SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2012

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:31 p.m. on February 16, 2012 with Commission Chair Ralph Durham presiding. The meeting was held in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

ROLL CALL/CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Members Present: Andrea Stawitcke
Angela Rausch
Cathy Switzer
David Gandrud
James Manitakos
Patrick Walz
Ralph Durham

Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Chris Moylan

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

Visitors: Kevin Jackson, Horizon 2035 Committee member
Sharlene Liu, resident
David O'Brien, resident

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Walz announced his resignation from the BPAC effective the end of February.

Kevin Jackson discussed the County/City Safe Routes to School project and announced that a bike ride is being planned for the Ponderosa School area in late April. He announced public meetings on the Draft Horizon 2035 Plan on the evenings of March 1, 8, and 15 at Raynor Park, the Community Center and Fair Oaks Park respectively.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A) Approval of Draft Minutes of the January 19, 2011 Meeting
1.B) Approval of the 2012 BPAC Calendar Update

Commissioner Walz moved and Vice-Chair Manitakos seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion passed: 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharlene Liu discussed observations of traffic flow during school hours in the West Valley School enrollment area. She requested improvements.

David O'Brien stated that loop detectors were not sufficiently marked for bikes, or were marked in the wrong locations. He also commented on traffic signal timing for eastbound Moffett Park Drive to northbound Mathilda Avenue.

Kevin Jackson encouraged staff to meet with West Valley School parents to discuss traffic issues. He inquired about locations for upcoming Safe Routes to School and 15 MPH speed zone improvements. He asked about 2012 study issues. He asked about Share the Road curricula for City employees. He asked about the City's upcoming roadway maintenance projects and whether street space allocation studies were necessary.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ACTION: Approval of Draft Minutes of the November 17, 2011 Meeting

Staff gave the report.

Without discussion, the Committee approved a motion by Walz, second by Stawticke, to approve the Draft Minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting as submitted, 7-0.

2. DISCUSSION: Utility Bill Stuffer Concepts

The Commission discussed ideas centering on providing a contact list of City staff or other officials keyed to certain issues that bicyclists and pedestrians may encounter.

The public hearing was opened. Kevin Jackson suggested an idea encouraging drivers to think about reasons to drive safely during school commute times.

Council Liaison Moylan suggested identifying the BPAC as a contact point for policy issues.

The Commission directed by consensus for staff to return with a stuffer that incorporates the suggested concepts.

3. DISCUSSION: Pastoria Avenue Street Space Allocation Study Concept Alternatives

Staff gave the report and explained a handout presenting possible detailed concepts for the four alternative proposals.

At the request of Commissioner Stawitcke, Council Liaison Moylan explained his concerns about parking removal on Pastoria and what affect it might have on City Council views of the Street Space Allocation Policy.

The public hearing was opened. Sharlene Liu stated that she felt Pastoria is a better alternative for north-south bike riding than Mary Avenue.

Vice-Chair Manitakos and Chair Durham observed that the alternate route proposals would likely not be effective, because cyclists will choose the most direct route, which is Pastoria. Chair Durham stated that a bike boulevard on Pastoria that re-routed or otherwise discouraged through automobile traffic would be more effective. Commissioner Walz stated that he thinks a bike boulevard could provide benefits to area residents by slowing traffic and discouraging non-neighborhood traffic.

Kevin Jackson stated that he believes alternatives to Class II bike lanes on Pastoria are not acceptable, and that not providing for safe travel for bikes on all roads puts cycling at a disadvantage as a travel alternative. He suggested exploring mechanisms such as zoning ordinance relief to provide more on-site car storage for residents.

Commissioner Gandrud inquired about potential liability to the City if property owners no longer had access to on-street public parking and there was a significant adverse effect on property values.

Commisioner Rauch inquired about one-way street couplets.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Chair Durham expressed concerns about Federal transportation legislation. He then presented parting gifts to Commissioner Walz.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Staff thanked Commission members for comments on the Bicycle Friendly Community application to be submitted by the City.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. Council Ranking of Study Issues
2. Employee Share the Road Training
3. John W. Christian Greenbelt Trail Guide Signs
4. 2012 Pavement Rehabilitation List
5. BPAC E-mail messages and/or letters since circulation of the agenda packet of the January 19, 2012 meeting.
6. BPAC Active Items List.

Accepted as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:

Jack Witthaus
Transportation and Traffic Manager