

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
and BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION**

CITY OF CUPERTINO

Special Joint Meeting

AMENDED MINUTES

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Community Hall, 10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino, CA

Note: This meeting will be televised

CALL TO ORDER

Parks & Recreation Commission Chair David Fung called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Community Hall Council Chamber, 10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino, CA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Parks & Recreation Commissioners present: David Fung, Helene Davis, Carol Stanek, Judy Wilson

PRC Commissioner absent: Neesha Tambe

Bicycle Pedestrian Commissioners present: Gary Jones, Pete Heller, Erik Lindskog, Vidula Aiyers (6:45)

BPC Commissioner absent: Sean Lyn

Staff present: Carol Atwood, Gail Seeds, David Stillman, Liz Nunez

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint Cities Coordinated Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study

A. Presentation

Jana Sokale, Principal of Jana Sokale Environmental Planning presented the attached overview of the Joint Cities Coordinated Stevens Creek Feasibility Study and the associated recommendations of the Joint Cities Working Team.

B. Public Comment

Public Comments were received from the following citizens for this Item:

Ed Bloom, resident of Homestead Villa, Cupertino
Ernest Fam, resident of Cupertino
Esther Fam, resident of Cupertino
Sue Lampkin, resident of Homestead Villa, Cupertino
Glenn Lenker, resident of Cupertino
Jane Bloom, resident of Homestead Villa, Cupertino
Steve Elich, Citizens for Responsible Trails
Mark Merun, resident of Cupertino
Jan Parcel, resident of Cupertino
Craig Hofstetter, resident of Cupertino
Judy Wilson, resident on Phar Lap, Cupertino
Marianne Klinkowski, resident of Cupertino
Brian Chow, resident of Cupertino
Michelle Matkovich, resident of Homestead Villa, Cupertino
Jane Casler, resident of Cupertino
Tina Ma, Oakdell Ranch, resident of Cupertino
Anne Ng, Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, resident of Cupertino
Tom Schaefer, resident of Cupertino
Geoff Paulsen, resident of Cupertino
Tessa Ennals, resident of Cupertino
Terry Dyckman, resident of Cupertino
Carolyn Miller, resident of Cupertino
Lynn Bonicelli, resident of Cupertino
Raghu Thiagarajaw, resident of Cupertino
Venki Sessaadri, resident of Cupertino
Joe Weiss, resident of Cupertino
Simon Lee, resident of Cupertino
Mark Law, resident of Cupertino
Bert L. Frescura, resident on Phar Lap Drive, Cupertino
Jake Maier, resident on Phar Lap Drive, Cupertino
Joetta Maier, resident on Phar Lap Drive, Cupertino

Written Communications:

Email communications from Valeria de Paiva and Tom Schaefer were submitted to both Commissions.

Craig Hofstetter submitted the “City of Cupertino Citizen Comment Analysis-Executive Summary” (prepared by the Citizens for Responsible Trails – September 2015).

Ed Bloom re-submitted (originally submitted to City in 2013) Homestead Villa Homeowner’s Assn. Stevens Creek Trail Petition, with additional new signatures.

C. Discussion

Discussion by the Commission followed. Commissioners' comments are summarized below.

BPC Chair Peter Heller- Many of the fears about cycling are unfounded. Cycling will improve overall safety and improve health. Take advantage of our existing assets – take advantage Don Burnett bridge, improve Foothill Expwy., and improve Stevens Creek Blvd. Work with UP Railroad regarding access to railroad right-of-way. The BPC will be discussing a new Bike Plan and will take in consideration all feedback presented.

PRC Commissioner Helene Davis - Segment 1 – concurs with Working Team recommendation. Segment 2 -Bernardo plan - needs more studies, and Fallen Leaf should be looked at. Segment 3 – Working Team recommendations are good; should use the Mary Avenue bridge and also improve Stevens Creek Blvd., recommend improvement to 280/Foothill interchange. Consider bridge over Union Pacific Railroad to Rancho San Antonio. Consider options for the future.

BPC Commissioner Vidula Aiyer - Consider separating the objectives between creek trail and bike paths; for the bike network use existing assets; expand the bicycle network with infrastructure we have and improve walking experience at the creek; maybe private property could be considered.

PRC Vice Chair Judy Wilson - Separate out biking versus hiking, do not align pedestrian trail through neighborhoods because it really does not provide a “trail”; improve the larger streets for biking safely.

BPC Commissioner Gary Jones - Not prepared to vote on anything.

PRC Commissioner Carol Stanek - We don't have the opportunity to get a pedestrian trail through our city unless we acquire property such as doing life estate arrangements for a long term solution. Need to have an open mind and work together. Better bike access is possible and need to look at where to improve access for bikes – such as Foothill Expressway, and connections to Rancho San Antonio Park. Look for grants to fund improvements. Do not take options or opportunities off the table; important to preserve those.

BPC Commissioner Erik Lindskog - no comment

PRC Chair David Fung- Need to look at this closely in the Bike Transportation Plan. Mary Avenue Bridge is the preferred way of getting across Hwy. 280 but we also need a safe bike path on Stevens Creek Blvd. Foothill Expy. improvements - very important to look at. We should stop considering a new bridge over Hwy 280 unless something happens in the future that makes this worth re-examining. Don't give up on railroad opportunities or Water District opportunities or other property options. We should design non-vehicular paths with work by Caltrans, the railroad or where other opportunities occur. In general, supports the Working Team proposal (Segment 1-concurs with the recommendation, Segment 2-challenging). Ranch San Antonio - not part of the creek trail discussion but strongly supports a trail there. Without Segment 2, it doesn't make sense to do Segment 3; both segments need to be coordinated to get value.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION , matters not on the agenda – none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, matters not on the agenda – none

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Fung adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nunez, Administrative Assistant

Recreation and Community Services Department

Minutes re-approved at the Parks & Recreation Commission 2/4/16 regular meeting