Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 14th, 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
Chair Stanojevic led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL
BPAC Members
Present: Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Vice-Chair Rene Briones, Christine Sanchez, Antonio Pablo, Jose Leon, City Councilmember Armando Gomez

Staff member: Steve Chan

Absent: Kristal Caidoy

Quorum was established.

Chair Nawal Stanojevic conducted the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Approval of the November 14, 2013 Agenda

M/S: Briones / Sanchez

All Ayes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Approval of November 14, 2013 Minutes.

M/S: Sanchez / Briones

All Ayes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM
None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Commissioner Lee reported Make a Difference Day event at Seasons Market in October 2013 was a success.
VIII. PRESENTATION

Dr. Shawn Spanos made a Citywide Strategic Planning presentation to BPAC and seek BPAC inputs on the benefits of living Milpitas and what changes they would like to see in the future. Commission indicated the benefits include small town feel, diverse community, full service city, amenities such as golf course, trails, parks and retails, access to nearby city attractions and airport. Commission like to see future changes include traffic congestion relief on the city’s east/west corridors, a vibrant downtown, a central park, specialty grocery stores, a more bike friendly street network with bike share program to encourage greater community acceptance of cycling as a viable and safe mode of transportation, less odors from the landfill, more government transparency, and a leadership development program for citizens to make contribution to the community.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Staff reported back on Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) research. Only two PRT’s exist, they are located in Morgantown, West Virginia and Heathrow airport, England. Heathrow airport PRT is operating under a pilot program and has no construction, operation, and maintenance cost data available. Current Morgantown PRT system operates on 8.7 miles, 5 stations and 71 cars, and 64 operating employees with total annual operating cost of $2.75 million. Using Morgantown as an example, it would cost $632,000 to operate ½ mile of PRT. Assuming 500 daily passengers and not including initial construction cost, the unsubsidized fare cost would be $3.46 per trip for the Yosemite PRT overcrossing proposed to cover the annual operating and maintenance cost. With these assumptions, the cost-to-benefit ratio to operate a PRT in Milpitas is very high.

X. ROUNDTABLE / OPEN FORUM

Roundtable/Open Forum –

a) Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements –

b) Safety –

c) Public Awareness –

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

Commission likes to see more bike racks on existing retail establishments. Council Member Gomez indicated BPAC may submit a bike rack funding request to city council through him for consideration.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nawal Stanojevic adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm
Next Meeting: Thursday, January 2nd, 2014 @ City Hall Committee Meeting Room