

[18-0382](#) Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2018

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Commissioner Rausch moved and Commissioner Barry seconded the motion to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 4 - Chair Cordes
Commissioner Barry
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Rausch

No 0

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Oey

Abstain 2 - Commissioner Swail
Commissioner Welch

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[18-0306](#) Recommend Alternatives for the Caribbean Drive Parking and Trail Access Enhancements Design

Staff recommends the Preferred Alternative: Converting the existing bike lane and outer through lane on westbound Caribbean Drive to street parking and an eight-foot-wide buffer and constructing a ten-foot-wide multi-use path for use by pedestrians and cyclists in both directions.

Jennifer Ng, Interim Assistant Director of Public Works, introduced herself as well as Allison Boyer, City of Sunnyvale Project Manager, Shahid Abbas and Lillian Tsang, City of Sunnyvale Division of Transportation and Traffic, Elaine Marshall, City of Sunnyvale Environmental Services, Shawn O'Keefe, Project Designer, Mark Thomas, and Erin McGuire, Program Management Consultant, CDM Smith. Ms. Ng also noted that information can be found on the website: www.cleanwater.com.

Ms. Ng went over the objectives for the project, gave a status update and requested a recommendation from BPAC to present to the City Council on May 8. Ms. Ng

noted the final design will be completed Summer/Fall 2018 and will be open to the public in the Winter of 2019.

Commissioner Barry asked what the current speed limit is on Caribbean Drive. Ms. Ng replied, 45 miles per hour (mph). Ms. Barry also asked about the pedestrian use and bike traffic along that street. Mr. Abbas said the last count, which was done a year ago, counted 3-4 bikes during peak hours.

Commissioner Bremond asked why staff is recommending the Preferred Alternative instead of the Current Design and why the Other Alternative was thrown out. Ms. Ng responded that after taking a closer look at the Current Design there were some improvements to be made. The Other Alternative did not meet the Caltrans standard of a two foot shoulder. Commissioner Bremond questioned whether or not we have to abide by Caltrans standard. Ms. Ng stated that we do not, but it is wise to be consistent with other jurisdictions. Ms. Ng added that there was no buffer on the Current Design plan and the width was not wide enough to open a car door or parallel park safely. Mr. Abbas affirmed that the City is required by the Municipal Code to follow the latest design standards for Caltrans.

Chair Cordes stated that Vice Chair Oey was unable to attend the meeting so he submitted his comments which Chair Cordes read aloud. Chair Cordes then opened the floor to the public.

Ben Pacho, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, preferred the Other Evaluated Alternative and was opposed to the Preferred Alternative the City is recommending. He also suggested lowering the speed limit to 30 or 35 mph.

Kira Od, member of the public, expressed that her main concern is speed and the proposed parallel parking is not safe.

Diane Gleason, member of the public, pointed out that as a safety measure, pedestrians are separated from cars by having a sidewalk to walk on. People however, on bikes are not separated from cars. Ms. Gleason would like to see separate lanes for cars, bikes and pedestrians.

Wes Plate, member of the public/marathon runner. Mr. Plate was concerned about safety with the proposed parallel parking. He also preferred a physical barrier and off road parking as well as lowering the speed limit.

Joann Starke, member of the public/runner. Ms. Starke was mainly concerned about parking on Caribbean Drive and the speed on the street.

Sue Serrone, member of the public, did not like the proposed parallel parking. It would be dangerous to load and unload bikes, strollers, etc. She felt the focus should be on public access to the trail for the public and not just the new Water Pollution Control Plant.

Rebecca Davidson, member of the public, felt a change in the culture of sharing the road was needed and would like to see signs indicating what the expectations were as well as lowering the speed limit.

Pam Putman, member of the public, preferred Class IV bike lanes and would like to see a designated parking lot and the speed limit changed to 30 mph. Safety should be the main issue and would like to see Sunnyvale set an example in protecting the cyclists.

Barbara Qadri, member of the public, was not in favor of the parallel parking and closing the parking lot, since it would be too dangerous.

Mike Serrone, member of the public, was not in favor of having parallel parking on Caribbean. He also noted the traffic will increase with workers from Google.

Kevin Jackson, member of the public, was not in favor of mixing high speed commuters with pedestrians and recreational bike users. Mr. Jackson is in favor of the Other Alternative.

Mr. Jackson then spoke out of sequence about the 15 mph speed limit in the school zone. This was already a Study Issue so he recommended moving forward on it. Mr. Jackson then stated that the bylaws are in process of being re-written and urged the Commissioners to ask why the current rules are not being followed before changing them again.

Julia Miller, former Mayor of Sunnyvale and Bay Trail board member. Ms. Miller recommended delaying the schedule of the project. She commented that the charts presented are missing important information. She also stated that with all the traffic on Caribbean Drive, removing a lane would be insanity. There is also misinformation and not enough information and suggested to reject what the Staff is proposing.

Mr. Simons recommended mitigation of traffic, with lane and width reduction, would help with lowering the speed. Mr. Simons was in favor of Class IV bike lanes and that this project should be integrated with what Google is doing/paying for. He was in favor of lowering speed limits, separated bike lanes, separated pedestrian pathways and a separate parking area, not parallel parking.

Betsy Megaw, member of the public, stated the Other Alternative was her preferred option. She also noted gravel in bike lanes has been a problem and would like to see a plan to clean up more often and keep debris off the bike lanes.

Commissioner Bremond motioned to look at other alternatives. Commissioner Swail seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bremond pointed out the following concerns:

- Changing the speed limit is not enough, there needs to be something to make cars slow down
- Separation of bikes and pedestrians from cars
- Traffic Calming
- Future use of the trail

Commissioner Swail was not in favor of having parallel parking on Caribbean Drive and also suggested adding a signal or flashing crosswalk and a barrier at the trail access to protect pedestrians from vehicles. He also suggested looking at the Arastadero Trail in Palo Alto as a model.

Commissioner Rausch did not hear reports on the flow of traffic, speed, accidents, or fatalities on Caribbean Drive and felt that needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Barry heard a lot about reducing lanes and reducing speed from members of the public, but did not hear it considered in the study. A separate pedestrian and bike trail study needed to be looked at and more discussion would be necessary.

Chair Cordes agreed that parking along Caribbean Drive was not a good idea and was not safe.

Chair Cordes was against taking away the parking on Carl Road and would like to

see a dirt parking lot as an alternative as well as adding the future of Carl Road to the Master Plan for further discussion.

Chair Cordes concluded by adding that Baylands Park does have plenty of parking and access to Bay Trail, but there is a fee.

Commissioner Bremond moved and Commissioner Swail seconded the motion to recommend no alternative to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
Commissioner Barry
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Rausch
Commissioner Swail
Commissioner Welch

No 0

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Oey

[18-0404](#) Bike to Work Day Planning

Ms. Tsang announced that Bike to Work Day will be on Thursday, May 10. The City of Sunnyvale will host two Energizer Stations: one at Plaza Del Sol and one at Butcher's Corner.

Chair Cordes said he will assist at the Caltrain station/Plaza Del Sol location.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

[18-0398](#) Adopt Bicycle Parking Standards

Chair Cordes requested one of the commissioners to write up a draft.

[18-0399](#) Vehicle Types Allowed on Sidewalks, Bicycle Facilities and Roadways

Commissioner Bremond volunteered to write up a draft for vehicle types allowed on sidewalks, bicycle facilities and roadways.

Ms. Tsang asked to have the draft submitted one week before the May 17 BPAC meeting.