

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 29, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Deputy Mayor Salomon, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully, McConnell, Chang, and Roberts

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Randy Witt, Public Works Director; Nytasha Sowers, Transportation Services Manager; Nora Daley-Peng, Senior Planner-Transportation; Tricia Juhnke, City Engineer; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Sidewalk Advisory Committee: Andrew Hellman, Cara Hutchison, David Anderson, David Dailey, Dennis Terpstra, Dustin McIntyre, Julie Miller, Pamela Cross, Robin McClelland, Rosa Singer, Tana Knowlton, and Tim Friedrichsen

At 5:42 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

Nora Daley-Peng, Senior Planner-Transportation, provided a brief overview of the work completed by the Sidewalk Advisory Committee (SAC) to date, and shared that four subcommittees were formed to address sidewalk prioritization, communications, sidewalk treatments, and funding options. She said the SAC conducted site visits, open houses, and plans to present a recommendation to the Council in spring 2018.

Dustin McIntyre, SAC Member, presented SAC's Charter and explained that the focus is on prioritizing and funding for the repair of existing sidewalks and the installation of new ones. He shared that SAC developed a scorecard with a data driven approach to analyze and evaluate safety, equity, proximity, and connectivity, and reviewed the criteria for each one. He shared that the scorecard will be applied to reported areas of need and to the 2011 Transportation Plan Sidewalk Priority List to inform the sidewalk prioritization plan. He reviewed future discussion items, the timeline, and said he anticipates the final plan will be submitted to Council on May 21, 2018.

Councilmembers expressed that repairing and maintaining city owned assets is a priority, and urged staff to continue to look and apply for grants to assist with costs to fund expanding Shoreline's sidewalk network. Sidewalk connectivity was not viewed as a priority for the Councilmembers, but they did advise staff to be aware of where frontage improvements will be made by developers that could result in the installation of new sidewalks. They also suggested adding road speed to the evaluation criteria.

SAC Members commented on the need to address equity, safety issues, and to meet the needs of residents in low income and senior housing areas which tend to have less automobiles, but a higher need for people to walk to connect to services and transit.

Andrew Hellman, SAC Member, stressed the importance of developing a two-way communication plan that builds support for sidewalks, sidewalk funding, has community input, and demonstrates to the Community how their money will be spent. He reviewed components of the communications plan and recommended using images showing various sidewalk usages and sidewalk challenges. He shared that communication must also address residents' sidewalk priorities, safety, finances, and emphasize the benefits to individual residents, the Community, and the City, through proactive and targeted messaging. SAC members recommended the use of various communication platforms, including social media.

SAC Members and Councilmembers discussed what success measures would look like. Debbie Tarry, City Manager, responded that measures would be both qualitative and quantitative, and could be measured through the Citizens Satisfaction Survey.

Councilmembers asked how the City can build as many sidewalks as possible for the least amount of money and ensure sidewalk prioritization is based on what residents want. They advised promoting the funding of sidewalks as an investments and finding out how much money the Community is willing to invest in sidewalks. They recommended being mindful of other tax assessments and fees residents will be required to pay like funding Sound Transit 3 and property tax increases to fund the McCleary Decision. They cautioned that there will be competing funding needs on the ballot and that it must be clearly identified how money will be spent on sidewalks.

Ms. Daley-Peng stated the next Joint SAC-City Council Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2018.

At 6:52 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk