



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Thursday, February 21, 2019

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 6:37 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Cordes led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair John Cordes
Vice Chair Susan Bremond
Commissioner Richard Mehlinger
Commissioner Leia Mehlman
Commissioner Timothy Oey
Commissioner Kyle Welch
Absent 1 - Commissioner Scott Swail

Status of an absence: Commissioner Swail (excused)
Council Liaison Member Glenn Hendricks (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member, Glenn Hendricks, introduced himself as the BPAC Council Liaison for the first half of 2019.

Kevin Jackson, member of the public, commented that the re-timing of the signal lights on Fremont Avenue and Mary Avenue create a long wait time for the side streets and questioned whether or not the re-timing is following the guidelines of the Compete Streets Policy.

Alejandro Marti, member of the public, would like to see bike lanes on North Sunnyvale Avenue and requested BPAC to raise this issue with the City Council.

Commissioner Oey stated that he will be biking from Sunnyvale to Boston, giving 90 presentations in 90 days. One of the topics will be the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, which is a bipartisan bill currently going to Congress.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A** [19-0248](#) Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2019.

Approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2019, as submitted.

Vice Chair Bremond requested a change to the draft minutes.

Commissioner Oey moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting minutes of January 17, 2019, as amended. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
 Vice Chair Bremond
 Commissioner Mehlinger
 Commissioner Mehlman
 Commissioner Oey
 Commissioner Welch

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Swail

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.** [19-0249](#) VTA BPAC Updates

Dave Simons, VTA/BPAC Representative, mentioned that at the last VTA BPAC meeting, they discussed the Transit Service Policy, the Transit Speed Policy and the criteria for the BPAC Capital Projects Competitive Grant. Mr. Simons pointed out that the route to connect Ross Avenue going over SR 237 to Mary Avenue on the South and Moffett Park Drive to the North is not included in the list of Sunnyvale projects to obtain VTA funding and he suggests re-adding it to the list of projects.

- 3.** [19-0250](#) Sunnyvale Annual Children's Art Festival

Bill Rupel, from the Sunnyvale Community Theater, requested to have volunteers from the BPAC to help valet bike parking at the Hands on the Arts Festival on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center. Mr. Rupel also welcomed any suggestions that would help facilitate bikes at the event.

4. [19-0255](#) Discussion of Utility Bill Concepts

Lillian Tsang, Principal Transportation Engineer, asked the Commissioners to provide their input on the Utility Bill Stuffer. The commissioners discussed several ideas. Ms. Tsang will present the ideas to the graphic designer and submit a draft to the Commissioners at the next BPAC meeting.

Council Member Hendricks suggested to keep it simple, not complex.

5. [19-0256](#) Discussion of TDA Funding

Ms. Tsang provided a list of bicycle and pedestrian project ideas where the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding could be used.

1. Install Green Bicycle Pavement Markings at 4-5 locations.
2. Install ADA compliant curb ramps at 5 locations.
3. Java Drive Road Diet Project - as matching fund.
4. Active Transportation Plan - as contingency fund.
5. Install a pedestrian crossing on California Avenue at Pajaro Avenue.

Commissioner Mehlinger asked if a 4-way stop at the intersection of Pajaro Avenue and California Avenue had been considered. Ms. Tsang explained that the location was analyzed but it does not meet the warrant to convert the traffic control into a 4-way stop control intersection.

Chair Cordes would like to add: Upgrading Off Street Pathways, to the staff's recommended list to include the following locations:

1. Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge on The Dalles Aveune over SR 85.
2. Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge east of Fair Oaks Avenue over US 101.
3. Bicycle Pedestrian Path on the east end of Evelyn Avenue between Reed Avenue and Cassia Way.

4. Bicycle Pedestrian Path between SR 85 and Bernardo Avenue north of Homestead Road.

Mr. Simons noted that Caltrans District 4 has money allotted for non-ADA replacement capital projects, on a complaint basis only and that some of these recommended projects may be eligible.

Mr. Jackson noted that TDA funding is best used to pay for things that cannot be funded any other way.

Chair Cordes recommended that the Commissioners give staff a list of projects in the order of priority.

Commissioner Mehlinger moved and Commissioner Oey seconded the motion to rank the projects for the TDA funding in the following order.

1. Upgrade off-street pathways.
2. Install ADA compliant curb ramps at the 5 locations proposed by staff plus an additional ramp at Angel Avenue near Sunnyvale Caltrain Station.
3. Install a pedestrian crossing on California Avenue at Pajaro Avenue.
4. Java Drive Road Diet - as matching fund.
5. Active Transportation Plan - as contingency fund.
6. Install Green Bicycle Pavement Markings at 4-5 locations.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
Vice Chair Bremond
Commissioner Mehlinger
Commissioner Mehlman
Commissioner Oey
Commissioner Welch

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Swail

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

6. [19-0253](#) Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Access near Sunnyvale Caltrain Station

Commissioner Mehlinger spoke as to why he recommends this Study Issue.

Commissioner Mehlinger moved and Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion to add Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Access near Sunnyvale Caltrain Station as a Study Issue. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 - Chair Cordes
Vice Chair Bremond
Commissioner Mehlinger
Commissioner Mehlman
Commissioner Oey
Commissioner Welch

No 0

Absent 1 - Commissioner Swail

7. [19-0254](#) Convert Existing Painted Bicycle Lanes into Protected Bicycle Lanes

Mr. Simons gave his recommendations on this topic.

Mr. Marti expressed his concerns with loading trucks stopping in the bike lanes.

Commissioner Oey voiced tentative support for this topic.

Vice Chair Bremond requested more detailed information on this study issue.

Commissioner Mehlinger would like to brainstorm with other Commissioners to finetune this study issue and present it at the next meeting.

Chair Cordes noted that this issue should be part of the Bicycle Master Plan Update.

Vice Chair Bremond is in favor of the study issues just in case some issues do not make it onto the Bicycle Master Plan.

Commissioner Mehlinger moved to add Bi-Directional Bike Lane on Evelyn Avenue to Mountain View as a study issue. Commissioner Mehlman seconded the motion.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mehlman suggested to have a BPAC page to increase BPAC exposure to residents and to add an interactive bike map on the City website.

Commissioner Oey requested an update on the Stevens Creek Trail progress.

Commissioner Mehlinger, requested staff to look into loading trucks blocking bike lanes on Wolfe Road and Arques Avenue.

Chair Cordes announced that Bike to Work Day will be held on May 9. Mr. Cordes also indicated that Google is looking for Cities to partner with to explore "no stopping for through bicyclist" at controlled T-intersections.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Tsang reminded the Commissioners that if they are unable to attend a meeting they must email the Chair, Ms. Tsang and Mr. Garcia indicating the reason for the absence.

Ms. Tsang also requested volunteers for the Bike to Work Day event and announced the following events:

-Homestead Road Corridor Meeting: Monday, February 25, at 6:00 p.m. at Homestead High School.

-Caltrain Electrification Community Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. at Washington Park.

-LSAP Sense of Place Community Outreach Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. at Ponderosa Park.

-Fit and Fun Fair: Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Columbia Neighborhood Center.

-Climate Action Playbook: There will be a joint study session with the Sustainability Commission, the Planning Commission and BPAC in March or early April.

-The Lime Bike will stop the Dockless Bike Share Program in Sunnyvale on March 15 due to the change in the company's business focus.

-Per the request of the Commissioners, the Director of Public Works is scheduled to give a brief introduction at the May meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[19-0251](#) Active Items List-February 2019

[19-0252](#) BPAC 2019 Annual Work Plan

ADJOURNMENT

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