PPA Transportation Agenda: Tuesday, 18 May 2021

Attending: Evan Roberts, Vera Marshall, Seth Werner, Ruth Newman, Lydia McAnerney, Dan Cross, Aloida Zaragosa, Dan Bryant, David Frank, Nancy Kosciolek, Kari Simonson, Jim Polakowski, Julie Andrus.

1. Quick update on Malcolm Ave shared street (Evan Roberts / Allison Bell)

Evan Roberts provided an update on the Malcolm Ave shared street. Soil will be delivered Friday, 5/21.

Questions: Ann Herzog asked about the position of stop sign and will that be changed? Evan Roberts responded that Public Works is aware of the issues with sightlines on the intersection, and have moved the placement in the past.

Dan Cross suggested that a sliding skirt that was insulated could protect the plants during winter.

2. Discussion of Seymour and Orlin intersection (Lydia McAnerney)

Lydia McAnerney introduced the idea of introducing traffic calming at the Orlin and Seymour intersection. The committee discussed how this might be achieved with a roundabout, or extending the curb lines to narrow crossing distances. Dan Cross advised that a roundabout on a slope might not be advisable due to winter road conditions. The committee will plan a community charette at the July or August meeting date, to map concepts and gather additional community ideas.

Evan Roberts suggested that meeting after the Malcolm planters had been in place for a little while may be useful. Contacting the Park Board to discuss this in relation to the Tower Hill park master plan would be useful.

3. Update on Valhalla Place concerns

Aloida Zaragosa reported that she and Britt Howell had met with Cam and Robin, and Britt. The Meeting was productive. Not everything discussed was tied to the clinic (encampment in Tower Hill). Kari Simonson reported that 4th Street neighbors will be contacting the Department of Health and Human Services to discuss their oversight of the clinic. Aloida Zaragosa reported that 4th St neighbors are meeting with other business representatives to discuss concerns, and bring into quarterly meetings. Following the passage of a resolution at the April PPA Board meeting requesting a letter be written to Valhalla Place management, a draft letter was circulated and will be completed by Aloida Zaragosa, Britt Howell, Kari Simonson, and Kate Needleman. Britt Howell will bring the completed letter to the board.