



MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
September 18th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jennifer Shearin (arrived late), Muni Madhhipatla, Gerhard Eschelbeck, Pete Heller

Absent: Erik Lindskog

Staff Present: David Stillman City Transportation Manager and Cherie Walkowiak City Safe Routes coordinator.

Visitors: Baixin Qian, Michael Chian, Matt Widmann, Jean Bedord, Johannes Newbrand.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gerhard moved to approve July 9th meeting minutes; Muni seconded it.
The motion passed 3-0-2 (Shearin, Lindskog absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No written communications.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Cupertino 2019 Fall Bike Fest Planning.
 - a. Cherie presented the plan for 2019.
 - b. Brand new colorful flyers are designed for the event; these will be kept at library, Quinlan, City Center and Cupertino Sports Center.
 - c. There are quite a few new vendors participating.
 - d. Two new eBike vendors will be demonstrating their products.
 - e. A cargo bike vendor will be demoing their product.
 - f. There will be 3 bike vendors to help out with bikes check.

- g. Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) will be there and some vendors selling bike safety goods.
 - h. There will be experts teaching biking techniques, conducting clinics and fixing tires.
 - i. There will be contests for how light is the bike, how many bags of groceries can be carried on a bike and how many kids can be carried on a bike.
 - j. 130 participants are expected at the event.
 - k. There will be 2 route choices: a longer route and a shorter route. The Commissioners recommended Option 4 from the list of long routes shown.
 - l. Cherie will attend the October meeting to share a retrospective of the event.
- 2) New Business: Carmen Road Bridge Feasibility Study.
- a. David presented the details of the feasibility study.
 - b. In the Bike/Ped plan, this project is listed as a Tier 2 project.
 - c. City Council approved \$100K for a feasibility study.
 - d. Muni asked for details on the grading of bridge slope on both sides. David will share this information. This is important and should be a low number if we are expecting Stevens Creek Elementary Kids to ride on this bridge.
 - e. Gerhard asked if we can consider building a staircase from the bridge to the Stevens Creek Boulevard sidewalk. David said that an ADA compliance issue make it unviable.
 - f. Jennifer suggested to replace Medium, Low and High with real numbers in Table 2.
 - g. Commissioners like Options 4, 5 and 1; eliminated Options 2 & 3 from consideration.
 - h. Commissioners would prefer 10 feet wide bridge instead of 8 feet in width. This is to allow for pedestrians and bikers in both directions to pass each other safely.
 - i. Jennifer asked for information on how much property encroachment will occur depending on 10 feet vs. 12 feet width options. David shall find this info and report back to the Commissioners.
 - j. Public Comments:
 - Newbrand: Is there any way to get the stairs without the ADA requirement? David clarified that there is no escaping the ADA requirement.
 - Michael: How does this bridge affect Stevens Creek Trail? David clarified that this is an independent project and has no connection to Stevens Creek Trail.

- k. Commissioners Said: The Commission highly recommends this project based on the value this brings to: 1)330 elementary school kids on south side of Stevens Creek and 2) 680 middle and high school kids on the north side of Stevens Creek. It provides connectivity between Varian park and Blackberry Farm, provides accessibility for the senior community to Stevens Creek trail on the south side and Blackberry Farm.
- l. Gerhard Made the Motion: The Commission fully endorses the feasibility study of the Carmen Bridge project. Based on community input, we recommend options 5, 4 and 1 in that priority order for Council consideration. Additionally, the Commission requests staff to invest time necessary to prepare for the design and seek budget approval for a design phase next year. The Commission is also requesting that staff do outreach to properties impacted and adjacent community members before the design phase. Jennifer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0-1 (Lindskog absent).
- 3) Staff Report (Stillman)
 - a. The City Council met last night and approved the ^{Regnart Creek}~~Stevens Creek~~ Trail project with Option D and extra funding for fencing.
 - b. McClellan project is progressing and expecting to complete by the end of September. Contrary to the perception, there is no real reduction in the width of the car lanes on McClellan; it was a 10 feet lane before and a 10 feet wide lane now.
- 4) VTA BPAC
 - a. None.
- 5) Public Relations Subcommittee Report (Lindskog)
- 6) Report on Committee assignments and general comments
- 7) Meeting with Mayor.
 - a. Pete attended the Mayor's meeting with Commissioners and reported that the meeting was quite lively and there was a lot of discussion on Regnart Creek Trail. Other Commissions were not aware of status so Pete educated them on the project. The Fine Arts commission is doing an art competition.
 - b. Next month the meeting will be attended by Jennifer.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Gerhard Eschelbeck adjourned meeting at 09:08 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



Muni Madhhipatla, Commissioner