krueger (by phone)

1. **Discussion – Community Organizations in S. Beacon Hill**

Yun Pitre, from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, put together a list of organizations, projects and plans in S. Beacon Hill. Discussion and comments on the document included:

* Public Health, through a Kaiser Foundation grant, funds HOSTED to plan and develop a public space, which includes:
  + Designating an area as a plaza, expanding and activating the pedestrian zone
  + Creating a parklet in front of the Othello Station Safeway Mural
  + Developing the project through a community design process
* The Communities of Opportunity program (COO) funds the Othello Square Workgroup, which has worked with [HomeSight](https://homesightwa.org/community-development/real-estate-development/othellosquare) on the Othello Square development. Othello Square will include an Odessa Brown clinic, a charter high school, a multicultural community center, and affordable housing.
* IDIC and South East Senior Center are not on the list.
* There may be other places of worship, informal neighborhood groups or businesses that community members associate with.
* Many of these organizations are often applying for city funds, so there may be opportunities for the committee to assist with grant applications.

1. **Debrief the S. Beacon Hill Walks**

Committee members discussed their impressions from the January walks, including:

* Geography/topography
* Utilities
* Bike Plan implementation projects
* Chief Sealth Trail and greenspaces
* New Holly development history

The group also discussed the possibility of providing these walks to the broader Age-Friendly Seattle Coalition. Comments and suggestions included:

* What is the purpose of a broader coalition walk?
  + Data gathering?
  + Consider using Seattle’s Find It, Fix It app on the walks (possibly in conjunction with the Stanford app used during the Coalition’s Pike Place Market walks).
  + What would happen with the data? Be clear with Coalition members about that.
* Is it an “event” or a walk?
  + An event requires meeting space and more planning, versus just a walk.
* Consider funding Feet First – a local advocacy group that provides walking tours – to lead/plan the tour.
* Think about connecting this walk with the Age-Friendly Businesses committee.
  + How would businesses be evaluated or engaged in this walk? There are equity concerns.
  + Invite local businesses and UW students (working on AF businesses) on the walk?

1. **Potential Committee Outcomes**

The group discussed the draft list of possible outcomes for the committee’s work, recognizing that it is a brainstorming document and may be missing ideas. General comments:

* Some outcomes would require ongoing committee support – is that realistic or feasible?
* Follow/prioritize the funding.
* It may be more impactful/realistic for the committee to play an advisory role.

It is very important to hear from community members first about what outcomes would be useful to them, which will ultimately inform the potential committee outcomes.

1. **Follow Up and Discussion**

Katie has compiled data from various sources into user-friendly maps of S. Beacon Hill. She will put them on a [Google page](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17h4u-YIrP_0bYgmPc1fbp-Ut3nXswaTh) for easier access. Any feedback is welcome.

1. **Next Steps:**

The group should plan to start meeting in S. Beacon Hill, rather than downtown government buildings, for future meetings.

**Mary and Seth:** Look into opportunities for the committee to add an age-friendly lens to the Othello Square development

**Lizzie:** Contact IDIC about possibly meeting with them in April

**Katie:** Share [link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17h4u-YIrP_0bYgmPc1fbp-Ut3nXswaTh) for data mapping project PDFs

**All:**

* Review Katie’s maps for discussion at a future meeting; let Katie know if there are other data of interest
* Review the list of organizations in S. Beacon Hill for any personal connections/contacts (send with agenda), and let Mary, Carol or Jon know
* Review the list of plans in S. Beacon Hill (sent with agenda) with a lens on access or transportation issues; the committee could reference these plans when talking to developers for future projects