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**SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2013**

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:33 p.m. on October 17, 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
David Jones

Members Absent: Kyle Welch
James Manidakos
Cathy Switzer

**Council Liaison
Present:** Council Member Jim Davis

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

Visitors: Alice Kawaguchi, County Department of Public Health
Katia Kamangar, Summerhill Homes
Jonathan Fearn, Summerhill Homes

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Alice Kawaguchi, staff of the County Department of Public Health Traffic Safe Communities Network (TSCN), gave a presentation summarizing activities of the TSCN's Safe Routes to School Program. Vice-Chair Jackson asked Ms. Kawaguchi to keep the BPAC informed of TSCN Safe Routes to School activities. He discussed car sharing. In response to an inquiry from Vice-Chair Jackson, Ms. Kawaguchi stated that the purpose of a request for a supporting resolution from the Sunnyvale City Council was to show formalized support for the Safe Routes to School program.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the focus of the County Safe Routes to School program. He asked whether linked trips had ever been studied by TSCN. Vice-Chair Jackson suggested distributing a list of school Safe Routes coordinators.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Jackson introduced Council Liaison Jim Davis.

Council Liaison Davis announced an opportunity to serve on a City Manager selection board.

Vice-Chair Jackson announced that there had been no VTA BPAC meeting last month. He noted that the Governor had signed legislation requiring safe passing distance for bicyclists. He stated that the California Public Utilities Commission was doing rulemaking on car sharing. He announced that the Mary Avenue bike lanes project was approved by the City Council. He updated the Commission on the Stevens Creek Trail Joint Cities Feasibility Study. He pointed out an article about the San Jose Bike Party in the Metro newspaper.

Commissioner Kolber noted that bike racks were being installed in San Mateo.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A) Approval of the Draft Minutes of September 19, 2013 Meeting
- 1.B) Updated 2013 BPAC Calendar

Motion by Commissioner Jones, second Commissioner Kolber to approve the consent calendar – approved, 4-0 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. ACTION – Safe Routes to School Supporting Resolution

Staff gave a verbal report. The Commission discussed linking a recommendation for a resolution to a formally recognizing an event like Bike to School Month, or asking that a recommendation be considered by the Mayor and City Manager in the context of standard procedures for consideration of resolutions. Commissioner Rausch asked if the Commission would be asking Council to support something that the City already supports.

The public hearing was opened. Alice Kawaguchi offered to put City staff in contact with a policy person at the County Health Department.

Council Liaison Davis stated that consideration of a resolution in the context of Bike to School Month would be appropriate, and that he supports showing the Sunnyvale is a strong supporter of Safe Routes to School initiatives.

Motion by Commissioner Kolber to table the item until April. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to recommend that the City Council consider a resolution of support for the County Safe Routes to School program, second Commissioner Jones. Clarification by Commissioner Jones on the time and effort required of staff to prepare a resolution and Report to Council. Motion approved, 4-0.

3. ACTION – Recommendation on Report to Council Regarding Specific Plan Amendment to Consider Elimination of the Required Residential Frontage Road Along the West Side of S. Mathilda Avenue for Blocks 14, 15, and 16, of the Downtown Specific Plan (Between Washington Avenue and Olive Avenue)

Staff gave a verbal report.

Commissioners stated that it is better for bicycles and pedestrians to eliminate the frontage road. Vice-Chair Jackson inquired if an 8' sidewalk was sufficient to serve the needs of the disabled, and how the interim condition would be handled until redevelopment of the subject blocks was complete.

The public hearing was opened. Jonathan Fearn from Summerhill Homes stated that the staff recommendation results in a greater landscaped area along project frontages, and does not affect unit counts or floor area ratios.

Motion by Kolber, second Jackson, to recommend that the City Council approve the staff recommendation. Motion approved, 4-0.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Rausch inquired about paving of neighborhood streets.

Commissioner Kolber asked if the time between removal of old pavement and replacement with new pavement could be shortened.

Vice-Chair Jackson relayed an experience that a cyclist had with a creepy person on the John W. Christian Greenbelt Trail. He stated that he had heard a concern about the width of pending bike lanes on Sunnyvale Avenue. He noted a temporary right turn arrow that appeared to be mistakenly placed at Pastoria Avenue and Olive Avenue. He transmitted a rumor that the City of Santa Clara is supporting elevated grade separation structures on Lawrence Expressway.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Staff stated that the City of Santa Clara has not taken any specific position on Lawrence Expressway grade separations. Staff announced the availability of a Transportation Research Board report on bike sharing.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. Annual Reporting of Bicycle and Pedestrian Collisions

Commissioner Jones asked for clarification of the collision report. He asked about the response to inquiries about traffic control at the Heatherstone and Mango intersection.

2. Quarterly Report Bicycle Articles

3. BPAC E-mail messages and/or letters since circulation of the agenda packet of the September 19, 2013 meeting.

Commissioner Rausch asked for clarification of the response to traffic issues raised in the Washington Avenue/Florence Avenue area.

4. BPAC Active Items List.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager