



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION**  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jennifer Shearin, Gerhard Eschelbeck, Pete Heller, Erik Lindskog, Muni Madhhipatla

Absent: None

Staff: David Stillman (Senior Civil Engineer), Timm Borden (Interim City Manager)

Others Present: Julie Miyakawa (Resident), Linda Wyckoff (Resident), Kathy R. Chole (Resident), Ilango Ganga (Resident)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) Resident Ilango Ganga commented on some BPC meeting minutes from 2018 missing the attachments presented at the meeting. David Stillman will instruct staff to include attachments in future BPC meeting minutes. The Commission approved the January 16, 2019 meeting minutes, with Muni Madhhipatla abstaining.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

David Stillman suggested to swap topics 2 and 3 from the agenda to better accommodate schedules.

**2) Survey on Improving Council-Commissions Communications (Borden)**

Timm Borden reported about a new subcommittee of our City Council conducting a survey about interaction and communication between City Council and Commissions. Commissions are requested to provide input to the survey. David Stillman to resend the survey to the Commissioners, including the newly appointed Commissioners. The results of this survey will inform the development of a new

Code of Ethics. Timm Borden also reported about the newly proposed annual workplan workflow, where new work items that require staff resources should be accumulated for submission in Dec/Jan. Small items do not have to be put on the workplan for action. BPC has submitted its workplan in December, and is now waiting for the council to review in the March study session. The implementation of the WP will start July (Beginning of Fiscal Year). Related to the survey, the Commission was given the option to respond to the survey as a group, or individually. After a robust discussion among commissioners on a variety of topics (gift policy, conflict of interest, etc...) related to the survey, the Commission opted for individual responses from each Commissioner. Submissions are due to David Stillman. The Commission also noted that the workplan for the BPC has more a visionary character due to the nature of some of the large-scale projects. Resident Ilanga Gango commented on the importance to separate work as a Commissioner vs. work for an advocacy group. Chair Jennifer Shearin commented the BPC Commission and its members have been and will continue to work on behalf of all residents.

**3) Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Stillman)**

Pete Heller nominated Gerhard Eschelbeck as Chair, seconded by Jennifer Shearin. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Gerhard Eschelbeck as Chair. Gerhard Eschelbeck nominated Erik Lindskog as Vice Chair, seconded by Muni Madhhipatla. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Erik Lindskog as Vice Chair.

**4) Bicycle Boulevard Update (Stillman)**

David Stillman provided an update on the Bicycle Boulevards, in particular the initial projects will go for bid next month, with a goal to start construction in June 2019 and completion in Fall 2019. The initial Bicycle Boulevard projects prioritized and reviewed include Portal, Greenleaf/Merritt, and Torre/Town Center. A variety of treatment options including speed tables, raised crosswalks, and sharrows were discussed. Muni Madhhipatla was inquiring data about raised crosswalks and bulb-out implementations in other cities.

**5) Junipero Serra Feasibility Study (Stillman)**

David Stillman provided an update on the Junipero Serra Feasibility Study, in particular the City Council approved the Junipero Serra Feasibility study in its February 5 meeting. The next step is to incorporate funding into next year's capital planning. Muni was inquiring about goals for this trail, which is primarily school

connectivity, commuting for Apple employees, and moving traffic from neighborhoods to trails.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6) Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Webpage (Shearin)**

Jennifer Shearin suggested to provide more frequent updates to the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission web page. In particular educational content, and possibly a glossary (i.e. What is a feasibility study, pros and cons of bulb-outs, etc...). All commissioners, please send additional suggestions to Jennifer Shearin.

## **STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **7) Staff Report (Stillman)**

David Stillman reported about the current state of the Regnart Creek trail plans being about 65% complete in design, and being presented to City Council in May/June for early input.

### **8) VTA BPAC Report (Lindskog)**

Erik Lindskog reported from the VTA BPAC meeting about the criteria for Measure B funding based on a competitive bid system based on points. The total grant of \$250 million over 30 years. Erik Lindskog also reported about the VTA Network Changes, in particular to increase high traffic routes including Stevens Creek Blvd.

### **9) Public Relations Subcommittee Report (Heller)**

No report given

### **10) Report on Committee assignments and general comments**

Commissioners discussed the monthly Mayor's meeting, where Commissioners are rotating attendance. The goal is to use the BPC workplan as well as the monthly minutes as primary input for the Mayor's meeting. Commissioners are requested to report back from the Mayor's meeting at the following Commission meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

## **SUBMITTED BY:**

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Gerhard Eschelbeck, Commissioner