



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, May 19, 2016

6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Chair David Jones
Vice Chair John Cordes
Commissioner Kevin Jackson
Commissioner Richard Kolber
Commissioner Margaret Okuzumi
Commissioner Angela Rausch
Commissioner Kyle Welch

Late arrival: Commissioner Rausch arrived at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION

16-0540 PRESENTATION - Mathilda and US 101/SR 237 Project

Shahid Abbas, Transportation Manager gave a brief presentation on Mathilda and US 101/SR 237 Interchange Project. This is a City sponsored project managed by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and Caltrans has oversight of the project for the Draft Environment Impact Report.

Mr. Abbas discussed Project funding and, project cost to be approximately \$40 million. The project goal is to improve traffic operations and reduce delays through the interchange with improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Commissioner Jackson mentioned that 2 foot gutter pans should be reduced to 1 or 1.5 feet. Mr. Abbas responded that this is per Caltrans design standards.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jeral Poskey from Google commented on the need for safe and connected

bikeways. Google's recent study shows 65% of population interested in biking if it is safe and connected and mentioned experimental green bike boxes are being installed in Mountain View. Mr. Poskey talked about neighboring cities that are working together on connected bike ways, and would like City of Sunnyvale to join in the effort.

Commissioner Rausch mentioned that Los Altos has posted a 15 mile per hour around schools. Commissioner Jackson added there was a proposal in Sacramento now to extend this limit to a ¼ mile.

Commissioner Jackson also mentioned that on Tuesday the City Council approved buffered bike lanes on Maude from Fair Oaks to Borregas and possibly further to Mathilda, he also said that VTA has recommended \$245,000 of TFCA fund for Mary Avenue bike lanes.

Commissioner Cordes talked about "Let's Move" event that took place in San Francisco last weekend. San Francisco uses a viewer which shows simulation of roadway configurations for public to comment on. He circulated a copy of updated Traffic & Safety reports from VTA and also said VTA's proposed tax measure bill has for the first time dedicated \$251 million for bike infrastructure.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1A. 16-0541 Draft Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
 Commission Meeting of April 21, 2016

Commissioner Kolber moved and Commissioner Welch seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 - Chair Jones
 Vice Chair Cordes
 Commissioner Jackson
 Commissioner Welch
 Commissioner Kolber
 Commissioner Okuzumi
 Commissioner Rausch

No 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 16-0542 Draft Peery Park Specific Plan and Environmental Impact
 Report (Presentation)

Chair Jones moved this Item 16-0542 Draft Peery Park Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Presentation to the first item heard after Roll Call.

Hanson Hom, Assistant City Manager gave a brief presentation on the Draft Peery Park Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report. The Draft EIR was released for public comment and comments are due at the end of May. The Peery Park Specific Plan will be a cutting edge work place district that is physically reshaped to align with the 21st century work place trends and innovation in economy. Mr. Hom asked for any comments or questions.

Commissioners discussed issues and Commissioner Cordes moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion to approve as properties redevelop in Peery Park, eliminate on-street parking. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 0 Commissioner Rausch (arrived after vote)

Commissioner Cordes moved and Commissioner Kolber seconded the motion to approve Alternative 2 for more housing in Peery Park Specific Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Chair Jones
 Vice Chair Cordes
 Commissioner Kolber
 Commissioner Okuzumi
 Commissioner Rausch

Abstained: 2 Commissioner Welch
 Commissioner Jackson

Commissioners further discussed issues and Commissioner Cordes moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion to approve Peery Park Specific Plan include incentives for creating Class 1 & Class 4 bike routes coming down Pastoria and connecting to Sunnyvale Caltrans Station. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Chair Jones

Vice Chair Cordes
Commissioner Jackson
Commissioner Kolber
Commissioner Okuzumi
Commissioner Welch
Commissioner Rausch

No: 0

Chair Jones recognizes Commissioner Rausch joined us at 8:00 pm.

Meeting now returns to regular order and begins with the Presentation section.

3 16-0543 Review of Fiscal Year 2016/17 Recommended Budget

Mr. Abbas gave the staff report and mentioned the philosophy is balance the resources with the need, and highlighted the supplements in the budget for vision zero, and green bike lanes as a pilot program.

**4 16-0262 Recommend to the City Council Capacity and Safety
Improvements to the Wolfe Road Corridor from El Camino
Real to Homestead Road (Study Issue)**

Mr. Abbas gave a brief presentation on the Capacity and Safety Improvements to the Wolfe Road Corridor from El Camino Real to Homestead Road and requested BPAC approve staff recommendation for the project.

Commissioner Kolber moved and Commissioner Okuzumi seconded the motion to approve Triangle Alternative 3 and Corridor Alternative 3. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Chair Jones
 Vice Chair Cordes
 Commissioner Jackson
 Commissioner Kolber
 Commissioner Okuzumi
 Commissioner Welch
 Commissioner Rausch

No: 0

Chair Jones opens up the floor to public.

Ed Chen commented that elimination of parking is unfortunate for residents and came to voice opposing the removal of parking. After hearing the presentation and all the work involved to determine the need to eliminate parking, he understood and

appreciated learning all that was involved with the project work.

Commissioner Jackson mentioned removal of on-street parking may have residents consider reducing the number of cars they own. To add more space for bike lanes, center turn lane should be 10 feet and add ½ foot to each of the bike lanes. Mr Abbas explained 11 feet center turn lanes are a requirement of design standards. Commissioner Jackson also recommends installation of MUTCD R-4 signs “begin right turn lane” with arrow pointing to the lane, yield to bikes, in addition to bike striping.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

- 5 16-0544 DPW 17-01 Develop Implementation Standards for Cycle Tracks / Separated Bikeways

Commissioner Jackson mentioned one change be made to DPW 17-01 BPAC would like the city to consider developing procedures and guidelines for design and placement of cycle tracks.

- 6 16-0545 DPW 17-02 Develop Implementation Standards for Bikes May Use Full Lane Regulatory Sign

- 7 16-0553 DPW 17-03 Update Mathilda Avenue Plan Line north of Washington Avenue

- 8 16-0554 DPW 17-04 Update Bike Plan Every Five Years

Commissioner Jackson mentioned updating the bike plan every five years would aid in making any necessary course corrections sooner rather than later, and will facilitate the City achieving a higher level designation in the League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Communities. BPAC recommends updating the bike plan every five years instead of ten years to help the city keep track of what bicycle projects have been completed to date.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jackson inquired on how much is the funding shortage for the Mary Ave. bike lane project, including grant funds from the TFCA. Mr. Abbas commented it is about \$400,000.

Commissioner Jackson also mentioned Council recently approved Maude bike lanes, Alternative 5 was presented as a pilot and one includes bike lanes which should be the selected option. The BPAC Work Plan should be included in every

agenda packet

Commissioner Jackson mentioned #7 Safe Routes to School which are specific improvements being funded for Ponderosa and if there is anything available for Cherry Chase. Also #11 East Sunnyvale Sense of Place Plan shows due date in 2015 but the status shows approved in November 2016, please correct the error.

Commissioner Welch followed up on a note he sent to the editors of the Sunnyvale Quarterly Report about having a BPAC specific article submitted in the report. If interested see Commissioner Welch.

Commissioner Cordes mentioned when the sustainability commission did an update on the CAP they said the children riding their bikes to school were 40% but another report said 4%. Mr. Abbas clarified the data report is 4%.

Staff Comments

None

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

16-0546 Active Items List

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:06 pm.