Minutes for Kitsap County Non-Motorized Community Advisory Committee Meeting January 16, 2024

Members present:

Members absent:

Deborah Weinmann

Jana Waldroup

Scott Satter

Janet Kidd

Rick Feeney

Laura Westervelt (Vice-Chair)

Brian Watson

Nathan Menefee

Jess Chandler (Chair)

Public Works staff present: Melissa Mohr, David Forte

Department of Community Development staff present: Jim Rogers

Guests:

Joe Lubischer

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Postponed approval of December 2023 minutes until NMC members can review.

2024 Work Plan:

Jess Chandler summarized the list of work plan items developed at the December meeting and reviewed a Draft 2024 work plan schedule.

Committee members discussed various items and provided Jess Chandler with additional feedback to help finalize the 2024 work plan items and schedule. Due to time limitations, Jess Chandler will be following-up with committee members via email for further input.

Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan Transportation & Parks Policies:

Jim Rogers reviewed the location of various elements of the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update on the website https://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/ComprehensivePlanUpdate_2024.aspx.

The Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan supports the Land Use Element and is consistent with the other elements. The Transportation Element is the same for all of the alternatives. The transportation goals, policies and strategies will be interpreted based on the alternative chosen.

Jim Rogers suggested the Non-Motorized Committee members could influence the Comprehensive Plan Update two ways: send comments individually to Jim's email

jlrogers@kitsap.gov or compplan@kitsap.gov, and/or use a collective voice by writing comments in a letter to the Board of County Commissioners. Notably, comments related to a recommendation for a preferred Alternative (1, 2, or 3) Zoning Map would need to be submitted by April 8, prior to the Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Jess Chandler noted comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) need to be submitted by January 31.

Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee:

Jess Chandler orchestrated discussion of the next steps to take in regards to the Comprehensive Plan Update. A subcommittee was created to gather and organize comments/feedback from all committee members and present the information at the February NMC meeting for discussion. Subcommittee members include: Laura Westervelt, Janet Kidd, and Deborah Weinmann.

Member & Staff Updates:

Rick Feeney shared that the City of Bremerton was looking at redesigning 6th Street to support non-motorized facilities.

Jess Chandler was thanked and appreciated for her hard work as 2023 Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.