I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

BPAC Members
Present: Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Aaron Faupell, Jose Leon, Antonio Pablo
Staff member Janice Spuller
Absent: Council Member Gomez, Vice Chair Briones, Cris Sanchez
Quorum was established.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approval of the August 9, 2010 Agenda
Chair Stanojevic recommended that item IX.1. under New Business be discussed after the Public Form.

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Faupell
Second: Pablo
All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of May 10, 2010 Minutes
Commissioner Faupell stated there was an error under item VII-1. in Announcements. He was referenced as “Chair Faupell” where it should be “Chair Stanojevic”

Motion to approve minutes with changes: Faupell
Second: Pablo
All Ayes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the audience for public forum.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Announcements
The Chair had no announcements.

2. Commission Announcements-Commissioner reports on BPAC meetings
• **VTA BPAC Report (Commissioner Faupell)**
  Commissioner Faupell did not attend the most recent meeting. He would like to share the BART Bike facilities at the next meeting. The County proposed a special event ordinance to cover large bicycle events including large group bicycle rides (that may not include road closures) that would cross County facilities. This was not approved by the BPAC or the VTA Board.

  Regarding BART, he stated City staff should follow up on the creek path along the station, the bike lane facility near driveways, and the accessibility along Montague Expressway. He also stated there is one block of the sidewalk along Montague Expressway that needs to be filled on the south side. Staff Steve Chan stated there is a frontage road that would be accessible for pedestrians. The current plan is a median landscape strip that separates Montague and the frontage road to the station.

  Chair Stanojevic stated that these issues the City should be persistent about. She used the Light Rail as an example.

  Commissioner Faupell shared the next VTA BPAC meeting is on August 11 if anyone would like to attend.

• **Additional Commissioner reports on BPAC meetings, if any**
  There were no additional reports from the Commissioners.

3. **Staff Announcements**
  Ms. Spuller announced the reappointments of Commissioners Leon and Faupell at the August 3, 2010 City Council Meeting. There is one vacancy on the Commission.

  Ms. Spuller also announced the grand opening celebration Saturday August 14, 2010, of the new Senior Center opening.

  City Staff Steve Chan also had a few announcements. Mr. Chan announced the County Roads & Airports is doing a resurfacing on Evans Road between Calaveras Road and Kennedy. There will be a chip seal on the road and the road markings (including bike lanes) will be restriped. Half of the road is County owned. The next project is Old Calaveras Road up the hill.

  Mr. Chan also announced that Abbott Road is being resurfaced. Chair Stanojevic asked if this will be completed before school opens (August 30), if not avoid any impacts.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Suggested Routes to School update**
  Ms. Spuller stated there will be bike courses through the Recreation
Activity Guide free to Milpitas Students. A flyer was distributed to the group.

Walk to School Day will be on October 6. Ms. Spuller will forward the information next meeting.

Commissioner Faupell asked about the dirt bike skill park. Ms. Spuller discussed this with the Parks and Recreation Department. This department along with the Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission just completed their Parks Master Plan, which reflects an extensive survey from the community on needs.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Milpitas Police Department Traffic Matters Discussion

Officer Sean Heneghan discussed recent articles that were written in the Milpitas POST. Ms. Spuller stated this group is an alternate mode of transportation and wanted to review some of the laws in the article [written by Officer Chris Nichols on February 25, 2010 and January 2010] and what common things are the police department has come across.

Officer Heneghan stated that the vehicle code should follow the traffic laws that are applied to vehicles. Commissioner Faupell stated some vehicle codes were misrepresented and promotes some of the attitudes of motorists. He mentioned Section 21202, as close to the right edge as possible or practical is subjective. Section 21208, requires the bicycle to stay in the bike lane but in the code there are a lists of exemptions. Generally it is interpreted that the bike can take a lane, and not side-by-side, but a motorists can read and take it as that bikes should be on the right, instead the bike can take the lane.

Chair Stanojevic stated she would like to see everyone share the road.

Officer Heneghan stated that sometimes pedestrians are given citations but more are given to bicyclists for moving violations. Officer Heneghan referred to the follow up article dated February 25, 2010. This was written to clarify vehicle codes. The Commission requested an article on bicyclists’ rights that include sharing behavior and the new sharrow markings. Officer Heneghan stated maybe an article on the new bicycle routes and markings can be written as information. Ms. Spuller can forward the new bike plan to Officer Chris Nicholas, the Police Department’s Milpitas POST article journalist.

Officer. Heneghan stated they see that the main thing is bicyclists riding on the sidewalk and bicyclists riding in the wrong direction on the sidewalk. Collisions occur where a motorists taking a right turn, not expecting a bicycle riding in the wrong direction. Officer Heneghan interpreted the vehicle code and suggested maybe the code be reworded or clarified because of dated information. Officer Heneghan mentioned
there are many circumstances where motorists exit driveways and hit bicyclists driving in the wrong direction.

Commissioner Pablo asked if helmets were enforced. Officer Heneghan mentioned the diversion program that provides bike safety and vehicle code and helmets are offered.

Officer Heneghan stated that maybe there can be a follow up article.

The Commission thanked Officer Heneghan for attending the meeting. Officer Heneghan said he can attend any other meetings if needed.

X. ROUNDTABLE/ OPEN FORUM

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

2. Safety

3. Public Awareness

The following comments were made during the forum:

Commissioner Faupell asked Mr. Chan about the sharrows on S. Park Victoria Road. Mr. Chan stated the markings follow the MUTCD guidelines. He stated for future projects, they will move the markings further into the roadway.

Commissioner Pablo asked if there is consistency with the roadways. Some roadways seem to have enough for bike lanes. Mr. Chan stated it depends on the street; some roads may need on street parking for example. Commissioner Pablo stated Kennedy Drive is nicely striped.

Commissioner Faupell stated Bike Party came through Milpitas and the Police Department was receptive and provide signage warning motorists of the event.

Commissioner Pablo asked about the Coyote Creek Trail asking when the trail will be open under Highway 237. It is gated. Commissioner Faupell stated it floods in the winter. He stated the Coyote Creek Trail in Milpitas is well maintained. He stated there is a lot of vegetation along the path on the north side along Highway 237 [this is not Milpitas’ portion of the trail].

Commissioner Pablo added east of Dempsey Road on Yosemite Road, there is a serious buckling/crack on the road. If there are cars parked on it, then it is fine, but without it, it is unsafe for cyclists. He said it looks marked but it has not been repaired. Mr. Chan said he will follow up on the status.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanojevic adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm
Next Meeting: September 13, 2010