Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
Date of Meeting: July 9, 2012
Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL
Present: Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Vice Chair Rene Briones, Aaron Faupell, Chris Lee, Cris Sanchez, Antonio Pablo
Staff members: Cindy Hom
Council Member Gomez

Absent: Jose Leon

Quorum was established.

Chair Stanojevic conducted the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Approval of the Agenda
M/S: Briones/Sanchez
All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Approval of June 11, 2012 Minutes
M/S: Briones/Sanchez
All Ayes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM
There was one member of the public present

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Chair Announcements
The Chair had no announcements

2. Commission Announcements
The Commission had no announcements
   • VTA BPAC Report (Commissioner Faupell) – No update
3. **Staff Announcements**
   - Ms. Hom had the following announcements:
     Updated Commission on the Escuela Pkwy Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project which entails the widening of the pedestrian sidewalk on the east side of Escuela Pkwy., installation of new tree wells on the west side, and a new bus pull out to be completed by the start of the school year.

     Chair Stanojevic inquired if improvements would replace the existing bike routes with bike lanes?

     Staff responded that bike lanes would be installed.

     Commissioner Pablo inquired if the re-striping on S. Milpitas Blvd will extend the bike lanes from Gibraltar to Montague. Staff said The Bikeways Master shows it as a proposed bike lane and that they would check with the Traffic Engineer and report back to the Commission.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Progress Report on Current Projects:**
   - Santa Clara County Public Health Department Communities Putting Prevent to work (CPPW) Grant
   - Climate Action Plan
   - Bicycle Parking

     Ms. Hom indicated no new updates for the CPPW Grant, Climate Action Plan, and Bicycle Parking. Staff would come to a commission on a date when the Climate Action would move forward. Lastly, Planning staff is reviewing projects for bicycle parking. The Milpitas Parking Ordinance has requirement for bicycle parking for residential development.

     Commission Briones expressed concern and wanted to ensure the Planning Commission also reviews for installation of new bike facilities for future developments.

     Staff indicated that projects are reviewed for compliance with Zoning requirements as well as consistency with General Plan and Master Plan goals. An opportunity to add new facilities would be identified during the planning review process.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **New Development Project: Milpitas Blvd./Los Coches Street Residential Projects**

   Staff presented the residential projects proposed by Braddock and Logan (80 single family detached units) and Doyle Heaton (33 single family detached units) located at the southwest corner of the E. Calaveras Blvd. and S. Milpitas Blvd intersection.
Chair Stanojevic asked if the developers were vying for the same property. Staff clarified it was two separate development proposal on two project sites. Heaton project is located on the vacant parcel and the parcel that is occupied by JDSU. Braddock and Logan project is located on the former Read-Rite building site, behind Wells Fargo Bank and Union Bank buildings.

Vice Chair Briones and Commissioner Faupell asked if the project would also include a rezone.

Staff indicated no. The Town Center zoning allows for residential development with a Conditional Use Permit.

There was discussion among the BPAC Commission about their concerns with the project’s proximity to Calaveras Blvd. and BART rail line.

Commissioner Faupell asked about the Emergency Vehicle Access road shown on the Braddock and Logan site plan.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if the project was already approved for housing.

Staff indicated no in that it still need to be review and approved by Planning Commission and City Council. Additionally, staff provided some historical background. In the past, the site had several preliminary application proposals to do residential development. At one time, it was also an optional second BART station.

Commissioner Faupell asked if there are any bike lanes on S. Milpitas. Staff indicated there are existing bike lane facilities.

The commission discussed about the existing traffic levels and what can be anticipated by the two residential projects.

Commissioner Faupell asked if there are going to be any traffic analysis for the proposed project.

Staff indicated yes. A traffic analysis would be prepared to analyze traffic and circulation.

Commissioner Faupell asked if there a creek next to the project site. There was further discussion to see if there were any opportunities for trail improvements.

Commissioner Sanchez expressed concern about on-site parking and discouraged on-street parking on S. Milpitas Blvd. and Topaz Street.
X. ROUND TABLE/OPEN FORUM

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

2. Safety

3. Public Awareness

*The items above are grouped together, giving each Commission Member the opportunity to discuss items by turn.*

Commissioner Briones wanted staff to look at the Main Street off ramp on Calaveras overpass to see if there is a possibility to adding signage to slow down traffic for pedestrian using the crosswalk between the medical clinic and parking structure.

Commissioner Sanchez wanted staff to look at signal light for the crosswalk light at the intersection at Calaveras and Abel Street. The orientation for traffic signal is not clearly visible for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Commissioner Briones inquired about the redevelopment along McCandless Blvd. Staff discussion the recently entitled projects for that area.

Commissioner Sanchez and Commissioner Lee inquired about the future school site. They wanted to know where it is in the process and what construction timeline would entail. Staff indicated the park and school site has been secured as part of the project approvals for the McCandless properties. The school districted present staff with concept plans.

Commissioner Sanchez inquired if the city’s plans for building a central park.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanojevic adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

Next Meeting: **September 10, 2012**