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SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2012

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:33 p.m. on September 20, 2012 with Commission Chair James Manidakos presiding. The meeting was held in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

ROLL CALL/CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Members Present: Cathy Switzer
James Manidakos
Angela Rausch
Kevin Jackson
Richard Kolber
David Jones
Kyle Welch

Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Absent

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

Visitors: David Simons, Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee representative
Ralph Durham

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Ralph Durham, former BPAC member, gave a Powerpoint presentation on bicycle facilities in Europe. The Commission discussed City forms that support bicycling and transit use.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Speakers are limited to 3 minutes for announcements of related board/commission events, programs, resignations, recognitions, acknowledgments)

David Simons announced that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is taking comments until September 30 on revisions to their Bicycle Technical Guidelines. They can be viewed at www.vta.org/bike_information/bicycle_technical_guidelines.html. He stated that the VTA BPAC is reviewing public comments on the bicycle technical guidelines and will be selecting a new chair next month. He noted that he had heard from several citizens regarding the re-paving of El Camino Real and opportunities to provide bike lanes. He presented a work plan for the Caltrans BPAC.

Commissioner Jackson announced that the Traffic Safe Communities Network is conducting observations of school traffic at nine schools in Sunnyvale.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1A was pulled by Chair Manitakos

1.B) Updated 2012 BPAC Calendar

The 2012 BPAC calendar was missing from the agenda packet. No action was taken.

1.A) Approval of the Draft Minutes of August 30, 2012 Meeting

Chair Manitakos noted that on Item 3, he had stated that shared lanes and bike boulevards work best on streets with daily traffic volumes below 2,000 vehicles and with closure or diversion of traffic, as presented in the VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines.

Commissioner Jackson noted that under Item 1, his intent was for a bike path along the East Channel to be built to at least minimum Caltrans standards.

Motion by Manitakos, second Jackson, to approve as amended. Motion approved, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This category is limited to 15 minutes, with a maximum of three minutes per speaker. If you wish to address the board or commission, please complete a speaker card and give it to the Recording Secretary or you may orally make a request to speak. If your subject is not on the agenda, you will be recognized at this time; but the Brown Act (Open Meeting Law) does not allow action by board or commission members. If you wish to speak to a subject listed on the agenda, you will be recognized at the time the item is being considered by the board or commission.

Ralph Durham stated that bike lanes should be provided by Caltrans as part of the upcoming repaving of El Camino Real, and that it was not the City's responsibility for Caltrans to follow its own directives. He noted that the pavement condition on Evelyn Avenue west of Florence is poor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ACTION: Approval of Candidate Study Issues For Forwarding for a Staff Recommendation

Commissioners made minor clarifying comments to the study issue descriptions as presented by staff.

Motion by Jackson, second Manitakos, to approve eight candidate study issues for forwarding for a staff recommendation with minor amendments. Motion approved, 7-0.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Vic-Chair Switzer presented a cycling lifestyle magazine and encouraged Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Jackson inquired as to whether the BPAC would get to review the Lawrence Station Area Plan.

Commissioner Rausch stated that she felt the in-pavement crosswalk lights at Mary and Helena were not as bright or visible as the lights at Hollenbeck and Loemann's Plaza. She asked staff to investigate.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

None.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. BPAC E-mail messages and/or letters since circulation of the agenda packet of the August 30, 2012 meeting.
2. BPAC Active Items List.

Accepted as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jack Witthaus
Transportation and Traffic Manager