Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
Date of Meeting: November 5, 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
Vice Chair Briones led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL
BPAC Members
Present: Vice Chair Rene Briones, Cris Sanchez, Jose Leon
Staff members: Cindy Hom, Steven McHarris
Absent: Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Antonio Pablo, Chris Lee
Quorum was established.

Vice Chair Rene Briones conducted the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Approval of the Agenda

M/S: Sanchez/Leon
All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Approval of July 9, 2012 Minutes with corrections.

M/S: Sanchez/Leon
All Ayes

VI. ELECTION OF VTA BPAC REPRESENTATIVE
Vice Chair Briones motioned to continue this item to the next meeting to allow the full commission to assist in the selection of the new VTA BPAC representative. Commissioner Leon seconded the motion.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM
Kristol Caidoy commented on the bike lanes on Escuela Pkwy are blocked by parked cars during school hours for loading and unloading.

Vice Chair Briones suggested that staff take a look into the matter.

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

2. Commission Announcements
The Commission had no announcements

- **VTA BPAC Report** – No report

3. **Staff Announcements**
   - Staff attended a workshop on Complete Streets and provided handouts to the Commission.
   - Staff updated Commission on the relocation of PG&E gas pipeline on the Dixon Landing Corridor.

IX. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Progress Report on Current Projects:**
   - The Commission received report on the current status of the climate action plan and the updates to circulation and land use elements in the General Plan that included complete street policies. Staff briefed the Commission on the technical memo on the Climate Action Plan and the proposed text changes to the General Plan.
   - Vice Chair Briones asked what opportunities they had to comment on the project. Staff advised that there will be opportunities to provide comments during the public hearing on November 14th Planning Commission meeting. No other comments or discussion on the matter.

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Transit Area Streetscape Elements**
   - Staff presented the Transit Area Streetscape Elements standards that include specification on bike racks, bollards, light standards, and trash receptacles.

2. **450 Montague Residential Project**
   - Staff provided an overview of the 450 Montague Residential project.
   - Briones asked if the project would include any commercial establishments. Staff responded this was not a mixed use development and would not include a commercial component.
   - Vice Chair Briones inquired how the project would impact school capacity. Staff indicated that the developer would pay a school impact fee that would help facilitate a new school facility. Planning Director indicated that the city did secure a school site within the TSA. The School District would need to purchase and develop the site.
   - Vice Chair Briones inquired about the pedestrian bridge and connections. The Planning Director indicated the new pedestrian bridge would include facilities for both pedestrians and bicycles.

3. **2013 Work Plan**
   - Staff reviewed the proposed 2013 Work Plan. Commissioner Leon suggested moving the bike ride to April when the weather is nicer and to ensure a better turn out.
   - Staff asked the commission for ideas on bike routes for the events.
• Vice Chair Briones and Commissioner Leon suggested that it be more informal and more of a “meet and ride” type of event.
• Vice Chair Briones asked if there is any liability for hosting a fun ride? Staff indicated they would need to research it and bring it back to the commission.
• Commissioner Sanchez suggested a route from starting from the former Borders Book Store site in McCarthy Ranch and riding the trail to Alum Rock.
• Briones suggested a monthly fun ride for various skill levels.
• The commission discussed the desire for the designation of a Bike Friendly City.

Motion to approve work plan was made by Commissioners. M/S Sanchez/Leon.

All ayes

X. ROUNDTABLE/ 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.

• Vice Chair Briones wanted to get confirmation on the development activity on McCandless Dr. Staff reviewed all the development projects that have been entitled along McCandless.
• Vice Chair Briones wanted to make sure the bike lanes would remain and inquired about the pedestrian crossing over Montague at Trade Zone and McCandless. Staff indicated that the recent approved projects would require signal improvements at Trade Zone and Montague that would help address that concern.
• Commissioner Leon mentioned that several segments on Montague Expwy did not have sidewalks or they are obstructed by overgrown landscaping. Leon wanted to express concern about providing adequate pedestrian facilities on Montague.
• Commissioner Sanchez briefed the Commission of the “Make a Difference” event held at the Seasons Marketplace.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Briones adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm
Next Meeting: January 14, 2013