



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, September 21, 2017

6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cordes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Cordes led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair John Cordes
Vice Chair Timothy Oey
Commissioner Catherine Barry
Commissioner Susan Bremond
Commissioner Angela Rausch
Commissioner Scott Swail
Absent 1 - Commissioner Kyle Welch

Status of an absence: (excused)

Council Liaison attendance: Russ Melton (present)

[17-0923](#) Selection of Seats

Ralph Garcia, Senior Transportation Engineer, coordinated the arrangement of seats by seniority.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dave Simons, VTA BPAC commissioner, announced that VTA BPAC will be changing their name to Complete Streets Commission. The parking at the Main Sunnyvale Post Office is a problem and once the bike lanes on Borregas are completed, it will eliminate street parking which will make the problem worse. He also announced the El Camino Greenbelt active walking tour in Santa Clara will be held on September 23.

Kevin Jackson, member of the public, recommended listing the VTA BPAC report as a scheduled presentation on the BPAC agenda so there is adequate time to discuss it. Mr. Jackson added that VTA is developing a Complete Streets checklist for Measure B projects which is an excellent opportunity for Sunnyvale BPAC to provide input. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has a checklist for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) projects as well, which could be helpful. The study issue to make Homestead Road bike lanes full time is due next year. He suggested adding that to the Work Plan for BPAC to review and receive public input.

Mr. Jackson requested a status update on the following:

- The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project list that was scheduled to be done by March 2016.
- The ADA transition plan report.
- How to access public correspondence to the BPAC which is public record.

Lorena, member of the public, stated on North Murphy Avenue there was a temporary speedometer and she would like to see a permanent one installed due to the amount of traffic on that street.

Vice Chair Oey announced that BPAC and City Council received an invitation to the Homestead High School Bike Stampede on September 29. On October 11 he will be teaching the SRTS map data training.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1a. [17-0875](#) BPAC Draft Minutes August 17, 2017

Commissioner Rausch moved and Commissioner Swail seconded the motion to approve the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Adviosry Commission Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
 Vice Chair Oey
 Commissioner Barry
 Commissioner Bremond
 Commissioner Rausch
 Commissioner Swail

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Welch

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

PRESENTATION

2. [17-0896](#) Vision Zero

Shahid Abbas, Transportation and Traffic Manager, introduced Project Engineer Dana Weissman and Project Manager Matt Haynes with Fehr and Peers; they gave an introduction to the Vision Zero plan. Mr. Abbas also stated that vehicle miles traveled (VMT) over last five years has gone up by 7 % and the collision rate has gone down 27%. Ms. Weissman started by announcing a public workshop being held on October 5 and mentioned they will also have focus groups, a website and an on-line survey. Vision Zero is a different way of thinking about traffic safety. The data collected came from the Crossroads Database which covered the years 2012-2016.

Commissioner Rausch asked if there was data regarding El Camino Real and Remington Drive. Ms. Weissman did not have that information readily available but did state they are in the process of developing and refining a high injury network that focuses on high crash corridors and that is one of them.

Vice Chair Oey asked if bicycle miles traveled and pedestrians are included in the crash statistics. Ms. Weissman said, not currently, but it is something they can explore.

Commissioner Barry read in the Silicon Valley Vision Zero Report, that a percentage of collisions between pedestrians, bicyclists and automobiles are not reported. She asked how the City of Sunnyvale collects their data and is there a concern about underreporting. Ms. Weissman said yes, underreporting is a problem and they hope to close some of the gaps by the public outreach data and comments from residents.

Commissioner Bremond asked if there was data that showed how many collisions occurred where a right turn was allowed on a red light. Ms. Weissman said it does include that. Ms. Bremond also asked if other cities have lowered their speed limits and if so, has it made a difference.

Commissioner Swail asked if the data included major freeways and will the data analysis be published. Ms. Weissman said as this time the freeways are not included but the data analysis will be uploaded to the project website.

Chair Cordes suggested doing outreach at the Farmers Market and the Library.

Mr. Simons recommended the report be more quantitative than qualitative.

Mr. Jackson asked if it is possible to analyze more closely who is to blame when there is a bicyclist collision with an automobile.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

3. [17-0901](#) DPW 17-04 Bicycle Master Plan

Chair Cordes moved and Commissioner Rausch seconded the motion to approve updating the Bicycle Master Plan every seven years as a study issue. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
Vice Chair Oey
Commissioner Barry
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Rausch
Commissioner Swail

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Welch

4. [17-0902](#) Develop an Ordinance for Clear and Accessible Bike Parking

Vice Chair Oey moved and Commissioner Bremond seconded the motion to approve the study issue. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 5 - Chair Cordes
Vice Chair Oey
Commissioner Barry
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Swail

No 1 - Commissioner Rausch

Absent 1 - Commissioner Welch

5. [17-0907](#) Bike Sharing

After a brief discussion, the Commissioners chose not to pursue Bike Sharing as a study issue at this time.

6. [17-0909](#) On-going Bike Matrix that will show what streets are and are not considered Complete Streets

Vice Chair Oey modified the name of the study issue to include Pedestrians. Vice Chair Oey moved and Commissioner Barry seconded the motion to make this a study issue. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes 2 - Vice Chair Oey
Commissioner Barry

No 3 - Chair Cordes
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Rausch

Absent 1 - Commissioner Welch

Abstain 1 - Commissioner Swail

7. [17-0912](#) Bike Boxes

Vice Chair Oey stated that bike boxes could be included in the Master Plan, and therefore chose to withdraw this item as a potential study issue.

8. [17-0915](#) DPW 18-01 Designate a bicycle facility and prohibit the use of Shared Lane Markings for all roadways with speeds above 25 MPH

Vice Chair Oey moved and Commissioner Swail seconded the motion to make DPW 18-01 a study issue. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
Vice Chair Oey
Commissioner Barry
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Rausch
Commissioner Swail

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Welch

9. [17-0916](#) DPW 18-02 Prohibit all automobile traffic on Murphy Avenue between Evelyn Avenue and Washington Avenue

Mr. Simons suggested including in the study looking at other type of restrictions, such as one-way restrictions.

Commissioner Bremond moved and Vice Chair Oey seconded the motion to make DPW 18-02 a study issue. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
Vice Chair Oey
Commissioner Barry
Commissioner Bremond
Commissioner Rausch
Commissioner Swail

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Welch

Vice Chair Oey inquired about the construction on the Borregas Avenue portion of the Bay Trail. He asked if BPAC could be informed in advance on major bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mr. Abbas will follow up.

Vice Chair Oey motioned to have a potential study issue that would designate a member of the BPAC to attend other BPAC and VTA meetings to improve communications. Chair Cordes seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Oey motioned to have a better bike and pedestrian metrics to support decision making on studies such as Vision Zero. Commissioner Rausch seconded the motion.

Chair Cordes motioned and Vice Chair Oey seconded the motion to add a potential study issue to adopt cool slurry which uses grey material that reflects more heat, instead of black.

Mr. Simons suggested to expand the potential study issue to make the roads permeable as well.

Chair Cordes, amended his motion to add permeability.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair Oey asked when they would be getting their name tags. Mr. Garcia said the City Clerk's office is working on them. He also asked where he could get a copy of the East West Channel Feasibility Study. Mr. Abbas said there is no study yet, it is still being worked on with the water district.

Chair Cordes inquired about having the VTA added as a scheduled presentation on the agenda. Council Member, Russ Melton, said he spoke with the City Attorney regarding this request and in order to comply with the Brown Act, each item from the VTA would need to be specific so the public can view it on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Chair Cordes requested to know the status of the following:

The SRTS list and how the public can access it. Mr. Abbas said the best way would be to contact the Project Manager. Mr. Abbas will provide that contact information.

The Homestead Bike Lane review is scheduled for Council approval. Staff will review RTC to determine schedule for re-evaluation.

The ADA transisiton plan. Mr. Abbas said the draft will be completed by the end of the year and once it is, it will be put on the Work Plan.

How can the public get access to the BPAC answer point inquiries. Mr. Abbas said according to the Public Records Act, they have to file a request for information.

Vice Chair Oey asked if emails from the public could be attached to the minutes. Mr. Abbas will look into it.

Commissioner Bremond asked how requests from the public are handled. Mr. Abbas stated the customer receives a response from the main answer point within 72 business hours.

-Staff Comments

Mr. Garcia requested to have the commissioners write up a draft of the potential study issues and send to him since the deadline is October 1.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[17-0895](#)

BPAC 2017 Annual Work Plan

Chair Cordes would still like to see the Work Plan extend an additional 6 months.

[17-0900](#) Active Items List - September 2017

Commissioner Bremond would like to know why some of the items on the list are not being updated. Mr. Abbas said if a project is closed, it can be removed but if it is on-going it needs to remain on the list.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cordes adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.