

Kirkland Transportation Commission
Meeting Notes
Wednesday December 10, 2008

Call to Order

Jon Pascal called the meeting to order at 6:04 in the Rose Hill Room. Members Present: Don Samdahl, Joel Pfundt, Norm Storme, Sandeep Singhal, Roland White, Jennifer Spall and Dani Ferrigno. Kirkland Staff present: Dave Godfrey, Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Department; Others present: Evan Morris

Approval of Meeting Notes

Meeting notes from the November meeting were approved with a correction of the meeting date to November 12; moved by Pfundt, seconded by White.

Comments from the Public

Evan Morris reiterated a statement he made at a previous meeting calling for bicycle routes that connect to destinations and cited the area around Costco as an example of a lack of such connections. He also commented on improving crossings of the railroad for bicycles, possibly by constructing ramps over the tracks.

Non-Motorized Plan Update

The Commission reviewed the draft Active Transportation Plan and had a detailed discussion on the proposed method for prioritizing sidewalk construction projects. There was agreement that local streets should get less emphasis and that streets with walkway complete on one side should get less emphasis. It was also agreed that Schools and Parks should get a little higher weighting than Transit and Commercial areas. Within transit, the cumulative points from multiple routes should be capped. The Commission asked staff to prepare a map of a sum of the factors that go into the scoring criteria.

The Commission also had a discussion on plan goals. Staff was directed to narrow and sharpen the goals of the plan as well as make better ties between the goals and the text.

Discussion of Transportation Vision

Jon Pascal presented a concept for developing a Transportation Vision/Master Plan for the City of Kirkland. Commissioners discussed the concept including how the subjects of concurrency and the relationship of transportation and land use might be included. It was proposed to follow up with the discussion at a future meeting.

Election of Officers

Jon Pascal was nominated by Norm Storme for the office of Chair. The nomination was seconded by Jenifer Holder and approved unanimously.

Sandeep Singhal was nominated by Norm Storme for the office of Vice-chair. The nomination was seconded by Jon Pascal and approved unanimously.

Updates from Commissioners/Staff

Jon Pascal noted that the ITS Plan had been approved by Council.

Motion to Adjourn made by Storme, seconded by Spall at 8:47.