

Sequim Bicycle Alliance ~ Meeting NOTES

Tuesday, **October 20, 2020**, 3:30-4:30pm
MS Teams meeting (online)



Introductions – Ann Soule, SBA coordinator; Bob Anundson, PTC; Bill Biery, City Parks/Rec/Arts Commission; Ken Stringer, OPBA; Randall McCoy, Clallam County Bicycle Advisory Committee (other contributors via email are noted below)

Member Roundtable ~ Please provide brief updates if you have any, *re summer season or outlook for 2021*

- City
 - Engineering ~ *South Sequim Connector project to be presented to Council November 23. The project will include bike facilities.*
 - Safety / Enforcement ~ no report
 - Tourism & Marketing ~ *re downtown electric bike charging stations (and for phones?, scooters, etc.) Ask Garth at Pedego; suggest VC for tourists; downtown (Whimsey Park? Centennial Place? Seal St.?); poss Railroad Bridge/River Center.*
 - Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board ~ *a joint project with the CAAC and the PARB coming up regarding Centennial Place and creative placemaking.*
- Business (no reps present)
- Nonprofits
 - **OPBA** ~ Ken: in COVID limbo but working w/ Backcountry Horsemen of America at Dungeness Trails area. Parking; also new trails for horses at Dung Trails East, area south of irrigation ditch; no known plans for clear cutting in eastern section of DNR land, but not sure; also east of Sporseen Rd, 50 acres begun reconnaissance.
 - Also planning for Tour de Lavender now, but not planning on Sunshine Festival.
 - **PTC** ~ Bob: bollards is current topic with City and County. discussing with Matt root issues – they affect flow which effects safety. Otherwise maintenance activities are going pretty well despite covid. Need a couple ODT adopters still Hendrickson Rd, and around Holiday Inn area – contact Gordon Taylor.
 - **Sequim Bike Works** ~ *via email from Nathan: still working out of storage locker to refurbish bikes & sell via advertising; hoping to expand into bike handling classes at a bike park.*
- Riding groups ~ quite active; keeping distance is individual responsibility.
- Youth cycling support ~ *Dave Toman reports by email that when school is closer to normal there will be a cycling program at the Middle School; they already have bikes and helmets.*
- Clallam Transit (added after the meeting) (email from Kevin Gallacci) ~ *bike lockers at Sequim Transit Center on 2nd are 100% occupied now but others around the County are available: off Kitchen-Dick Rd, Deer Park, Gateway Transit Center in PA.*
- *Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (Annette Nesse) ~*
 - *Working on ODT gaps between Pierce Road and Blyn Road. Will likely construct the section between Pierce and Old Blyn Highway (east end) next spring. We continue to work on the design/ engineering and eventual construction of the gap that remains between Old Blyn Highway and Blyn Road.*
 - *I am also interested and willing to help with the bollard issues.*
 - *Lastly, construction commenced at the River Center. The ODT is impacted but there is a temporary trail, no closures anticipated.*

- County BAC ~ Randall McCoy: BAC is on hiatus.
- County Trails Advisory Board ~ See bollards below & Richard Bloomer email
- Social Media (Facebook & Instagram/Sequim Cycling; Strava / various)

Discussion

- **Bollards on the ODT:** Accident at Knapp Rd. resulted in many discussions between entities including the County Trails Advisory Commission and Peninsula Trails Coalition. (see helpful email from Richard Bloomer from 10/20/20)
- Response suggestions ranged from how to mark them to removing them. Bob commented that this site is a poor example of the issues with bollards as it is well marked and accidents are mostly due to operator error.
- By contrast, Johnson Creek bollards are unnecessary – requests City to remove. Wooden ones are redundant and not visible. Shorter ones are better since handle bars won't hit them. Find safest design. Pavement markings help, too.
- Bill will assist through City Parks Board to get them removed.
- **Bigger question is what is process/protocol for working with City? Set standards, get them agreed to by all involved along the trail? Is a work order enough/needed?**

Other topics:

- West Sequim Bay Rd. x-ing is hazardous – need stop sign or something for trail users warning them about traffic possible. Same thing at Kendall Rd. (both are within County jurisdiction)
- Bigger complaint from users is root issues on trail – PTC has volunteer energy to assist with trail work!

Ped/bike count Oct. 20-22 <https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/commute-choices/bike/count> All slots filled with local notices – once public notice came out all slots were filled.

Wrap up & Adjournment

- Action items and calls for support
- Next SBA meeting ~ March 2021
- >>**Suggest a better way to show HOW TO CONNECT.**