



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, October 15, 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 John Cordes
Commissioner Kevin Jackson
Commissioner Richard Kolber
Commissioner Margaret Okuzumi
Commissioner Angela Rausch
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Kyle Welch

PRESENTATION

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A [15-0959](#) Draft Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Commission Meeting of September 17, 2015

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [15-0783](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Conversion of
Part-Time Bicycle Lanes on Homestead Road to Full-Time
Bicycle Lanes (Study Issue)

Chair Jones opened the Public Hearing.

Shahid Abbas, Transportation and Traffic Manager, stated that Staff has recommended to continue maintaining the existing Homestead Road part-time bike lanes and parking as-is and to propose to revisit the issue after three years.

Commissioner Kolber, referred to the parking summary and asked Staff of the possibility of eliminating parking spaces especially where there was only one occupation. Mr. Abbas responded that no parking spaces would be eliminated at

this time. He added that Staff believes that when the Apple Campus is opened there will be more traffic and bicycles on the road and will do another study to see what the traffic situation is.

Commissioner Jackson noted that he was happy to see that the Streets Space Policy was included in the staff report. However, he stated it was the wrong approach and noted that a lot more information should have been included about the importance of bicycles. He gave various examples of why having full time bike lanes is so important. Commissioner Jackson stated he could not support Staff's recommendation.

Ravindra Rao, spoke against full time bicycle lanes. He also spoke about the importance of safety for both bicyclist and pedestrians, the impact of the Apple Campus, parking issues, and diminishing of property values if parking is taken away.

Mohan Rao, spoke against full time bicycle lanes. He also spoke about the safety for bicyclists, impact to visitors if street parking is removed, impact to social life and discussed alternative ways this proposal could have been presented. Mr. Rao then spoke about property values. He suggested that in the future the Commission look at alternate ways to accommodate bicyclists and residents.

David O'Brien, did not agree with the staff report, spoke against the Staff recommendation, and urges Council to oppose the recommendation.

Jim Stallman, gave various examples of what he has witnessed on Homestead Road, Heron Avenue and the City of Campbell with respect to bicycle lanes and parking. He urged that the issue be taken care of before the Apple Campus is opened. Commissioner Jackson asked for clarification on the parking strip. Mr. Stallman noted that he has seen cars parked in the parking strip in downtown areas.

Robert Neff, referred to the on street parking survey and commented on the parking spaces on Quail Avenue and Nightingale Avenue and noted that leaving the parking spaces as is does not limit the bicycle lane at all. He expressed his concerns and suggested extending the bike lanes hours until at least 7:00 PM.

David Simons, agreed with extending the hours to 7:00 PM giving examples and expressing his concerns about Homestead Road.

Commissioner Kolber, for the record, read an email from Mr. Ralph Durahm

regarding the Homestead full time bike lanes. Mr. Durham's main focus in his email was safety and increased ridership.

Commissioner Jackson moved to support Alternative 2: Convert the part-time bike lanes to full-time bike lanes by removing on-street parking as-needed within the City of Sunnyvale and pursue approval to remove parking within the City of Cupertino as well. The City should consider this option without delaying the implementation of a safe bike lane as soon as possible. Commissioner Okuzumi seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jackson spoke to the motion taking into account all of the information given from the speakers. He noted that he supports the goals of increasing alternative commuting, alternative transportation, goals for more sustainable transportation and goals for healthy transportation and hoped that the BPAC members support alternative number 2.

Commissioner Yokuzumi spoke to the motion stating that the corridor should be made safer before the Apple Campus is opened. She noted that the perception should be a safe one so that future employees will feel safe biking to work and it is also important to make it more inviting before the campus opens.

Vice Chair Cordes supported that motion for all the reasons stated.

Commissioner Rausch did not support the motion. She noted that she would like to extend the hours to 7:00 or possibly 8:00 PM, remove parking from some of the corners and would like to this issue studied again in one year to see what the impact is.

Chair Jones supported the motion. He referenced the Land Use and Transportation Element as a guide and gave various examples of why he supported the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Jones
Vice Chair Cordes
Commissioner Jackson
Commissioner Kolber
Commissioner Okuzumi

No 1 - Commissioner Rausch

Absent 1 - Commissioner Welch