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SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2013

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:30 p.m. on August 15, 2013 with Commission Vice Chair Kevin Jackson presiding. The meeting was held in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

ROLL CALL/CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Members Present: Kevin Jackson
Richard Kolber
Angela Rausch
Kyle Welch
David Jones

Members Absent: James Manitakos
Cathy Switzer

Council Liaison Present: None.

Staff Present: Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager, Department of Public Works

Visitors: None.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jackson announced that the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) BPAC discussed bicycle timing on expressways and the County bicyclist anti-harassment ordinance.

Commissioner Rausch announced that school starts on August 19 and inquired about the City making that announcement via social media.

Commissioner Jackson announced an NPR report that discussed changing trends in travel among young people, and that additional budget for the Stevens Creek Trail Study was approved during the August 13 council meeting. He stated that Camie Hackson from Sunnyvale and Gary Heedon from Los Altos were new Citizens Working Group members. Commissioner Jackson also announced the Google Map bike improvement request application for Mountain View.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A) Approval of the Draft Minutes of July 18, 2013 Meeting
1.B) Updated 2013 BPAC Calendar
Acting Chair Jackson pulled both items.

1.A) Acting Chair Jackson clarified on item 2 that standard lane widths would not affect motor vehicles speeds due to side friction. Acting Chair Jackson requested the addition of discussion of parking restrictions to his comments, emphasizing safety. On Item 3 He requested to add a comment emphasizing safety to parking comments, and fix a typo in a sentence on top of page 4.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second Commissioner Welch to approve minutes as amended. Motion approved, 3-0-2, by members present at the July meeting.

1.B) Acting Chair Jackson asked staff to clarify Study Issues items on the calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Kolber, second Commissioner Rausch – approved, 5-0 as amended.

2 Study Issues.

The BPAC asked questions regarding the study issues process.

Commissioner Welch clarified that the phone application is for troublespot reporting.

Commissioner Kolber stated that he thinks a study of connectivity is important, and can be a survey of remaining sections to connect. Staff stated that they would approach such a study to reprioritize, update bike lane development priorities.

The BPAC discussed of utility of connectivity study. Staff noted that implementation of bike lanes can be driven by funding rather than any one criterion. The BPAC requested that a bike Capital Improvement Program update be brought back as an information item at a future meeting.

Commissioner Jones stated that a car share program is most important. Staff noted that the pending Climate Action Plan suggests policy, and staff may point to this when developing a recommendation on the study. Commissioner Jones clarified that the pedestrian promotional effort study would be focused at gas stations.

Commissioner Rausch inquired about No Right Turn on Red signs. Staff responded that a state law change would be required to implement these restrictions more broadly. Staff to bring back Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) allowances for No Right Turn on Red, as an information item at a future meeting.

Commissioner Jackson stated that he supports a Car Share program because of its effectiveness in reducing demand for car ownership and the corresponding potential for increasing bike space. He suggests a survey of what programs are available, and to research workable rules and make recommendations on how Sunnyvale could facilitate implementation of the program.
Commissioner Jackson stated that he wants to show people how they could more efficiently use vehicles. He also stated that he is seeking a study of SMARTer parking which looks at optimizing parking supply to reduce the tendency to overuse on-street parking and how to use on and off-street parking more efficiently to match legitimate needs for car storage to free up space for bikes on the street.

Commissioner Kolber stated that garages should be taken into account in a parking study..

Commissioner Jones suggested including incentivizing changed parking behavior and inquired about other means for improving efficiency.

Commissioner Jackson clarified that the objective of the study would be to make recommendations on reasonable amounts of parking as compared to available linear feet of parking on street. The study could involve changes to the parking code and comprehensive supply and demand surveys in neighborhoods. He would like to see an outcome be a general formula of how many vehicles are essential for each household. He also recommended considering parking cash out for multi-family uses.

Acting Chair Jackson clarified that the study to consider clarifications to references to motor vehicles and bikes in City documents could look at communications policy and the style guide, to reduce assumptions about motor vehicle versus bike facilities in City documents.

The BPAC clarified that the Bike Share study would examine alternatives for implementing bike share programs.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Acting Chair Jackson noted that lanes were repainted recently on Arques and that there are no bike lanes.

Staff clarified that there were never bike lanes in this area, but that sharrows and signs would be provided.

Regarding the Duane and Mary studies, Acting Chair Jackson inquired about implementing corner vision triangles. Staff affirmed the studies would implement corner triangles.

Acting Chair Jackson asked if Mary drawings would be updated before the council hearing. Staff responded with no.

Acting Chair Jackson requested a Bernardo Caltrain undercrossing update.

Commissioner Welch inquired about an update on the bill stuffer.

Commissioner Jones presented a wish list for channel trails near Fair Oaks Avenue.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. Board and Commission Orientation
2. BPAC E-mail messages and/or letters since circulation of the agenda packet of the July 18, 2013 meeting.
4. BPAC Active Items List.

Information items accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager