



## APPROVED MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)  
Date of Meeting: January 14, 2008  
Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.  
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**      *BPAC Members*  
Present: Cheryl Bunnell (Chair), Jose Leon, Cheng-Wei Pei, Fred Zeise  
  
Staff: Janice Spuller  
  
Absent: Commissioners Rene Briones, Nawal Stanojevic, Wei Sun  
  
Quorum was established.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**      Motion to approve the agenda: Leon  
Second: Pei  
All Ayes
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**      Approval of October 8, 2007 Minutes  
M/S: Pei /Leon  
All Ayes
- VI. PUBLIC FORUM**      Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone Avenue, Milpitas  
Mr. Means reminded the commission of the Democracy Café event Saturday, January 19, 2008 at the India Community Center.  
Mr. Means also asked if the Hetch Hetchy Project in the Warm Springs Area. The meeting is to be held January 16, 2008. Mr. Means suggested someone from the BPAC attend this meeting. Ms. Spuller mentioned she could ask Fremont staff regarding this project.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 1. Commission Announcements**  
Chair Bunnell shared she is now the VTA BPAC member on behalf of Milpitas. Chair Bunnell feels this will be a good opportunity for the commission to be involved.
  - 2. Staff Announcements**  
Ms. Spuller shared the VTA started their new bus route service to be more operationally efficient. Ms. Spuller distributed map information. Commissioner Zeise asked if bicycle routes could be included. Ms. Spuller stated the VTA has a separate bicycle map. The VTA also has a revised website, [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org).

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. 2008 BPAC Workplan**

- Ms. Spuller stated the Workplan would be reviewed at tomorrow's City Council meeting, January 15, 2008.
- Ms. Spuller mentioned the commissioners wanted to do more this year and suggested the Bike to Work Day event would be a great project they could work on such as be a liaison.
- In addition, Ms. Spuller stated she could look at the workplan and see what else the commission can do. She stated the Bikeway Master Plan would require more review and contribution.
- Chair Bunnell asked if it would be value to see what other City BPAC's are doing by attending their meeting. She would like the commission to be more proactive. She suggests the commissioners split up the meetings and report back.
  - Commissioner Leon suggested coming up with a list of meetings and times and divide the meetings.
  - Ms. Spuller stated she could ask the other City Liaisons have their commissions' work and product.
- Ms. Spuller mentioned maybe the Commission could review the Suggested Routes to School map for feasibility.

### **2. Bikeway Master Plan Update**

- Ms. Spuller distributed a memo regarding results of the consultant interviews conducted Thursday, January 10, 2008. The three consultants that interviewed were Alta Planning + Design, Kimley-Horn & Associates, and Mid-Valley Engineering. Ms. Spuller and Joe Oliva were on the panel with a staff member from the VTA, San Jose, Mountain View, and Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.
- Ms. Spuller mentioned Alta Planning + Design scored the highest. She disclosed a sub consultant with Alta are an engineering firm called Nolte, who's staff member is former City Engineer Mike McNeely and for historical reference, Arlene Deleon, former City Traffic Engineer.
- Ms. Spuller stated the scoring ranked Alta Planning + Design first, Kimley-Horn second, and Mid-Valley Engineering third.
- Chair Bunnell questioned if the Bikeway Master Plan would not receive a "fresh set" of eyes with previous employees. Ms. Spuller said overall Alta was very strong and the previous City Employees will just be advisory. Chair Bunnell asked what were the other City's Alta created plans for. Ms. Spuller said she would provide that information to the Commission.
- Chair Bunnell commended Ms. Spuller on the work that has been done on the project.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Tour of California, February 17-24**

- Ms. Spuller mentioned the Tour changed their route and will not make two passes from Calaveras Road to Piedmont Road. They will

come from Modesto to San Jose to Milpitas.

- Staff is still working on the outreach plan for this project. At most, the City will be closing Piedmont Road from Calaveras to Landess in order for the tour to pass. This stage will be on February 20 from 1:55-2:20pm.
- The event had about 110 + spectators at the corner of Calaveras and Piedmont Roads last year.
- Ms. Spuller will notify the Commission on any updates.

## **2. Bike to Work Day**

- Ms. Spuller reminded the Commission the event is the third Thursday in May- May 15, 2008. Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition manages the program for the County.
- Chair Bunnell asked what kind of assistance is needed. Ms. Spuller stated the Commission could assist with promotion of the event, energizer station set up, and materials. Ms. Spuller will provide a list of items to attend.
- The event time is 6:30am-8: 30 am. The new station last year was at the Great Mall Transit Center where there was bike parking and tokens distributed to the participants. Commissioner Zeise asked if the tokens were given to the bicyclists who took their bicycle on the system. Ms. Spuller stated there were no bicycles parked.
- Ms. Spuller will notify the Commission about the project upon receipt of information.
- Ms. Spuller stated if the Commission were interested in helping set up the energizer station that would be very helpful.
- Commissioner Leon stated he could help on the day of event. Chair Bunnell stated she wasn't sure if she could help the day-of but can help before the event.

## **X. ROUNDTABLE/OPEN FORUM**

### **1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

- Commissioner Zeise asked about the Escuela Schools progress. Ms. Spuller mentioned the City and the Milpitas Unified School District gave \$2500 each to assist in subsidizing the bus pass program at Milpitas High School. Ms. Spuller was not sure on when the program will begin, but is sure it is January or February this year. The promotion is held within the High School system.
- Ms. Spuller stated last promotion had about 120 students over 3 months. Chair Bunnell stated the program does not count how many kids are getting out of their cars.
- Commissioner Zeise asked if there were counts of boardings on the bus. Ms. Spuller stated this information was given to Allyson McDonald from the Sunnyhills Association.
- Commissioner Zeise asked if there is anyway to promote alternate commutes to schools? The Commission brainstormed inspirational bicyclists and pedestrians that could encourage students to get to

school other than driving their car.

- Chair Bunnell asked if there is a violation of the Brown Act to meet into smaller subcommittees regarding certain activities such as Bike to Work Day, School Safety, etc. Ms. Spuller stated she would check with the City Clerk.
- Mr. Means asked about suitable bicycle racks at Milpitas High School. Ms. Spuller stated she is on a waiting list for bicycle racks with the VTA.

## **2. Safety**

- Chair Bunnell has a very important safety concern. She mentioned Vice-Chair Nawal Stanojevic has mentioned this before. Chair Bunnell and her son almost were in a severe/deadly accident where they were walking east bound on Jacklin Road near the Southbound I-680 on-ramp (near the Shell Gas Station). They were almost hit by a car. Chair Bunnell stated the problem is it is very dark, they were wearing reflective flashers that are very bright, and the cars were speeding. Chair Bunnell mentioned a street lamp would be area, or a flashing light. Commissioner Leon stated even with another light and the ambient light are hard to see because of the fencing, bushes, or the construction of the ramp. Ms. Spuller stated this might be Caltrans right-of-way. Chair Bunnell requests staff to look at this, especially at night.
- Commissioner Leon also mentioned this is the same safety issue on Calaveras Boulevard east bound near I-680 and requests staff to review this. Commissioner Leon stated the southbound on-ramp seems to be worse.
- Chair Bunnell concluded it is best to walk against traffic.
- Mr. Means asked about follow up on some news articles July 19, 2007 where a motorist was not cited for hitting a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

## **3. Public Awareness**

- Ms. Spuller mentioned that Milpitas' Helmet Traffic Diversion program is doing well per her conversation with the Traffic Safe Communities Network, the manager of the program.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S: Leon/Zeise

All Ayes

Chair Bunnell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: February 11, 2008**