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Southwest In Motion (SWIM) Plan Stakeholder Working Group

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Thurs. Sept 28, 2017 4:30-6:00 pm

Multnomah Arts Center: 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Room 7

Members of the public are always welcome!

1. Welcome and Introductions (includes public) 4:35-4:55 PM

SWIM SWG members, the public, and members of the SWIM team went around the room introducing themselves and talking about their reasons for being involved in the SWIM process.

Staff in attendance: Nick Falbo, Francesca Patricolo, Denver Igarta, Kevin Donahue

SWG members and public in attendance: Kathryn Daly, Michael Harrison, Eric Wilhelm, Scott Richman, Lisa Avery, Mary Anne Cassin, Marianne Fitzgerald, Rob Wilcox, Ryan Bass, Katherine Christensen, Kelly Shepard, Dave Manville

Public in attendance: John Gibbon, Rick Kappler, Stephan Lewis, Doug Rogers

2. Review of Working Group roles 4:55-5:00 PM

- Responsibilities and Expectations
- Agreement Packet

Francesca walked the SWIM SWG through the introductory packet that includes expectations and agreements by the working group members. Members were instructed to sign-off in recognition of these agreements by the end of the meeting.

SWG Member Question: What's the relationship between SWG members and our neighborhood organization/ residents?



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Answer: We don't need anyone to be a representative of anything. Members are the most beneficial when they can spread the word and extend connections as far and wide as possible.

SWG Member Question: There's some uncertainty about the conflict of interest/ loyalty.

Answer: Required to have this form legally.

SWG Member Question: Will we get a roster? How do I know who's on the committee and how to get ahold of them?

Answer: We'll take care of this. This is the first working group meeting and we still have questions about who's missing.

3. Project Overview

5:00-5:30 PM

- Project Description
- Process and Timeline
- Relationship to Other Plans
- Source Plans and Projects

Nick presented about the specifics of the project and explained the process/ timeline. The PowerPoint presentation used during this portion of the meeting will be available with the meeting notes.

Question for SWG: How does this meeting location work? Should we move around to different parts of SW for each meeting?

SWG Answer: Confusion if we have a different location for every meeting. Consensus that this is a central location with lots of different room sizes.

Question for SWG: Regarding meeting time, does the first Thursday of the month work? There are no competing neighborhood meetings, but there are a few SWNI committees that conflict. Looking to meet in about a month and then every month after that. Also, is 4:30 a good time to meet?

SWG Answer: There is a conflict with one SWG member for Thursdays at 4:30. However, November 2nd will work for the next tentative meeting. Members agree that 4:30 works, as it's between work and dinner.

SWG Member Question: There's a need to shift people away from this car-centric mentality. We're suffering from this dominant ideology that cars are needed to get anywhere. To change the health of the neighborhood we need to shift people to using active transportation modes.

SWG Member Question: We should try to reframe the descriptions of projects. Where are we spending the money to have complete streets, and can our improvements emphasize walking and biking rather than enhancing motor vehicle mobility? Reducing speed or restricting traffic may be cheaper and more effective.

SWG Member Question: There's a hot word at PBOT called connectivity that's considered a priority.

SWG Member Question: Funding for crosswalks and protected bikeways in SW through Fixing Our Streets (FOS) money. If we wait until this plan is done, this FOS money will be gone.

Note: Some of the people in attendance worked on the Tryon-Stephens Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan

SWG Member Question: Marquam Hill Plan needs to be included in the list of previous plans. It has pedestrian access components.

SWG Member Question: GPS cut-through problem. More cut-through traffic raises conflicts with those arterials being routes for biking and walking.

4. Working Group Activities

5:30-6:05 PM

- Representing the full diversity of SW: Stakeholder identification (15 min)
- The best, first projects are ones that... (25 min)

SWIM SWG members and the public were asked to participate in two activities. Attendees were instructed to write down different stakeholders who should be included in the SWIM process and what the best types of projects would address. After writing these down, attendees placed their responses on the board and team members attempted to group the different responses. SWG responses will be compiled and made available in a separate document.

SWG Member Question: Better Naito as an example. Is there a way to use this better block program, not necessarily as a temporary solution, to see how these projects reclaim space and allow a quicker process?

Answer: Better Block pop-up versus City Piloted Projects raises a question for this project.

5. Public Comment

6:05-6:15 PM

Members of the public were asked to provide any additional feedback that might have been missed by the team or SWIM SWG members. Questions and concerns are included below:

Public Comment: Easement Connection with the Red Electric Trail is important to resolve

Public Question: Does PBOT have a program so residents can maintain their bio-swales?

A: PBOT is working on a process called Portland In the Streets that allows residents to do maintenance and make changes to their ROW. Community Initiated Trails is another process we have.

Public Question: At what point is the city, or BES, required to take care of the swale?

Answer: The adjacent property is responsible for the frontage until it is brought up to city standards.

Francesca announced that the Women in Transportation group, called WTS, is currently seeking applicants for high school, junior college/trade school, undergraduate, and graduate scholarships for women. WTS fosters the development of women in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals to undertake careers in the area of transportation. Applications and further information can be found on our website [here](#) and a flyer can be downloaded [here](#) and shared.

Additionally, Francesca mentioned the PedPDX planning effort that is currently underway.

Next meeting will look at existing conditions and opportunities

6. Adjourn

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