



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Thursday, July 18, 2019

6:30 PM

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **-Elect a Temporary Chair(or Chair Pro Tem)**

The motion to nominate a temporary Chair was given by Commissioner Mehلمان.  
The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes 5 -** Commissioner Mehlinger  
Commissioner Mehلمان  
Commissioner Oey  
Commissioner Swail  
Commissioner Hafeman

**No 0**

**Absent 1 -** Chair Cordes

Temporary Chair Mehlinger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Temporary Chair Commissioner Mehlinger led the salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present 5 -** Commissioner Richard Mehlinger  
Commissioner Leia Mehلمان  
Commissioner Timothy Oey  
Commissioner Scott Swail  
Commissioner Dan Hafeman  
**Absent 1 -** Chair John Cordes

Chair Cordes absence (excused)

Council member Gustav Larsson(absent)

## **PRESENTATION**

[19-0767](#) Copenhagen, A model City for walking, Biking and Transit

Brent Pearce, Transportation Planner with VTA, gave a presentation on Copenhagen: Model city for Biking, Walking and Transit.

Following the presentation, discussion with BPAC Commissioners included the following:

- Handling the rise in sea level
- Would like to have this presentation at one of the Active Transportation Plan meetings for the public
- How Copenhagen deals with industrial areas which might have pollution for the public
- Co-creation
- Model for community engagement
- The shift towards more bicycling and transit

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Kevin Jackson, member of the public, commented on the development of the Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian program. He recommended that BPAC request staff to place a series of discussion items on upcoming BPAC agendas and to also provide BPAC with a list of the eligible projects that are under consideration as well as the project scoring criteria.

Mr. Jackson also inquired about the updates of the Homestead Road Full-Time Bike Lane Study.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1.A**      [19-0745](#)      Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019

Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019 as amended.

Commissioner Oey moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion to approve the amended Bicycle and Pedestrian minutes of June 20, 2019. The first amendment was made by Kevin Jackson, member of the public who suggested that City Council was provided with inaccurate information regarding Caltrans'

requirements for bike and pedestrian entry barriers to facilities per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The second amendment was made by Commissioner Oey who recommended having a continuous data driven mechanism to improve collision reports which will help improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes 4 -** Commissioner Mehlinger  
Commissioner Mehلمان  
Commissioner Oey  
Commissioner Swail

**No 0**

**Absent 1 -** Chair Cordes

**Abstain 1 -** Commissioner Hafeman

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [19-0773](#) Forward a recommendation to City Council to Adopt the Climate Action Playbook, including the greenhouse gas reduction targets

Recommend Alternative 1 to the City Council: Adopt the Climate Action Playbook, including the greenhouse gas reduction targets of 55% by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

Ramana Chinnakolta, Director of Environmental Services Division with the City of Sunnyvale, Jana Marquardt, Environmental Engineering Coordinator with the City of Sunnyvale and Nupur Hiremath, Environmental Programs Manager with the City of Sunnyvale gave a presentation on the Climate Action Playbook. The following topics were covered:

- Background on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 initiative
- Development of Climate Action Playbook
- Game plan 2022 which is a series of specific actions to be taken in the next 3 years towards the implementation of the playbook.
- Shared public feedback with their extensive outreach
- Final proposed playbook with key changes from draft to final

Ms. Hiremath gave more details on what the playbook has in it.

Commissioner Oey asked about the budget for the plan and the expected population increase from 2030-2050 and thanked everyone involved with the plan.

Commissioner Melhman inquired if the plan takes into account the current climate change.

Commissioner Hafeman shared his concerns about the transportation part of the CAP 2.0. Mr. Hafeman recommended adding to target the increase in charging stations.

Temporary Chair Mehlinger asked if any of the other Boards and Commissions have voted to recommend the council to adopt the Climate Action Playbook and if so what action did they take.

Ms. Hiremath stated that the recommended proposed change for the Vehicle Miles Traveled(VMT)/capita reduction target from the Sustainability Commission and CAP 2.0 Advisory Committee(CAC) is a 20% reduction target as opposed to 13% by 2030 and a 40% reduction target as opposed to 25% by 2050.

Temporary Chair Mehlinger inquired if there is any discussion on retro-fitting structures for areas that currently do not allow charging stations for electric vehicles and easing of the VMT targets. Temporary Chair Mehlinger asked if the proposed changes were feasible.

Mr. Chinnakolta stated he did not think the proposed 20% VMT/capita reduction target is attainable.

Commissioner Oey commented that he is in agreement with Sustainability Commission and CAC proposed change for the VMT/capita reduction target of 20% by 2030 and 40% by 2050.

Commissioner Mehlman gave examples of strategies that have not been explored in reducing VMT.

Ms. Hiremath responded to Commissioner Mehlman's suggested strategies stating that these strategies are in the plan and will be implemented at some point.

Commissioner Oey moved and Commissioner Hafeman seconded the motion for Alternative 3: Recommend to City Council to adopt the Climate Action Playbook, with the modifications recommended by the CAC and Sustainability Commission, which are VMT/capita reduction targets of 20% by 2030 and 40% by 2050. Temporary Chair Mehlinger made a friendly amendment to request a specific

emphasis be added to Move 3.A (adding additional housing), 3.B (identifying areas that are most appropriate for parking strategies that discourage vehicle use) and 3.E (update and implement the integrated Bicycle and Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School Plan to achieve a connected safe and active network). Commissioner Oey and Commissioner Hafeman accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes 5 -** Commissioner Mehlinger  
Commissioner Mehlman  
Commissioner Oey  
Commissioner Swail  
Commissioner Hafeman

**No 0**

**Absent 1 -** Chair Cordes

**3.**      [19-0768](#)      Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for FY 19/20

Temporary Chair Mehlinger asked for a recess at 8:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

Commissioner Oey nominated Richard Mehlinger for Chair. The motion was carried by the following vote:

**Yes 5 -** Commissioner Mehlinger  
Commissioner Mehlman  
Commissioner Oey  
Commissioner Swail  
Commissioner Hafeman

**No 0**

**Absent 1 -** Chair Cordes

Commissioner Oey nominated Chair John Cordes for Vice Chair. Temporary Chair Mehlinger nominated Commissioner Mehlman for Vice Chair. The motion for Chair John Cordes to be the Vice Chair was carried by the following vote:

**Yes 3 -** Commissioner Oey  
Commissioner Swail  
Commissioner Hafeman

**No 2 -** Commissioner Mehlinger  
Commissioner Mehلمان

**Absent 1 -** Chair Cordes

**4. [19-0769](#) Report and Discussion of Recent VTA BPAC Meeting**

Dave Simons, VTA BPAC Representative, provides updates on recent VTA BPAC meeting.

Dave Simons, VTA BPAC Representative, was absent. No report was given.

**STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

None

**5. [19-0770](#) BPAC 2020 Proposed Study Issues**

Temporary Chair Mehlinger reminded the BPAC Board and Commissions to submit their study issue proposals to Ralph Garcia or Lillian Tsang through email with a title and description no longer than 1,000 characters.

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner, reminded the BPAC to submit their proposals for by August 12, 2019 for sponsorship in the September meeting and by September 9, 2019 for sponsorship in the October meeting.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

**-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Oey commented on the following:

- The April audio had background noise.
- Audio's volume needs to be turned up.
- Dates of the Walking and Biking tours.
- Re-naming file names.

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner informed the Commission that the April audio has been fixed and re-uploaded. Ms. Tsang will check with the City Clerk's office for re-naming the file names. The dates for the Walking and Biking tours are being finalized.

Commissioner Hafeman commented on the following:

- Homestead Road Full-Time bike lane study

Temporary Chair Mehlinger commented on the following:

- Request staff to provide a presentation on City projects used to apply for Measure B funding
- Cars parking in bike lanes
- Estimated amount of Measure B Funding the City will obtain

#### **-Staff Comments**

Ms. Tsang made the following announcements:

- Dennis Ng, the new Transportation and Traffic Manager, will be starting with the City on July 22, 2019.
- There will be one Active Transportation Plan Walking and Biking Tour in late July and three in August.
- There will be a BPAC study session on the Active Transportation Plan on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- Vision Zero will be brought to City Council for adoption on July 30, 2019.
- Presentations have been and will be uploaded on the City website for future meetings.
- Homestead Road Full-Time Bike Lane Study will be addressed in FY 19/20.
- Provided the list of City projects that were submitted for Measure B funding.

#### **INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

[19-0771](#) BPAC 2019 Annual Work Plan

[19-0772](#) Active Items List - July 2019

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Temporary Chair Mehlinger adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.