



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, October 17, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive
Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mehlinger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Mehlinger led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 5 - Chair Richard Mehlinger
Vice Chair John Cordes
Commissioner Dan Hafeman
Commissioner Leia Mehlman
Commissioner Timothy Oey
- Absent** 2 - Commissioner Arwen Davé
Commissioner Scott Swail

Commissioner Scott Swail absence is excused
Commissioner Arwen Davé absence is unexcused
Council member Gustav Larsson(absent)

PRESENTATION

[19-1125](#) PRESENTATION - Fremont Corners Village Center Concept Plan

Mr. Milo Trowse gave a presentation about the Fremont Corners Village Center Public Engagement Plan. The Public Engagement process is an effort to get the community involved before there is a project level proposal. Mr. Trowse gave a summary of the plan and explained where they are in the process and how the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission(BPAC) can participate.

Vice Chair Cordes commented on the following:

- Making safer bikeways for students and adding protective bike lanes

- Limiting the number of driveways
- Tie into the Bicycle Master Plan
- Ideally Class I or Class V Bike Facility along Fremont

Commissioner Oey commented on the following:

- Have the owners nearby been invited to participate in the precise plan?
- Make this area much more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.
- More weather secured bike parking or have businesses allow patrons to take their bikes into the shop.
- Heights of development
- Mixed use developments
- Affordable housing, smaller units
- Likes the idea of village centers.

Commissioner Hafeman had the following questions:

- Has the height in the buildings been specified yet? Mr. Trowse stated that the height has been specified.
- Can you work closely with VTA to make sure there is a transit plan near this village center?
- Will there be at least one pocket park? Mr. Trowse stated that potentially there could be a pocket park and it depends on the opinions of the community if it is a high priority.

Commissioner Mehlman commented on the following:

- Will there be underground parking? Mr. Trowse stated that is to be determined.
- Transit island to facilitate loading and unloading.

Chair Mehlinger commented on the following:

- Don't make this a car-oriented development. Minimize parking and unbundled.
- Install protected intersections.
- Emphasis on pedestrian pass-throughs.
- Consider shade for pedestrians with good quality trees that will not drop debris on bike lane.
- Use the roof space.
- Commercial and residential density to make this development walkable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kevin Jackson, member of the public, commented on the recently released study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety which looked at more than 600 incidents

of bike crashes and studied the different types of facilities on major roadways.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1A.** [19-1089](#) Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2019.

Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2019 as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Mehlinger
 Vice Chair Cordes
 Commissioner Hafeman
 Commissioner Mehlman
 Commissioner Oey

No 0

Absent 2 - Commissioner Davé
 Commissioner Swail

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.** [19-1121](#) Report and Discussion of Recent VTA BPAC Meeting

Dave Simons, VTA BPAC Representative, gave the meeting summary report regarding the following topics:

- Workshop on Bart to San Jose and past San Jose. The workshop focused on total funding packages that are available for Santa Clara County and other jurisdictions.

Vice Chair commented on the following:

- Had a presentation on funding sources.
- Design review of the Eastridge to Bart Regional Connector - Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project.

- 3.** [19-1122](#) Review and Discussion of Active Transportation Plan Draft Vision, Goals, and Policies

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner, reviewed the Active Transportation Plan Draft Vision, Goals, and Policies with the BPAC commission and asked for feedback.

Kevin Jackson, member of the public, made the following comments:

- Alternative route for cyclists is not a good idea.
- Should require "bikes may use full lane" signs be installed along with "change lanes to pass" on major streets.
- Include the City's Complete Street Policy in the plan along with all other relevant transportation policies.
- List all arterials, collectors and all other important streets as well as the bike/pedestrian paths and bridges along with their complete streets status.

The commissioners provided comments on the Active Transportation Plan Draft Vision, Goals, and Policies.

Chair Mehlinger asked for a recess at 8:50 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

4. [19-1126](#) Enable safer and faster cycling by keeping trash receptacles out of bike lanes and bikeways (Potential Study Issue)

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner, asked the BPAC commissioners to vote on whether BPAC will place item as a Proposed Study Issue.

Vice Chair Cordes recommended not to move forward with Potential Study Issue 19-1126 (Enable safer and faster cycling by keeping trash receptacles out of bike lanes and bikeways).

Chair Mehlinger recommended using this concept for the utility insert.

5. [19-1127](#) Create safer street by narrowing travel lanes (Potential Study Issue)

Vice Chair Cordes recommended changing the staff comments from "under unique circumstances" to "reduce to 10 feet when appropriate for safety or traffic calming, or to create or expand bike facilities".

Commissioner Oey moved and Commissioner Mehلمان seconded to add this item to the list of potential study issue.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Mehlinger
Vice Chair Cordes
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Mehلمان
Commissioner Oey

No 0

Absent 2 - Commissioner Davé
Commissioner Swail

6. [19-1128](#) BPAC 2020 Study Issue Sponsorship (Scenario 2)

Vice Chair Cordes moved and Commissioner Oey seconded to sponsor the potential study issue "Create safer street by narrowing travel lanes".

Yes 5 - Chair Mehlinger
Vice Chair Cordes
Commissioner Hafeman
Commissioner Mehلمان
Commissioner Oey

No 0

Absent 2 - Commissioner Davé
Commissioner Swail

7. [19-1129](#) BPAC 2020 Sponsored Study Issues (Scenario 1)

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner, indicated that the Draft Study Issue papers for the three sponsored Study Issues are included in the agenda package.

Vice Chair commented on the El Camino Real Protected Bikeways and suggested the parking study should include off-street parking as well.

Commissioner Mehلمان commented on the infrastructure for parking of the bikes at the businesses.

Chair Mehlinger commented on the Evelyn Avenue Multi-Use Trail and Bikeway Study and suggested the study should include a task to coordinate with Mountain View on removing one westbound lane all the way from Bernardo Avenue to the Stevens Creek Trail to extend the Cycle Track to the Sunnyvale/Mountain View City limits.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Oey commented on the placement of Sharrows on Fair Oaks Avenue and wanted to learn more on the design standards that were followed.

Vice Chair Cordes commented on his participation in the California Bike Summit in Los Angeles. He also asked if the Fair Oaks Avenue Bike Lane and Streetscape Project is completed. Ms. Tsang stated that there is a punch list that is yet to be completed.

Chair Mehlinger commented on emphasizing prioritization of the active transportation uses over parking. Locations to be considered for removal of on-street parking to install bike facilities: Hollenbeck Avenue and California Avenue.

Commissioner Melhman and Commissioner Oey agreed with Chair Mehlinger's comment on removal of on-street parking to install bike facilities.

-Staff Comments

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner, commented on the following:

- Toole Design Group will have a presentation on 8-80 Bikeway at the November BPAC meeting.
- Bay Trail closure will re-open the week of 10/24.
- Vice Chair Cordes and Commissioner Oey will both give a presentation at the November BPAC meeting.
- BPAC will be discussing the Year 2020 Annual Workplan at the November BPAC meeting. Commissioners should bring ideas of items to be incorporated in the Annual Workplan.
- December 3, there will be a Roadway Safety Plan TAC meeting.
- Any questions or comments from Commissioners should go directly to the BPAC liaisons Ralph Garcia or Lillian Tsang instead of contacting project staff directly.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[19-1123](#) BPAC 2019 Annual Work Plan

[19-1118](#) Active Items List - October 2019

[19-1124](#)

VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Programs Presentation to VTA
BPAC on October 9, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mehlinger adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.