

**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee
Queen Anne Elementary and Cafe Ladro, Queen Anne
June 14, 2019 Minutes**

STSC Attendees

- Richard Staudt (SPS)
- ✓ Mary Ellen Russell, Chair (parent volunteer)
- ✓ Margaret McCauley (pedestrian safety advocate)
- Kevin O'Neill (SPD)
- James Wells (Metro)
- ✓ Mitchell Lloyd (SDOT)
- ✓ Marilyn Firman (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Lee Bruch (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Rachel Osias (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Yvonne Carpenter (SPS transportation crossing guard manager)

Other Presenters/Public

- ✓ Ruth Sanford (QAES parent)

Public comment

None.

May 10, 2019 Minutes: Approved

Yvonne is making sure that staff at schools with open crossing guard positions (such as lunch room, playground attendants) are informed that the positions are open.

Action: _Kevin will send high collision intersection info near schools to Mary Ellen.

Mitchell: Ashley Rhead has a five year action plan for Safe Routes to Schools which will be updated this fall. She is reviewing her approach in how elementary walk audit information come to life in the action plan. Unclear how information will be used; we can continue to ask her to highlight those influences.

Action_ All committee members should share their Queen Anne Elementary notes via email to Mary Ellen.

Crossing Guard Update/s

- Lost at Stem K8, Viewlands, Greenwood (at 80th and first)
- New guards: Arbor Heights, Broadview Thomson, and replacement for STEM K8 with Sanislo, and new guard at Highland Park
- New applicant at Thorton Creek
- Total, lost 3 gained 4, in process of adding another
- Over the course of the year the average loss is about 16 crossing guards

- About 40 open posts and 40 half day posts
- **ACTION_** Yvonne to bring updated totals and updated list of open positions. Recommendation for an outstanding crossing guard who could be highlighted on the City Blog

Loyal Heights Follow-up - Mitchell

Mitchell reached out but hasn't heard back from the Principal yet. He will do a site visit over the next month (if time allows) to assess. Will laminate crossing-guard advertising signs and physically post at needed intersections. City Council subgroups are reviewing the City Master Plan and Bike Master Plan.

Mary Ellen - stated that the Mayor has been nixing bike lanes that have not yet begun construction. Mitchell responded that the city has been working hard to answer her calls - there are mixed feelings regarding these hot topics.

Updates on Outreach to School Board, City Council - Mary Ellen & Margaret

Mary Ellen, Lee, and Margaret have been trying to get the attention of the school board for awhile. They recently were able to see/chat with the Operations Committee. Margaret shared that we have a lot of great maps and stats in our presentations, and it's challenging to always know what will entice individuals. The Operations folks were stunned specifically about the transportation stats of our youth. Need to continue to push on the rest of the School Board. School Board members at the operations meeting were very interested in the idea of using bus paddle funds to add one staff member who would support School Traffic Safety (bike train organization, work with Mitchell to figure out cross walks, have walk/bike engagement, etc). Clear realization that physical activity is beneficial for youth. Fred Podesta - was in the room, fyi.

Followed up with Councilman Mike O'Brien to follow-up on the Red-light camera budgets. He wants to increase the funding to 50% (and he thinks he has the votes to make that happen). This funding would be directed to all Vision Zero projects, not just SRTS, but SRTS would be prioritized in the language of the legislation.

Mitchell is hesitant because Vision Zero and SRTS projects can be very different. BUT O'Brien shared that he would ensure to prioritize and/or highlight SRTS programs. Mitchell shared that Vision Zero has some issues, especially regarding enforcement campaigns.

ACTION_ Mary Ellen & Margaret will follow-up with O'Brien to discuss enforcement concerns and ways to address that within this topic/subject

Mitchell shared that King Co. is having conversations regarding fare enforcement. Sound Transit has redone their approaches but King Co. has not. They've received a lot of pushback from advocates. Officers doing fare enforcement appear very military.

Lee is meeting with a person from SDOT regarding Northgate Elementary next Tuesday, 6pm, 116th. Lee will share the address and information with folks if they email him. Sound Transit is planning on interjecting the bicycle and pedestrian safety access on the pedestrian/bike overpass. The elementary attendance boundary is I-5 so these changes should not effect students directly, but it may. So Lee is meeting this representative there to meet them. Invitation for folks to join him. Marilyn will join Lee for this meeting.

Summer Schedule Review

- July, 19 third Friday of the month
- August, 16 third Friday of the month
- Agreement from group

Future Topics:

- SDOT detailed survey results and recommendations (July)
- Crossing guard recruitment – push in July/August for next school year
- School staff training as crossing guards for backup
- Follow up with Lee regarding development of Director's Report
- End of year speed camera update with year over year comparison, (July or August)
- SDOT's complete assessment anticipated for early summer 2019. Dongho will return to give full assessment (July)
- Pilot project for school road closure
- Look through walk boundary decision spreadsheet for intersections that SDOT should review for improvements.
- Lee will follow up with Robert Eagle Staff PSTA about Aurora crossing at 90th that is currently a YVYC project
- Possible to find funding for walking school bus leaders/ bus train leaders to have a paid position similar to crossing guards. In lower income portions of the City, where crossing guards are easier to recruit, this might be attractive position.
- Bus stop paddle funds – 2nd year accounting (July or August)

Next meeting: July 19th.