

City of Santa Clara Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION and DATE:

Inspection Division Conference Room, **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

- Teresa O'Neill– Chair
- Abigail Shull
- Admas Zewdie
- Craig Larsen
- Dale Schouten

Members Present

- James Lucas
- Pete MacKay
- Thomas Granvold
- Ken Kratz

City Staff Present

- Dennis Ng (PW)
- Marshall Johnson (PW)
- Officer Machado(SCPD)

Interested Public

- Bill Camille (Related)
- Art May (Related)
- Anne Hansen
- Lola Torney

Interested Public

- Sarah Peters
- Diane Harrison
- Steve Bevan
- Jesse Wang
- Thanh Do
- Don Sterk
- John Hutson
- Colin Heyne (SVBC)

I. Call to Order. Welcome & Introductions.

- A. Members voted 5 to 1 in favor of adding to agenda discussion of Santa Clara Unified School District's proposed student redistribution under government code 54954.2B.2(Brown Act).

II. Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2015. Minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Public Presentation

- A. Mr. Hutson called attention to the recently passed Assembly Bill 604 which legalizes electric motorized bicycles and skateboards. The bill also authorizes local jurisdictions to pass ordinances to ban their use on trails.
- B. Ms. Harrison noted difficulty accessing signals on reach-4 portion of San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail.
- C. Member Kratz provided a list of available grants (Federal, State, and Local) for bicycle projects. He also included feedback from the League of American Bicyclist concerning Santa Clara's progress in their program.
- D. Member Lucas called attention to the uncertainty that persists in the general public about when to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. This is especially true for uncontrolled crosswalks on major roadways.

IV. Reports for Committee Information

- A. **Follow up items from previous meeting** – None
- B. **VTA BPAC Update** – Member Schouten will not be extending his membership with BPAC and members MacKay volunteered to be considered as the next representative for VTA BPAC.
- C. **Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Update** – Member Lucas reminded members about the SVBC annual dinner on October 30th at the Crown Plaza in Palo Alto.
- D. **SCPD Update** – Officer Machado called attention to a Santa Clara Public Health publication addressing bicycle and pedestrian safety that includes high incident intersections in the City of Santa Clara including Bower/Kiely @ El Camino Rea, Monroe @ San Tomas Expwy, and Benton @ Lafayette St.
- E. **Operational Discussion of BPAC** – Chair O'Neil asked for volunteers for subcommittee to develop a member driven higher level long range plan. Members Kratz and Granvold volunteered. Diane Harrison, Steve Bevan also volunteered as members of the public.
- F. **League of American Bicyclists Bronze to Silver Subcommittee** – Chair O'Neil asked for volunteers for subcommittee. Member MacKay, Larsen, and Kratz volunteered with MacKay serving as chair of Committee.

V. Reports for Committee Action

- A. City Place/Related Development** – Mr. May (Related Developer) gave presentation for City Place.
- B. Membership Voting** – The membership terms for members Schouten, Granvold, and Kratz expire at the end of December 2015. Member Schouten will not be extending his membership. 9 Candidates pursued the open three positions. After the candidates were introduced to the Committee, members voted to recommend to City Council that Ms. Sarah Peters, Ms. Lola Torney, and member Granvold fill the 3 open membership seats.
- C. Slurry Seal (2016) List of Streets** – Mr. Johnson informed members about the list of streets included in the 2016 Slurry Seal project scheduled for this next year. Included in this list are 4 locations listed in the Bicycle Plan that could be selected for installation of future bicycle facilities as part of this project. Members unanimously ranked them as follows: 1st choice – Calabazas, 2nd Choice – Park Avenue, 3rd choice – Lafayette Street, and 4th choice – Pruneridge Avenue.
- D. TFCA Grant** - Mr. Johnson gave a brief description of the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant and the process involved in applying for these grant funds. A “Call for Projects” typically happened in December and members were asked to recommend projects for staff to submit as grant applications for these funds. Members voted unanimously to include Monroe Street and Benton Street as potential projects to apply for TFCA grant funding.
- E. SCUSD Proposed Student Redistribution** - As a result of the school districts proposal, a portion of the students from Pomeroy and Sutter schools will be included in the boundary of the new Central Park School.
This shift in student boundaries will introduce safety issues for students deciding to walk or bike to school as they cross Kiely Boulevard or Benton Street. The BPAC felt it was important to call attention to these safety concerns and recommended the School District Board provide safe routes to school accommodations to address these concerns. Members voted 8-0 in favor of this action.

VI. Added Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A.** None

VII. Announcements

- A.** Ken Kratz proposed future bicycle facilities adjacent to Levi Stadium.
- B.** Mr. Ng announced a future subcommittee meeting with Related to discuss development plan.

VIII. Adjournment to Next Meeting Date (January 20, 2016)