

1. Portland Disability Meeting 8/3/2016

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Portland Disability Advisory Committee (PDAC)

Present: Co-chairs Renee Berry-Huffman and Karen Perry, Jim Devine, Michelle Ames, Gina Tapp (City HR Director), Bud Buzzell, Hanna Aistrop (Portland Disability Social), Jill Johanning (Alpha One) , Kayla Moore and Hayley (STRIVE), Stephanie (interpreter), and city staff Karen McPhee.

Guest Speaker: Alex Pine, Portland Bicycle Coalition

Person	Item	Action
Renee	Opened the meeting, welcomed new members in attendance.	Members introduced themselves.
Renee	Minutes of July meeting with Mary Davis.	Accepted and noted.
Alex Pine	Representative of Portland Bicycle Coalition. -Ad hoc group of Portland area residents who advocate for biking safety. -Group is tied to the city with a little financial support. -Issues to be concerned about: -Winter issues for shoveling -Clearing of snow around sidewalks and entrances. -Committee takes city counselors on rides around area to point out improvements or areas of concern to acquaint them with needs of the city related to bikes. This can be helpful in developing policy. -Traffic calming may be a potential	-Wants to know the concerns of the committee. -Issues of group with regard to sidewalk safety and wheeled transportation (bikes, rollerblades and skateboards) may be addressed with his group and this committee. -Wants to work on biking infrastructure. -Issues could be addressed in a safety class. -There is bike coalition meeting on the second Monday of each month at 5:30- pm in Room 24 or 209. This would be a good place to raise concerns about safety

	solution to Congress Street to help avoid issues with shared space on sidewalks. -Local law may differ regarding who can be on the sidewalk. Some people can be on the sidewalk to walk bikes but not ride them. Unfortunately, some people ride on the sidewalk because they do not feel safe in the road.	and planning safety training. -Alex will email Renee with information. -In some places, there is a Sharrow sign that allows sharing of various users. This sign may help with possible ways to create change and understanding of various users. -We need to get some clarification about bikes and other wheeled recreation items.
	Group Questions/Concerns	
Karen P.	Complains about the situation with bikes and skateboards. She feels city is slow to react. Pedestrians are not careful either. They jay-walk and don't get a ticket.	
Jim D.	Walking on the sidewalks when restaurants are in summer sessions, especially on First Fridays is very difficult. Concerned about walking in the street and being hit by drivers.	
Bud		Restaurants must have a 4 foot clearance from tables and chairs to the curb.
Bud	Bikers and skateboarders hog the sidewalks. He was almost hit recently and remarked to the boarder who made an indecent sign to him.	Can walk bike and skateboard but not formal use. Great to have bigger bike lanes but tough on Congress Street with the way it is currently designed with the cut outs.
Karen M.	Perhaps the Coalition could design a user-friendly brochure (tri-fold) that would explain the use of bike lanes and sidewalks in Portland. From this policy might be developed that could help with the offenders and help with enforcement.	State bike group has a pamphlet of general information (Alex).
Renee	Important to hold people accountable and sees a connection between the Coalition and the PDAC. Curb cuts are critical for wheelchair	Work together to enact change for anything with wheels on the sidewalk. Have had discussion with the

	users, especially when winter snow comes and for access to Metro buses.	city's Parking and Public Works Departments.
Jill	Maine Bike Coalition Shared Use Paths First Friday – access is challenging	May have some materials that would be helpful to the group. Located on Preble Street and Cumberland Avenues (Alex). Alex- a lot of bike focus, some discuss but not a lot. This is where the city council rides are important.
Alex	Snow removal	Bike people see the sidewalk as a place to hold snow. In some cities, there is a Mayor's Challenge for street use. Waiting to see if Portland adopts this policy. Alex will get in touch with the group about brochures and get them to the group for distribution. Wants open community and to stay in touch.
Renee	Issues of Accessibility Has asked a local policeman about this. (Bikes on sidewalks) Farmer's Market – issues around space, crowds, movement	Is the bike coalition accessible? He can help with coordination.
	Other Discussion	
Renee	Pamphlet from Michelle for Metro so busses can have universal signs.	Michelle will sent to Renee.
Bud	Signs from City Hall	May help with the market to give more room/avoid crowding
Hanna	Bikes lanes are so tight; don't feel safe. Sometimes she will ride on sidewalk	
Kayla Moore	STRIVE – Next Step	Program that teaches community skills. Hayley is one of the program's participants.
Hanna	Portland Disabilities Social	Setting up program for folks with disability as a social

		group to meet monthly. Plan to have support groups and a play to hang out. Want to train restaurants in how to be sensitive to people with disabilities of all kinds. Will meet at Coffee by Design on Diamond Street on August 21. All are invited.
Jim D.	Housing Discussion	Large coalition of groups to work on massive evictions. This month on August 10 and 24 there will be public comment at the City Council Meeting. All are invited. This issue affects many people
Karen P.	Handouts for the Adapted Outdoor Education Center – Sugarloaf	Labor Day Weekend Event.