



MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
May 20, 2020

Minutes

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gerhard Eschelbeck, Ilango Ganga, Erik Lindskog,
Muni Madhhipatla, Jennifer Shearin

Absent: None

Staff: David Stillman (Senior Civil Engineer)

Others Present: Liana Crabtree, Cupertino Resident & Library Commissioner,
Seema Lindskog, Cupertino Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from the April 15, 2020, regular meeting.

Commissioner Shearin requested for a change to the sentence (on page 4, line 4) as follows: Change "Do not want fencing" to "Do not want fencing between the cars and the sidewalk".

Commissioner Lindskog made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Ganga seconded the Motion.

Motion passed 4-0-0 with Commissioner Madhhipatla absent (not able to vote due to technical difficulties with Zoom)

POSTPONEMENTS

Subject: "Civic Center Parking Analysis and Civic Center Parking Deficiencies (Zimmerman)" pulled off the agenda to either reschedule or permanently off

Stillman: Staff felt the topic was peripherally related Bike Ped Commission, the City Manager felt it is outside the purview of BPC, hence pulled off the agenda.

Crabtree: If the item comes back, suggest to have a joint meeting with BPC and Library Commission.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Liana Crabtree, Cupertino Resident & Library Commissioner: Spoke about the Regnart Creek Trail, as a follow up to Council agenda item; mentioned that there is new addition to the trail at the southern-most edge of the Library field. Southern-most row of trees are too close to the sidewalk and the trail will certainly impact the trees. Need a 3-way stop sign at Pacifica and Torre. No cross walk at Pacifica at Trail crossing.

Seema Lindskog, Cupertino Resident: Reported that the City Council unanimously approved the Regnart Creek Trail Mitigated Negative Declaration, JUA and Land Swap agreement; mentioned that the trail segment on the Library field has been in the plans and that the BPC not revisit this issue.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Liana Crabtree, Cupertino Resident & Library commissioner: There was a written communication from Liana Crabtree on Agenda item #2 (that has been pulled off).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Civic Center Parking Analysis and Civic Center Parking Deficiencies

See Postponements above

3. Westport Bicycle Access Accommodation (Eschelbeck)

Notes on the discussion:

Chair Eschelbeck: Westport is a new development; expected to go to the Council in June. The current plan does not include dedicated Bike Ped facility that was in the plan in 2017 that considered Class I Bike Path between Hwy 85 and the Row Homes. The current plan does not have this option.

Stillman, Staff Liaison: Due to site constraints there is no room to put a dedicated Bike Ped facility next to Hwy 85. The current plan has a Class III Bike facility to connect to Stevens Creek Blvd.

Commissioner Muni: Is this public street or Private?

Stillman, Staff Liaison: Private Street maintained by Private Owner

Commissioner Lindskog: Good solution would be a Class III bike facility from the property to the corner of Stevens Creek with signalized protected right turn.

Commissioner Lindskog: There is a Class III route to the west, can there also be a road open on the East?

Stillman, Staff Liaison: Will ask that question, there may already be a public access easement.

Commissioner Shearin: Housing project is important for the City; any effect or approval or timing; providing easement is not going to hold the project.

Leana Crabtree, Resident & Library Commissioner: Heard that the plan has changed since it was reviewed at the Planning commission.

Commissioner Ganga: Is there a crossing on Mary Ave for bikers going from the property towards Don Burnett bridge.

Stillman, Staff Liaison: No crossing is planned at this time.

Commissioner Ganga: So this Class III bike facility would primarily be used for people coming from Don Burnett bridge towards the Stevens Creek Blvd through the property.

Stillman: That is correct, also there is no crossing planned on Stevens Creek Blvd for people going East on Stevens Creek Blvd to cross towards the property on the South west corner.

Commissioner Lindskog: Proposed a motion to recommend to the City Council when the Westport project comes for review to provide a Public Easement for Bike Blvd around the South West corner of the property.

Motion: Westport project: BPC recommends a public easement Class I Bike Trail to Stevens Creek Blvd along the Soundwall (Hwy 85); If this is not possible, a Class III Bike

Blvd from Mary Ave to Stevens Creek Blvd along the Western Drive Aisle cutting through the SW corner of the lot connecting to Stevens Creek Blvd.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

4. Staff Report (Stillman)

Stillman reported on Regnart Creek Trail that the City Council adopted MND, JUA and Land Exchange. The staff would proceed towards 100% design in early fall, design to address resident privacy, security and noise. Resident engagement stalled due to Covid-19, we will restart engagement and all issues will be resolved to the best of our ability by early fall. At that time will come to the Council for 100% design authorization and proceed with bidding.

Stillman provided an update on CIP budget session. Due to Economic impact less funds for capital projects spending. Staff proposes to defer few projects including Linda Vista Trail and Bike Boulevard projects permanent improvements, still moving ahead with temporary pop-ups with permanent improvements deferred for future years. All other bike projects the staff is recommending to proceed, and for projects that are from Apple Funding support and grant funding.

Source of grant funding could also be affected due to economic impact. Staff will find out if deferring Linda Vista trail will have any effect on Gift donation. Study on Council Work plan including Study of Bollinger Rd will continue. Apple has funded the Junipero Serra Trail design only for segments East of De Anza to Wolfe and from East of Wolfe. Segment West of De Anza to Mary Ave would be challenging due to space constraints and would be more expensive per unit of length as we have to look at alternatives like Box culvert.

5. VTA BPAC Report (Lindskog)

Commissioner Lindskog presented a report on VTA BPAC meeting on May 15, 2020.

VTA BPAC recommended Junipero Serra Trail Central Segment and East Segment to be added to the priority list. Projects not recommended to be added to the list are Carmen Road pedestrian/Bicycle bridge and Stevens Creek Blvd Class IV separated Bikeway.

See Report for details: [attach VTA BPAC report slides]

6. Report on Subcommittee assignments and general comments

Commissioner Shearin report on Mayor's meeting was sent out the Commissioners. See report for details: [Attach: Mayor's meeting report]

Chair Eschelbeck will attend the next Mayor's meeting on Jun 3rd

Updates from Subcommittees:

Commissioner Ganga reported that he attended the Tech Commission (TICC) on behalf of the BPC subcommittee, Technology Use for Traffic Safety including Bicycle and Pedestrian safety, and made a formal request for collaboration with TICC. The commission assigned to collaborate with Traffic and Video Subcommittee that is responsible for the work plan items 1 & 2.

Chair Eschelbeck reported that the subcommittee for Technology use for Traffic Safety including Bicycle and Pedestrian safety met and discussed on defining the objective and goals and vision for what to accomplish as subcommittee.

He also noted that setting objective and goals is also applicable for other subcommittees Vision Zero and Environmental Subcommittees.

Commissioner Madhhipatla reported that the Vision Zero Subcommittee did not meet during this month. Plan to meet next month.

Commissioner Lindskog reported that the Environment Subcommittee did not meet during the month.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

Commissioner Madhhipatla suggested to include the following topic to the calendar. Agenda item to discuss safety issue in shopping complexes with shopping carts stops, cars and people walking to the complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Stillman', written over a horizontal line.

David Stillman, Staff Liaison