

City of Santa Clara Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION and DATE:

Community Development Dept. Conference Room, Thursday, June 22, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

- Teresa O'Neill– Chair
- Craig Larsen
- Diane Harrison
- Ken Kratz
- Sarah Peters

Members Present

- Vacant
- Rafael Rius
- Thomas Granvold
- Lola Torney

City Staff Present

- Dennis Ng (PW)
- Marshall Johnson (PW)

Interested Public

- Jennifer Gik (MC)
- Brian Goo
- Suds Jain

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- Colin Heyne (SVBC)
- Thanh Do (MC)

I. Call to Order. Welcome & Introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2017. Member Granvold motioned with 2nd by member Harrison to approve minutes with recommended changes. Members unanimously approved motion.

III. Public Presentation

- A.** Mr. Jain announced that there will be a presentation on “Grand Boulevard” at Santa Clara University on June 28th for those interested in attending.
- B.** Mr. Jain noted that the bike lanes on Homestead Road disappear east of Scott and adjacent to a park for a distance of about ¼ mile. He would like to see if it would be possible to remove parking next to the park and add in bike lanes along this stretch of Homestead Road.

IV. Reports for Committee Information

- A. Mission College Committee Information** – Thanh Do from Mission College talked about the student survey they took concerning commuting habits of the student population.
- B. Santa Clara P. D. Update** – No Update
- C. Follow up Items from Previous Meetings** – Mr. Johnson gave following updates:
 - 1. Staff will make recommendations to City Council in July along with cost estimate to mitigate the pinch point on Pruneridge Avenue at Lawrence Expressway.
 - 2. After being directed by City Council to study alternative detour routes, staff will present 4 options at City Council meeting on July 11th.
 - 3. There will be a special BPAC meeting on September 20th concerning the Creek Trail Master Plan. The consultant will present their preliminary plan.
 - 4. The Bike Plan RFP is being reviewed by Attorneys Office and will soon be ready to post.
- D. VTA BPAC Update** – Member Peters attended meeting in April and May. She updated the committee on Measure B funding allocations.
- E. BPAC Subcommittee – Operations** – No update
- F. BPAC Subcommittee - Bronze to Silver** – Member Kratz noted that they have prepared a comparison of Santa Clara’s safe routes to school efforts with those of other cities and he requested that the subcommittee be supplied with the book “Building Blocks of a Bicycle Friendly Community” recommended by the League of American Bicyclists. He was willing to assist in filling out any future safe routes to school applications.
- G. Vision Zero** – Colin Heyne Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition President provided an overview of the different approaches cities have taken to enact Vision Zero policies or goals. He noted that some have hired consultants while others have hired additional staff to develop and manage the process. Cities enacting these policies were generally larger Cities like San Francisco and San Jose and the

approach taken varied. It was recommended to the Cities Bike Plan and to search for grant funding as first steps. He also recommended getting the City Council on board during initial phase.

- H. **Bikes on Sidewalks** – After looking at similar ordinances from surrounding Cities, members ultimately decided it preferred an ordinance similar to the one enacted in the City of Sunnyvale. It was decided that the Senior Advisory Committee should be contacted for their input before moving ahead with any changes.

V. **Reports for Committee Action**

- A. **City VTA BPAC Representative** – Chair O’Neill led discussion concerning filling the vacancy for the City’s VTA BPAC representative when Sara Peters relocates out of state in August. Member Kratz motioned with 2nd by member Harrison to nominate Thomas Granvold to City Council as the City’s representative on the VTA’s BPAC. Members unanimously approved motion.

VI. **Added Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- A. Creek Trail Enhancements – Kratz

VII. **Announcements**

- A. Press Release- Levi’s Stadium as “Most environmental Stadium”.
- B. VTA is having a grand opening for the extension of the pedestrian tunnel at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station.
- C. Traffic Engineering has hired a Transportation Planner.

VIII. **Adjournment at 7:00 pm to Next Meeting Date (August 16, 2017)**