

**FINAL**

**SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2009**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:30 p.m. on May 21, 2009 with Commission 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 Warner  
Patrick Walz  
James Manidakos  
Ralph Durham

**Members Absent:** Andrea Stawitcke

**Staff Present:** Nicole Clemens, Special Deputy City Attorney  
Heba El-Guendy, Senior Transportation Planner

**Visitors:** Marianne Cali, public member  
Camie Hackson, public member  
Kathleen Cordova, public member  
Fritz Stawitcke, public member

Commissioner Stawitcke was absence due to her injury while cycling resulting from a bicycle/car collision. There was no objection to the absence of Commissioner Stawitcke, and her absence was excused.

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

None.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Waltz – Announced that Caltrain would be holding public meetings on May 27 and June 4, 2009 to discuss budget issues and proposals.

Chair Jackson - Announced that the Borregas Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridges and the Mary Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge are open to the public.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1.A) Approval of [Draft Minutes of the April 16, 2009 Meeting](#)
- 1.B) Approval of [Agenda of the May 21, 2009 Meeting](#)
- 1.C) Approval of the 2009 BPAC Calendar Update

**Commissioner Durham moved a motion seconded by Commissioner Manidakos to approve Consent Calendar items 1.B) and 1.C). Motion was passed 5-0.**

- 1.A) Approval of Draft Minutes of the April 16, 2009 Meeting

Chair Jackson - Requested that Page 5 of 7 of the minutes be amended to note that bicycle licensing is not only to facilitate the return of stolen bicycles, but also for safety and educational purposes. Chair Jackson also requested that the term "Freiker" referenced in the BPAC Oral Comments on Page 6 of 7 be spelled out to read "Frequent Biker."

**Commissioner Manidakos moved a motion seconded by Commissioner Walz to approve Consent Calendar item 1.A) as amended. Motion was passed 5-0.**

## **STAFF RESPONSE TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marianne Cali - President of the Stevens Creek Neighbors Neighborhood Association, stated that her newly formed association would like to work collaboratively with the BPAC on the Stevens Creek Trail issues. Requested that the City of Sunnyvale maintains an open line of communication with constituents in searching and identifying a feasible alternative for a trail extension.

Chair Jackson - Provided some background information on the 1994 City of Sunnyvale Policy 2.2.C.5 that was recently eliminated by Council. Also shared background information on the work performed by the City of Los Altos and his involvement on the project's Task Force. Suggested contacting Ms. Jeannie Bruins of the Friends of the Stevens Creek and coordinating efforts of the two groups.

Camie Hackson - Vice-President of the Stevens Creek Neighbors Neighborhood Association, who also participated in the project's feasibility study conducted by the City of Los Altos, expressed her hopes that the City of Sunnyvale would hold an involved public consultation process similar to the City of Los Altos.

Fritz Stawitcke - A Sunnyvale resident, inquired about Sunnyvale's process for Stevens Creek Trail planning. Indicated that there is potential for identifying better routes than the options reviewed as part of the Los Altos feasibility study.

Commissioner Manidakos - Indicated that the 1994 City of Sunnyvale policy which prevented the trail extension was not a well thought policy and is not neighborly. The current approach is to balance all needs and identify a well reasoned alternative that is cost effective.

Commissioner Durham - Encouraged members of the Stevens Creek Neighbors Neighborhood Association to voice their opinions. Also indicated that Sunnyvale staff has been proactive in terms of community consultation, and meetings are well announced.

Other related matters discussed are as follows:

- The Mayor's Sub-Committee to recommend a policy with regard to the Stevens Creek Trail extension in replacement of the Policy 2.2.C.5 that was eliminated by Council;
- The Community's desire for a Stevens Creek Trail extension that includes Sunnyvale;
- Whether or not the four-city meetings on the Stevens Creek Trail alignment would continue to be open to the public along with the pros and cons with such an arrangement; and,
- The need for a robust public consultation process in planning the future Trail alignment.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

3. ACTION: Draft RTC – Ordinance Amending Sections of Chapter 10.56 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Bicycles in order to Conform to the California's Vehicle Code

Nicole Clemens - Special Deputy City Attorney, presented the staff report. This item was a second hearing of proposed ordinance changes. The City Attorney's office had made modifications to the proposed ordinance in response to BPAC input.

The Commission discussed this public hearing item and provided the following comments:

- Iterated their preference that bicycle licensing remains optional rather than mandatory. Also noted the possibility that bicycle licensing could potentially deter bicycle rental (In reference to Section 10.56.110).
- Recommended language changes to replace reference to "Stunt riding" in Section 10.56.170 with more specific language regarding reckless bicycling behavior. If not possible to define the expression "Stunt riding" according to the Vehicle Code provisions or change it with a more recognizable expression, then eliminate it from the proposed ordinance amendment.
- Requested moving the wording "except attachments specifically designed for this purpose" to the end of Section 10.56.200. This is to allow, for example, delivery cyclists to push items in front of their bicycles.
- No need to return the item to BPAC for further review prior to submittal for Council consideration.

**Commissioner Durham moved a motion seconded by Commissioner Walz to approve the proposed Bicycle Code revisions with modification to Section 10.56.170 to either define "stunt riding" with the applicable Vehicle Code provisions or eliminate this expression. Motion was passed 5-0.**

2. DISCUSSION: Recommended FY 2009/10 Resource Allocation Plan – Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Elements.

The Commission members did not raise concerns with regard to the budget, and only pointed out some potential mathematical errors such as follow:

- Project 825070 Bicycle Map Revision: Project Life Total does not add-up correctly.
- Project 827580 In-Pavement Crosswalk Warning Lights: References 12 units and lists the costs of 10 units.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

- BPAC ORAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Walz – Indicated that a staff member of the Public Works Department met last year with representatives of the Senior Center who provided him with a list of intersections with pedestrian

crossing issues. Commissioner Walz offered to meet with Senior Center representatives in July of this year, but does not wish to repeat communication if the City is already aware of their reported concerns. Commissioner Walz also advocated for bike parking to be considered as a future Study Issue.

Chair Jackson – Indicated that the City’s web link to the Bicycle Plan does not work. Chair Jackson also announced that the City of San Jose is one of the agencies that had received a Bike Friendly Workplace award from the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

· STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

- Reported on the number of cyclists that visited each of the five Energizer Stations during the Bike to Work Day event.
- Provided feedback on some of the received e-mail messages.
- Briefly discussed BPAC attendance at the Health and Safety Fair.

**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

4. BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters as provided in the Agenda packet.
5. Active Items List as provided in the Agenda packet.

Accepted as submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by:

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