



UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
Date of Meeting: February 11, 2008
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** *BPAC Members*
Present: Cheryl Bunnell (Chair), Rene Briones, Jose Leon, Fred Zeise
Alternates: Wei Sun, Cheng-Wei Pei

Staff: Janice Spuller

Absent: Commissioners Nawal Stanojevic

Quorum was established.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda: Sun
Second: Briones
All Ayes
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** Approval of January 14, 2008 Minutes
M/S: Briones/Sun
All Ayes

Commission Members Zeise, Leon and alternate Member Pei arrive to the meeting at 7:03pm.
- VI. PUBLIC FORUM** Robert Gonzalo, 172 Perry Street
Mr. Gonzalo shared has a safety concern with Calaveras Boulevard and I-680. He bikes and walks through the area and noticed the on and off ramps are both dangerous as the vehicles are moving too fast. Mr. Gonzalo stated it is usually anytime of the day, especially during the rush hour traffic. When traffic is light, no one is in a hurry, but during the rush hour, people tend to drive faster. If there are any plans to put a bike lane because it passes through many businesses. He would rather ride on the street but along Calaveras Blvd, he feels it is safer to ride on the sidewalk.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 1. Commission Announcements**
There were no announcements

2. Staff Announcements

Staff Liaison Janice Spuller had the following announcements that act as a follow up from the January 14, 2008 BPAC meeting:

- Chair Bunnell attended a conference call Monday, February 11, 2008 with staff and County Roads and Airport to discuss the update of the County Expressway Planning Study. The proposal is to add sidewalks on both sides of Montague Expressway from I-680 to the City limits. Ms. Spuller said this is a positive step but it is a long-range plan and there is limited funding. Chair Bunnell mentioned she heard this wouldn't be complete until 2016 but there maybe some interim measures to complete the sidewalk prior to the widening of the lanes on Montague Expressway.
- At the last meeting, resident Rob Means shared a meeting that the City of Fremont was going to host regarding the Hetch Hetchy Corridor Trail Improvement. The meeting of January 16, 2008 was cancelled and Fremont staff will notify Ms. Spuller of the rescheduled date.
- Ms. Spuller reported that Chair Bunnell asked if it was a Brown Act violation for the Commission to meet outside of the scheduled meeting to work on projects since there is only so much you can do in one meeting. According to the City Clerk, Ms. Spuller reported that it is unlikely a violation as long as the commission did not discuss any business that was acted upon on an agenda of a future meeting and cannot make any decisions or vote on anything outside of an agendized/noticed meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tour of California, February 17-24

- Ms. Spuller updated the Commission that the Tour of California will pass through Milpitas only once, as opposed to twice in previous years, coming from the Calaveras Road, turning south onto Piedmont Road. A notice will be posted on the City's website, TV, radio, and the Milpitas POST of the event and the road closures. Bicyclists will pass through Milpitas on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 between 1-4pm.

2. Bike to Work Day

- Ms. Spuller shared a timeline with tasks prior to the event. She has not received any information on the event from Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, but anticipates the 3rd Thursday in May. Ms. Spuller said that setting up energizer stations would be the task where she would need the help. At the next meeting, Ms. Spuller will request the confirmation of Energizer Stations from the Commission and call for volunteers. Chair Bunnell mentioned it would be nice to have the rest of the

Commission available to accept the Bike to Work Day Proclamation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

- Ms. Spuller mentioned Vice-Chair Nawal Stanojevic is not present at today's meeting but has previously expressed interested in continuing on as Vice-Chair.
- Commissioner Briones created a motion to nominate Cheryl Bunnell as Chair. Commissioner Leon seconded the motion.

All Ayes

- Chair Bunnell asked if there was a nomination for Vice-Chair. Ms. Spuller stated if the Commission wanted to vote at the next meeting, they could make a motion to do so.
- Motion to defer the election of the Vice-Chair to the April 14, 2008 meeting: Briones. Commissioner Sun seconded the motion. All Ayes

2. Jacklin/I-680 Safety Concern

- Ms. Spuller updated the staff that Caltrans will have a maintenance request to look at the area specifically for lighting. Prior to the meeting, Chair Bunnell mentioned there might be overgrown rose bushes that impair sight for drivers to see pedestrians. Chair Bunnell added she recently walked the area again in the evening, even with reflective material; it is hard to be seen with the lighting and the overgrown rose bushes. Ms. Spuller mentioned with the I-680 Hot Lane project, Caltrans would be looking at both the interchanges of I-680 and Jacklin and I-680 and Calaveras for improvements.

3. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission Surveys

- As a request from the January 14, 2008 meeting to attend other City's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commissions/Committee, Ms. Spuller distributed a matrix of local City's meeting dates and times. The Commission members chose the following meetings to attend:
 - Chair Bunnell: Sunnyvale (she also attends the VTA BPAC)
 - Commissioner Briones: Fremont
 - Commissioner Pei: Mountain View
 - Commissioner Leon: Palo Alto & Sunnyvale
 - Commissioner Sun: San Jose

Ms. Spuller suggested throughout the year, Commissioners can report at each meeting what City they attended and what

kind of projects they are working on.

4. Spinning Crank Scribe

- Commissioner Sun said he would be the scribe submitting Milpitas updates to the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Spinning Crank newsletter. Ms. Spuller will provide Commissioner Sun with the contact information. The newsletter is published quarterly.

5. Save the Date- Commissioner Recognition Brunch, April 19, 2008

- Ms. Spuller notified the Commission the event is a first time brunch on April 19, 2008 at the Community Center Auditorium, 11 am.

X. ROUNDTABLE/OPEN FORUM

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

- There were no comments on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

2. Safety

- Commissioner Briones reported that westbound on Yosemite crossing Park Victoria, there seems to be a partition of the road being done. Yosemite is wide enough for two cars, but is striped for one lane. There is a tendency to create another lane to turn right. Commissioner Briones stated there seems to be some striping being installed, but he is wondering if the right lane will be a right-turn lane. Commissioner Leon added that the eastbound lane also seems to create a second lane. Chair Bunnell added the private school of people turning left out of the parking lot onto Yosemite creating traffic. She is asking if there is any way to create a right-turn only for the parking lot. Commissioner Leon added that this not only happens during the weekday with schools, but the weekends as well. Ms. Spuller said she will mentioned this to the Jaime Rodriguez, Traffic Engineer. Chair Bunnell added even parking along Yosemite makes the area difficult to drive through.
- Chair Bunnell opened this item to the public. Robert Gonzalo, 172 Perry Street. Mr. Gonzalo asked if the City has loop detectors for bicycles. He mentioned Fremont has signs where bicycles can go to trigger the light. Commissioner Sun mentioned there is a new technology for loops to sense other than metal, such as carbon bicycles. Ms. Spuller will check with Jaime Rodriguez, Traffic Engineer.

3. Public Awareness

- Commissioner Leon shared the Strategic Action For

Emergency (SAFE) Team is having a meeting. They are encouraging additional participation. Commissioner Leon will email the flyer to Ms. Spuller to distribute to the Commissioners. Commissioner Leon that the group has funding to train to use ham radios, emergency equipment, and CPR training. Commissioner Zeise added that this is very good emergency preparedness training.

- Chair Bunnell asked if the commission would be interested in reviewing legislation regarding bicycle and pedestrians. She receives this information as part of her job and can pass that on.
- Chair Bunnell opened this item to the public. Robert Gonzalo, 172 Perry Street asked if there are more locations to store bicycles. There are some buses that cannot accommodate bicycles and do not have bicycle racks to secure their bikes to. Ms. Spuller stated that for new development they are required to provide bicycle racks. Mr. Gonzalo finds that there are many locations that are without bicycle racks that make it difficult to bike to locations because the lack of facilities to secure the bike. Commissioner Zeise made a motion to agendize this item on the next BPAC meeting. Commissioner Leon seconded the motion. All Ayes.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/S: Sun/Briones

All Ayes

Chair Bunnell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2008