

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 SMILE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Zack Duffly, Transportation Committee Chair. Four others in attendance: Elaine O’Keefe, Andrew Holtz, Scott Kelly, and Ayomide Njo.

The meeting began with consideration of possible projects for the Transportation Committee:

- Community outreach: specifically within neighborhood re existence, activities, etc. of Transportation Committee generally
- Public awareness campaign: regarding specifically duty to maintain sidewalk free of debris and hazards (eg, slippery leaves, ice, etc.)

Also discussed:

- Possible impact of Chloe Eudaly’s departure on landscape of city transportation issues. It will be a little while still before we know who will be the next Transportation Commissioner.
- Finalization of process for submitting letter from Transportation Committee to City re ADA Transition Plan, encouraging more robust oversight of sidewalk maintenance and repair.
- “Shop Local” signs campaign (signs available for cost).
- There will be no Decemberville this year due to the pandemic.
- Oaks Bottom viewing platform is complete and open to public.
- The Holiday Train will not be making trips but will be available to view at the station near the Tilikum Bridge

Sellwood Squares check-in:

Ayomide Njo (Portland Chocolate Laboratory) was kind enough to report on the status of the Sellwood Squares project (side streets blocked off, with tables and benches for dining at adjacent businesses or while shopping etc.). The project is popular and will be extended. Residents of the blocked streets have had a positive reaction, partly because vehicle traffic on their street is lessened. It may be something to keep even after the pandemic subsides.

Possible future agenda items:

- Invite new Transportation Commissioner to attend SMILE Transportation Committee meeting