

Walk & Roll Pierce County - Agenda

July 19, 2022

Attendees:

- Raichle Dunkeld, WRPC
- Laura Svancarek, DOTG
- Nicole Avendano - Pierce County
- Larry Laveen - FGT
- Connor Schultz - Safe Streets
- Marcy Boulet -
- Douglas Baxter-Jenkins
- Anaid Yerena
- Noah Struthers - 2nd Cycle
- Liz Kaster - City of Tacoma
- Shawn Phelps - Pierce County
- Adam Nolan - City of Tacoma
- Nathan BeVelle - Pierce Transit
- Jenn Halverson Kuehn - TPCHD
- Kimberly Kinchen - DR-WA
- Cynthia Covarrubias
- Ashley Jones - City of Tacoma
- Meagan Kula - Metro Parks Tacoma

Agenda:

Introductions and ice-breaker (10 minutes)

- Space/Place - look around you. Notice the feeling of your feet touching the floor, and the view from outside your window. Take a deep breath in...and let it out.

Welcome!

- Once you log on, sit with this question for a moment. Type your answer (**but don't send!!**) in the zoom chat window.
 - **What's one thing that inspired you today?**
- Introduce (**press enter when it's your turn to speak!**):
 - Name
 - Organization / Affiliation

- Contact
- Answer: What's one thing that inspired you today?
- Electing the note-takers: Laura Svancarek (volunteered)
 - Link to doc for note takers:

WRPC Pierce County Trails Day in Parkland (15 minutes)

- Summary - Larry & Raichle met with Jessie + Heather + Diane Planning an event (after party) National Night Out August 2nd - at Trinity Lutheran Church 123st & C St
 - National Night Out event will have a lot of community engagement already, great opportunity to engage and connect.
 - Bed Time Story Walk (Horton Hears an Egg) + Kids Booth (with information for adults)
 - Liz shared concerns around Dr Suess and racism, offered to give recommendations. Nicole gave suggestions from Pierce County Sustainable Resources for environmental themed childrens' books, which they have in both English and Spanish.
 - Tree Walk w Tacoma Tree Foundation
 - Goal to provide walks in English and Spanish, Spanish walks still being organized
- Questions
- Organizational Volunteer ask (template):
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OikfkoLcwVExHaNozmcRG1CfOzsyxR7Tx_t03zXYsDJM/edit?usp=sharing
 - Need volunteers! Pierce County Sustainable Resources helping, but asking that member organizations ask their volunteers as well.
- Agency Volunteer ask (template):
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OmrDW5p8FQqZiVcF6vM8GfUJYncbRxwsk1D49reuYX8/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Agencies currently volunteering: Pierce County Sustainable Resources, Pierce Conservation District, Pierce County Libraries, Franklin Family Resource Center.

Kimberly Kinchin on Week Without Driving (30 minutes)

- Presentation by Kimberly (5-7 minutes) Kimberly Kinchen

- From the Disability Mobility Initiative
- kimberlyk@dr-wa.org
- <https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/storymap>
- Weekwithoutdriving.life
- Week Without Driving Info:
 - September 19th - 25th
 - Collected info of lived experience from non-drivers (fact of life) that the current car-centric transportation system does not work for many of us. Story Map: <https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/storymap/>
 - What would you like to share with elected leaders? - *how about they try getting around without a car for a week?*
 - 2021 WWD - Late October, invited many elected officials, community leaders, transit agency staff and leaders. You can ride in a car, but cannot drive - it's OK to ask for rides. Some participants sent in videos about the impact of their participation. <https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/programs/disabilitymobility/wwd/>
 - A week without driving video link: [YouTube Video](#)
 - Focus on elected officials in the legislature, on transit boards, on planning boards and agencies. All WSDOT staff will be invited to participate.
 - ASK: Partner organizations to help spread the word and encourage participation. Also to share participation experiences.
 - 3 ways to participate:
 - 1, Identify electeds you have a good relationship with, reach out to them to participate.
 - 2, Write letters or op-eds about why this is important and impactful.
 - 3, Share how you're preparing to participate (learning bus routes, getting your bike ready, etc.).
- Breakout to workgroups (10 minutes)
 - List of politicians, staff, agency members
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AG-MdexyABpPasEyp126y7QEJoEcj9Pr8XGRsUPMAyo/edit?usp=sharing>

- Ways to engage: Social media engagement
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mYdhzT8T1oopEBxMdBBIcxO6CvOUrswgA_XdwJLVtwM/edit?usp=sharing
- Ways to get ready for the WWD
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TfmSHRDZDs_Psl6Hxxu9jRI5hLKnen-T0e776kwb8x0/edit?usp=sharing
- Regroup and share ideas (10 minutes)
 - Elected Officials: Brainstormed ideas of electeds to ask, asks may be most effective coming from advocates and community members rather than organizations.
 - Social Media: Humor and authenticity; sharing stories and experience throughout the week; trying to address concerns and hesitations ahead of time; maintaining positivity while acknowledging challenges.
 - Ways to Get Ready: Want clarity on the WWD goals. Reflected on personal challenges to not driving (built environment, transit frequencies, accessibility to transit, planning ahead). Discussed the perception of reasons why people do or do not have cars.
- Finalize WRPC involvement in Week Without Driving - methods of participation and who will be participating (5 minutes)
 - Doc:

Meagan Kula on Summer Bash at the South Tacoma STAR Center (15 minutes)

- This is a great opportunity for WRPC to put our feet on the ground in South Tacoma. I'll be representing WRPC as a volunteer, and it would be amazing if any of our other members could also attend!
- Star Center event August 5th, 5pm-11pm
 - Outdoor movie night (partner with Grand Cinema), kids activities, inflatables. The movie is Luca, which has a bike theme.
 - There will be a bike rodeo with free helmets and helmet fittings, 5pm-7:45pm.
 - Need volunteers! Set up (3pm), helmet fittings during event (4pm), safety supervision during the event (4pm). Email Meagan: Meagan.kula@tacomaparks.com
 - Bike Rodeo Setup 3 - 4:45pm, Group 1: 4:30 - 6:30pm, Group 2: 6:15 - 8:15 pm

Admin Updates (5 minutes):

- [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (this month's update)
 - **I need your feedback:** values, membership (a longer conversation) and meetings
 - NOTE: This is just a draft, and there are parts of the document that are unfinished. I would love your input, so please comment as much as you'd like!
- WRPC Website tour: <https://walkandrollpiercecounty.com/>
- WRPC Logo and T-shirt design!
 - Animal design will be large on the back, circular logo will be on the front left 'pocket' area.
 - T-shirt ordering: we will be ordering this week, and you're welcome to buy one for yourself at cost if you'd like!
 - Cost: \$8 plus tax
 - Sizing: S-5xl





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Participant updates (15 minutes)

- Laura did a great job at the Transportation Commission meeting to advocate for transit access in the future! (lauras@downtownonthegeo.org for more info)
- Jenn H-K UW School of health putting on a health fair in Sumner at Aug 27th 10-2, funding from NIH for pre& post surveying on non-white, 55+, does TPCHD want to have a nutrition/healthy aging table?
- Shawn Phelps - TPCHD & Pierce County awarded Vision 2050 award.
<https://psrc.org/whats-happening/blog/tacoma-pierce-county-health-department-wins-vision-2050-award>
- Tacoma's first two-way protected cycle tracks construction just started! Stay tuned for social media push and if you can forward the social media along that would be great!
 - S tacoma transit station to Tacoma Mall transit center
<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?pagelId=59925>
- Adam Nolan - Pacific Avenue Sub-Area plan, just getting kicked off but will have exciting opportunities for outreach and engagement. Important for Pierce Transit BRT 1, which will open ~2027.
<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?pagelId=212938>
- Larry re/trail advocates state DOT on flexibility on bipartisan infrastructure law, transport funding used in a lot of different ways, determined by state DOT, there

is a draft letter for states to engage with DOTs on that, Larry will keep us updated on that