



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, February 19, 2015

6:30 PM

West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W.
Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair David Jones
Vice Chair Kevin Jackson
Commissioner John Cordes
Commissioner Richard Kolber
Commissioner Margaret Okuzumi
Commissioner Kyle Welch
Absent 1 - Commissioner Angela Rausch

Status of an absence: Commissioner Rausch's absence is excused.
Council Liaison attendance: Mayor Jim Griffith (present)

PRESENTATION

[15-0225](#) PRESENTATION -East Sunnyvale Sense of Place Plan

Callendar Associates gives presentation on East Sunnyvale Sense of Place Plan. This area is changing from industrial to residential and this plan would provide roadmap for pedestrian and bicycle improvements for this transforming area. March 3rd is joint study session with Council and Planning Commission.

Commissioner Okuzumi concerned with locations where bike accidents have occurred within the Sense of Place area. Ms. Okuzumi also stated her concerns about placement of lights when trees grow so that trees don't block light and make pedestrian areas very dark. She has liked the Duane Avenue Road diet and the larger bike lanes. Commissioner Welch concerned which type of trees to be planted in the area. Commissioner Cordes wondering why the intersection of Duane and San Miguel Avenue was chosen for improvements compared to all others along this roadway. Callendar Associates stated this was because this intersection provides access to the school to the north. Vice Chair Jackson would

like bicycle parking at some destination locations. Chair Jones concerned with visibility at intersections for pedestrians and bicyclists.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Jackson speaks about the Countywide Bike Plan being updated. VTA BPAC didn't review Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Plan. The BRT Plan is going to all the Committees next month and VTA Board in April. He also stated that Horizon 2035 Committee met and were given an update on only traffic impacts. April 25th is the Fit and Fun Fair and Margaret and Kevin will be attending and assisting. Mr. Jackson would also like public to know that BPAC aren't allowed to respond back to emails they send to the BPAC Answerpoint. He also stated that a new app is out called Bike Shield. He then stated that he passed Stratford School on Lime and noticed monitors called out bicycle when he passed and this message was passed along by the other monitors and he really liked this idea and hoped they would keep it up.

Commissioner Okuzumi felt the paint job on the El Camino Real bike lanes wasn't good as paint is raised up and forming a ridge. She also speaks about a lot of pedestrian collisions on El Camino Real between Henderson and Halford and possibly not showing up as part of collision summary BPAC receives. She then states that it would be good to have a bicycle and pedestrian master plan like the City of Mountain View. Ms. Okuzumi also stated that she was contacted by someone living around the area of Henderson and El Camino Real and that it hard getting across there. Ms. Shariat stated that this person should contact the Department of Public Works Transportation Division if they are wanting a crossing guard and the Division will do a study to determine if it is warranted.

Commissioner Cordes announced that he attended the VTA Innovation Center opening and discussed the WAZE application for bicyclists as well as other new applications.

Private Citizen Arias would like to see improvements for bike commuters for north-south and east-west routes.

Ms. Shariat introduced the new Transportation and Traffic Manager, Shahid Abbas. Mr. Abbas gave a brief description of his background and stated that he was happy to make the move from Washington D.C to Sunnyvale. Ms. Shariat announced that every few months Mr. Abbas will have a presentation for the BPAC and he will serve as the backup when Ms. Shariat is not available.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A [15-0224](#) Draft Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Commission Meeting of January 15, 2015

Commissioner Kolber moved and Commissioner Cordes seconded the motion to approve the Draft Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting of January 15, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Jones
 Vice Chair Jackson
 Commissioner Cordes
 Commissioner Kolber
 Commissioner Okuzumi
 Commissioner Welch

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Rausch

1. B [15-0226](#) 2015 Work Plan

Vice Chair Jackson looking for discussion on California Complete Streets Act and Sunnyvale Streetscape Allocation Policies in LUTE Policy 5.9-5.21A as part of the work plan. He stated former Transportation and Traffic Division Manager, Jack Witthaus, put this type of information like this together in December 2012 that can be used again. Ms. Shariat wanted to confirm these policies should be a public hearing item vs. information only item. Vice Chair Jackson agreed these policies can be put on workplan as public hearing item.

Ms. Shariat proposed the following modifications to the 2015 Work Plan: Bike to Work Day Planning in March; Public Safety to attend a BPAC meeting in May and in October to review the accidents report; review Bicycle and Pedestrian Policies as a Public Hearing item. Ms. Shariat noted that the Mary Avenue Bike Lanes item would be added at a later date to the Work Plan when there is a schedule available. Other items discussed were Enforcement of Bicycle Parking and the Bicycle Master Plan. Ms. Shariat noted that the bicycle map will be updated next year but the bike plan will not be updated. A new Capital Project needs to be proposed as part of the new capital cycle which can be in three years. The BPAC discussed the capital cycle in detail and decided that it might be proposed as a Study Issue in April. Ms. Shariat added that information regarding Complete Streets and Street Space Allocation will be given to BPAC in March. Commissioner Okuzumi was interested in knowing what kind of funding is available for bike racks. Commissioner Cordes asked if the BPAC answerpoint was the correct place to request a bike rack. Ms. Shariat responded that the public could either use the Customer Response Management (CRM) system or go through the BPAC

answerpoint.

Commissioner Kolber makes motion to approve workplan as amended.
Commissioner Okuzumi seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Jones
Vice Chair Jackson
Commissioner Cordes
Commissioner Kolber
Commissioner Okuzumi
Commissioner Welch

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Rausch

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Private Citizen Arias feels there are no biking destinations and would like to have bike repair centers at multiple locations within Sunnyvale. She would also like to have wayfinding signs throughout Sunnyvale. Ms. Arias feels sharrows on Wolfe very dangerous because of vehicle speeds and would like buffered bike lanes or reduction of speed on Wolfe. She would also like restrictions on side street parking during peak hours.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [15-0229](#) Utility Bill Concepts

Ms. Shariat discusses that utility bill insert would be ready for July/August bill cycle and would be double sided. Chair Jones discusses his idea for utility bill stuffer. Commissioner Margaret also shares her ideas for utility bill stuffer. Vice Chair Jackson shares his ideas as well. BPAC Commissioners will continue discussion next BPAC meeting.

Private Citizen Arias feels that there should be more leaflets passed out not just once a year but at many more events throughout the year.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair Jackson asks Mayor about study issues ranking. Mayor Griffith provided results of study issues workshop. Mr. Jackson asks about Mathilda Interchange project and if BPAC would get to review bike and circulation part of it.

Mr. Abbas says he will keep BPAC informed of project and gave BPAC a summary of what he knows regarding the project. Mr. Jackson wondering if residents from last meeting got their questions answered. Ms. Shariat responded that Ms. Ochoa from the Transportation and Traffic Division responded to residents questions. Mr. Jackson discussed workplan for March regarding TDA recommendation and he suggested to use those funds as matching funds for Bernardo Undercrossing project and bank funds for three years to get it done and partner with the City of Mountain View. He then tells everyone to think of topics you would like to discuss with DPS when they come to May meeting. Mr. Jackson asks about Stevens Creek project being in the workplan for September. Ms. Shariat states she added to workplan at his request but not sure of actual month this project will be discussed with BPAC.

Chair Jones discusses Mountain View Old Alviso Road meeting at Community Center and said well put together project. He states that Calabazas Creek Trail closed for 3-4 months. Also stated that him and a few other BPAC Commissioners attended Peery Park workshop.

Commissioner Cordes asks about how to get City employees to walk and bike more to work and who to talk to get these type of programs in place.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Shariat shares information regarding the Bernardo Undercrossing project provided by the Public Works Director. Vice Chair Jackson hoping we could use a local match to fund the Bernardo Undercrossing project with the use of TDA funds. She then discusses individual emails for BPAC Commissioners and response provided by Office of City Manager. Vice Chair Jackson not happy about one-way communication for the BPAC Answerpoint.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

15-0220 Active Items List

Vice Chair Jackson asking about safe routes to school item on active items list and wondering if this includes the neighborhood bike signage. Ms. Shariat states no that is part of a different safe routes to school project and that she will provide the information regarding that project next time.

Ms. Shariat told BPAC she did her best to update the active items list.

15-0227 Annual Slurry Seal List

Vice Chair Jackson states for slurry seal list is that when we do a slurry seal that

we should be doing a street space analysis to determine if lines should be moved in accordance with street space allocation policy. Mr. Witthaus knew to do this type of analysis for each roadways on slurry seal list.

[15-0228](#)

Curb Ramp List

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM