

APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory  
Commission  
Date of Meeting: February 6, 2006  
Time of Meeting: 7:00 P.M.  
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

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

**II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Present: Rene Briones, Cheryl Bunnell, Bill Reisinger, Fred Zeise  
Staff: Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva  
Vice Mayor Armando Gomez

Absent: Kayci Nguyen, Nawal Stanojevic

Quorum was established.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS** Staff Janice Nadal shared a few announcements:

*Commissioners' Recognition April 4, 2006.* Ms. Nadal stated the Commissioners' Recognition will be Tuesday, April 4, 2006 during the City Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Vice Mayor Gomez added commissioners will receive awards during the presentation portion of the Council Meeting and then adjourn to a light reception. This is a cost-effective way of celebrating the City's commissioners.

*Coyote Creek Trail Opening.* Ms. Nadal shared the trail opening event will be scheduled in April. The trail is open, however the weather and a few items are still being prepared on the trail. A nice spring event will celebrate the completion of this project.

*Commissioner Business Cards.* Ms. Nadal stated these are available to the City Commissioners for use when attending regional meetings or representing the City of Milpitas as a member of BTAC.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** MOTION to approve the February 6, 2006 agenda  
M/S: Briones/Bunnell  
All Ayes

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** MOTION to approve the minutes of October 3, 2005.  
M/S: Briones/Bunnell  
All Ayes

**VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM** *Wesley Roediger, 2118 Cuesta Drive.* Mr. Roediger would like to know when the *Bikeway Master Plan* will be updated as there are a list of proposed projects in the plan that are complete. Staff Joe Oliva told Mr. Roediger that the comprehensive update of the plan is usually every 5 years and aligned with the General Plan Amendment. Staff will review the plan for updates.

**VII. TOPICS** **Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

### ***Meeting Report***

Chair Reisinger reported the VTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviewed the VTA Sales Tax Scenario Expenditure Plan. Ms. Nadal stated these plans have been circulating through the other VTA committees, include the Policy Advisory Committee Vice Mayor Gomez sits on, and will be voted on by the VTA Board of Directors at their March 2, 2006 meeting.

### **VTA Bicycle Rack Grants**

Ms. Nadal stated the VTA is still requesting lists of public facilities in need of bicycle racks. Mr. Oliva stated maybe the new Milpitas Library might be able to qualify.

### **Report on Safety**

*There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission utilizes this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.*

Commissioner Bunnell reported two safety items:

1. As a pedestrian, there is no safe way to walk to the Great Mall from the Parktown area. Commissioner Bunnell mentioned walking down Piper Street and found trucks improperly parked, with planks of wood improperly blocking the trailer, creating a tipping hazard. In addition, Commissioner Bunnell and her son were nearly attacked by a “guard” dog she believes belongs to a transient.
2. Commissioner Bunnell also stated that vehicles do not stop when turning right onto Great Mall Parkway from westbound Montague Expressway. Commissioner Bunnell requested signage that states “yield to pedestrians”.

Mr. Oliva stated the Montague Expressway Improvement Project includes shoulders and sidewalks on the expressway, making it a multi-modal street.

Chair Reisinger requested a County of Santa Clara presentation on Montague Expressway. Mr. Oliva will contact the County for staff. Vice Mayor Gomez added that should the County not be available, staff could provide the plan for review.

## **REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS**

### **Bike Map on the City’s Website Update**

Ms. Nadal stated the website is still progressing. Commissioner Bunnell was unable to see the test link last when it was available. Chair Reisinger requested staff to provide the link one more time for Commissioner review.

### **Historical Bicycle Map**

Chair Reisinger provided Ms. Nadal with revisions to the historical bicycle map.

### **Tour de California**

Chair Reisinger shared the bicyclists will be touring through Milpitas from Calaveras Road to Piedmont Road, traveling down to Sierra Road in San Jose

and circling the hills and repeating the Calaveras Road to Piedmont Road path to downtown San Jose. The event is on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 with estimated times of 1:15-3:00pm. Ms. Nadal stated City staff is publicizing the event as well as notifying residents within the Piedmont Road area which will be directly impacted by the race.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### **Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

Chair Reisinger self nominated himself for Chair.

All Ayes

Chair Reisinger nominated Fred Zeise for Vice-Chair.

All Ayes

### **Bike to Work Day**

Ms. Nadal announced Bike to Work Day will be on May 18, 2006. For new commissioners, the event is usually the morning of Bike to Work Day consists of energizer stations throughout the City where volunteers greet bicyclists with refreshments and prizes. Ms. Nadal will forward information prior to the next meeting.

### ***Other Items***

Vice Chair Zeise questioned what the Police Department does with confiscated bicycles. The SAFE teams may be able to store these in their SAFE lockers. Chair Reisinger requested this item be on the next agenda, with Vice Chair Zeise providing this information.

Commissioner Briones requested the BTAC By-laws should be on the next agenda, discussing commissioner attendance.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION to adjourn at**

7:49 p.m.

M/S: Zeise/Briones

All Ayes

## ASSIGNMENT SHEET

**Janice Nadal/ Joe Oliva**  
**Transportation Planning**

- Provide test link to bicycle map on the web.
- Provide information on Bike to Work Day.
- Provide information on Tour de California.

**Vice Chair Fred Zeise**

- Research Police department confiscated bicycles for SAFE teams.