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### SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2010

The Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission met at 6:35 p.m. on June 17, 2010 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  
Andrea Stawitcke  
James Manidakos  
Patrick Walz  
Ralph Durham  
Richard Warner

**Members Absent:** Cathy Switzer

**Staff Present:** Jack Witthaus - Transportation & Traffic Division, DPW  
Jeffery Pleque, Traffic Unit, DPS

**Visitors:** Vice Mayor Chris Moylan  
Isaac Porras – Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition  
Cammie Hackson - Stevens Creek Neighbors Association  
David Simons – VTA BPAC  
Richard Barnette  
Doreen Yen

Commissioner Switzer had previously informed the BPAC Chair and staff liaison of her inability to attend the June 17, 2010 meeting. There were no objections by the BPAC members and the Commissioner's absence was excused.

#### **SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

Vice Mayor Moylan presented certificates to BPAC members that had completed their terms. He stated that he appreciates the BPAC's proactive approach to policy endeavors, particularly the street allocation policy.

Lt. Jeffery Pleque introduced himself as the new head of the Traffic Unit in the Department of Public Safety. He took questions and comments from the BPAC

regarding recent collisions, enforcement priorities, and parking enforcement. Chair Jackson encouraged placing an emphasis on enforcing traffic laws that protect vulnerable road users, especially laws regarding passing a bicyclist too closely.

Members of the public commented regarding signal detection on Central Expressway at Bernardo, poor pavement on El Camino Real and Washington Street, debris and potholes on southbound Mary Avenue approaching Central Expressway, and vehicles not yielding to bicyclists at El Camino Real and Bernardo Avenue.

Commissioner Manidakos noted that some of these locations were not the jurisdiction of the City, and requested that the BPAC be provided contact information for the proper authorities at Caltrans and the County of Santa Clara to report roadway deficiencies.

Members of the public requested consideration of a bike rack installation on Murphy Avenue near the Bean Scene, and announced a new bike safety program at West Valley School.

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Jackson announced recently held meetings on the California High Speed Train project and stated that he had commented on accommodating bikes and pedestrians. He also announced that the 2010 Transportation Development Act priorities had been approved by the City Council.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1.A) Approval of Draft Minutes of the May, 2010 Meeting
- 1.B) Approval of Agenda of the June 17, 2010 Meeting
- 1.C) Approval of the 2010 BPAC Calendar Update

**Motion by Durham seconded by Commissioner Warner approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was passed 6-0.**

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

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Simons, the City's representative to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) BPAC, presented information on an ordinance of the County of Santa Clara that the VTA BPAC was tracking that would impose a fee on groups that use County roads for any kind of event. He expressed concern that it could impose new costs on events such as the Lakewood Village Parade. He stated that this would be heard by the Board of Supervisors on June 21.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

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

- **BPAC ORAL COMMENTS**

Commissioner Durham – Noted that previously made requests for road repairs had been addressed by the City satisfactorily. He stated that he is researching safe roads activities in other countries for ideas that may be applicable here. He is also working on a BPAC acronyms list, and invited assistance from BPAC members.

Commissioner Stawitcke – Noted that the Dinner at the Dump event would occur on June 26.

Commissioner Warner – has been compiling information on possible trail and bike route sign templates.

Commissioner Walz – summarized recent activities of the General Plan Consolidation Committee, focusing on recent efforts to separate existing policy on the physical configuration of the City from policies on other policy positions, operational policies and financial strategies. Policies on the physical configuration of the City will remain in the General Plan, while other policies will move to the Council Policy Manual. He stated that he had contacted a Downtown Association representative who indicated that closing of Murphy Avenue to motor vehicle traffic is not a priority for the Downtown Association at this time. Vice Mayor Moylan stated that he believes closing the street to motor vehicle traffic is an idea whose time has come, and he encourages any relevant Board of Commission to bring the idea forth to the City Council for consideration.

Chair Jackson – announced the first meeting of the Horizon 2035 Committee to update the Land Use and Transportation Element on June 21, and a public meeting on Horizon 2035 on June 30. He stated that he understood that a grant application for funding of a portion of Stevens Creek Trail feasibility study was not approved by the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

- **STAFF ORAL COMMENTS**

Confirmed that a grant for a Stevens Creek Trail biological resources analysis was not approved by the Water District. Noted that a number of recent road repairs are summarized in the written meeting packet.

## **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

5. BPAC E-mail Messages and/or Letters as submitted in the Agenda packet.

6. BPAC Active Items List accepted as submitted in the Agenda packet.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by:

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