UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2013
Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting: City Hall Committee Meeting 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, Kristal Caidoy, Cris Lee, Christine Sanchez

Staff members: Cindy Hom

Absent: Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Jose Deleon, Antonio Pablo, City Councilmember Armando Gomez

Quorum was established.

Vice-chair Briones conducted the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Approval of the July 11, 2013 Agenda

M/S: Lee / Caidoy

All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Approval of May 2, 2013 Minutes.

M/S: Lee / Sanchez

All Ayes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM
Rob Means, Milpitas Resident – Would like to make a presentation at the next BPAC meeting regarding PRT crossing of the railroad tracks and a feeder system to the BART station.

Motion: Agendize Mr. Means’ request to be placed on the next BPAC meeting agenda.

M/S: Lee / Sanchez
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Vice-Chair Announcements – None

2. Commission Announcements
   Commissioner Caidoy mentioned that she was present at the painting of the green bicycle lane on Hedding Street, City of San Jose. Vice-chair Briones inquired if the “green bicycle lane” might be something the City of Milpitas could participate in and if funding could be available. Commissioner Caidoy will check into it and report back.

3. Staff Announcements
   • City’s 60th Celebration – Event planning is in progress for this event to be held January 24, 2014. Vice-Mayor Polanski would like members of the various commissions to participate in the event. Ms. Hom will forward more details to the commission and establish two volunteers to assist the event planning committee.
   • BART Construction Update – The bike lane along Capital Avenue will be converted to a bike route during the construction period.
   • The City Traffic Engineer has reported that the southbound bike lane on Warm Springs to N. Milpitas Blvd @ Dixon Landing is being restored.

Ms. Hom will report back to the Commission on the timing of Dixon Landing portion of the BART bridge construction.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Review Draft BPAC Web Page Revisions

Ms. Hom – Part of the BPAC work plan was to update the commission’s webpage. Information Services (IS) indicated that when updating the website, there are several parameters to maintain. Staff had IS create different “buttons” to access links on the webpage. Ms. Hom continued to review the drafted updates and requested input from the Commission. The Commission will provide Ms. Hom with any additional suggestions which will be presented to the commission and then be incorporated onto the webpage.

IX. ROUNDTABLE / OPEN FORUM

Roundtable/Open Forum –
   a) Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements –
   b) Safety –
   c) Public Awareness –
   d) Future Meeting Items –

The items above are grouped together, giving each Commission Member the opportunity to discuss items by turn.
New pedestrian overpass @ Montague - Cindy Hom was not yet able to obtain an answer if this overpass would be bicycle friendly, but it will have an elevator and meets ADA requirements. The proposed overpass from Piper Drive to the BART station may be picked up by BART. There are other pedestrian crossings that staff will look into.

The frontage road on the east side of 880 that runs in front of South Bay Honda, stops and then pick’s up as it goes towards Denny’s. The Commission inquired if this frontage road could be completed to make it easier for bicyclers. Ms. Hom stated that when that vacant property gets developed, it would be an opportunity to ensure bicycle lanes.

The area behind Union Bank / Wells Fargo on Milpitas Blvd – Demolition of the current commercial buildings will shortly begin and will be developed with residential homes.

Bicycle Safety Issues: Commissioners brought up several areas within Milpitas that pose bike safety issues. There is no bike lane and no sidewalk from Jacklin as it turns into Able to Calaveras. There are no bike lanes from Penitencia down to Corning, which is a major thoroughfare for bikers. The City should be kept aware of the need for bike lanes. There are cracks in the bike path on Milpitas Blvd to Jacklin under the bridge. Vice-chair Briones mentioned that when Hwy 680 was expanded, the bike lane markings under 680 and Jacklin Rd were taken away.

Future fun ride – Ms. Hom is continuing to work with Police Dept and City Attorney’s office on how to promote the bike fun ride. She will follow up with Fremont Free Wheeler’s Bike Club on how they cover liability and report back to the commission.

Vice-chair Briones inquired if the change to the BPAC meeting day and location is now permanently changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month? Ms. Hom will solicit the commission for input on their meeting preference and she will report back to the commission. Commissioners present agreed to meet back at the City Hall Committee Room for now.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-chair Briones adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

M/S: Lee / Caidoy

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2013 @ City Hall - Committee Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes drafted and submitted by
Cindy Hom acting as Recording Secretary

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