



UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)  
Date of Meeting: January 11, 2010  
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 7:04 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**      *BPAC Members*  
Present: Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Vice-Chair Rene Briones, Aaron Faupell, Jose Leon  
  
Council Member Armando Gomez, Staff member Janice Spuller  
  
Absent: Cheng Wei Pei  
  
Quorum was established.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**      Approval of the January 14, 2010 Agenda  
Commissioner Briones motioned to amend the agenda to add a By-Law change regarding meetings.  
  
Motion to approve Agenda as amended: Briones  
Second: Leon  
  
All Ayes
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**      Approval of October 12, 2009 Minutes  
M/S: Briones/Faupell  
All Ayes
- VI. PUBLIC FORUM**      *There were no members of the audience for public forum.*
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 1. Chair Announcements**  
Chair Stanojevic announced that her street was still on repaved (Clouser Drive)
  - 2. Commission Announcements-Commissioner reports on BPAC meetings**  
  
Commissioner Faupell reported he has moved residences but still is in Milpitas. He notified the City Clerk.

### **3. Staff Announcements**

Staff Janice Spuller reported the new Traffic Engineer, Steve Chan, was unable to attend this evening's meeting. She provided his contact information to the Commission.

Ms. Spuller also followed up from the October 2009 meeting. Though she was absent, she reviewed the recording and wanted to share the following information:

- Calaveras Boulevard Widening is a \$60 million project that will replace the bridge between Milpitas Blvd and Abel Street, allowing for 3 lanes in each direction with bicycle and pedestrian access on both sides. She shared a list of projects that are in the regional local streets and county roads listing (Valley Transportation Plan 2035).
- The City will be pursuing a grant to fund the Dixon Landing Road Widening Plan Line Study (also in the VTP 2035). The study will look at Dixon Landing Road from Milpitas Blvd to McCarthy Blvd. There were discussions on bicycle access over I-880 and the degradation of the striping due to heavy truck traffic at McCarthy Boulevard.
- The City Attorney's office is looking at cleaning up the municipal code. Though we have missed the first Council meeting where this will be discussed, the City Attorney's office will do at minimum, an annual cleaning of the municipal code so any suggested removal of redundant language can be brought forward to them. Council member Gomez mentioned he thought this would be done every 6 months. Commissioner Faupell stated it's all Title V-100, Section 16. The City requires bicycles to be licensed (V-100-16.03-16.12). This was adopted in 1969 and not really enforced or applicable anymore. There is also a lot of stuff that is redundant with the State vehicle code.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. VTA BPAC Report (Commissioner Faupell)**

Commissioner Faupell reported on the November meeting. The December meeting was cancelled. The major issue included a large change at Central Expressway and Mathilda (Sunnyvale) and a discussion of the bike sharing pilot program in Palo Alto.

### **2. Bicycle Friendly Cities\***

Ms. Spuller referred to the attachment from the League of American Bicyclists that provided feedback on how Milpitas can be a designated Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC). The Commission expressed disappointment as some of these items Milpitas do. Ms. Spuller stated that we would continue to pursue this designation.

**3. Suggested Routes to School**

Ms. Spuller distributed a progress report from the City's consultants Parisi and Associates of the work they have accomplished during the beginning of the school year. They have completed walkability/bikeability assessments, surveyed parents and schools, participated in Walk to School Day, and conducted safety workshops/bike rodeos.

The next step is to compile a report for each school with draft recommendations for improvements. Also- new walking/biking routes to school maps will be created. Ms. Spuller will share this with the Commission.

**4. 2010 BPAC Work Plan\***

Ms. Spuller reviewed the work plan with changes to ensure she captured all the comments that were made at the October 12, 2009 meeting.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Bike to Work Day**

Ms. Spuller reported the date hasn't been confirmed but it is most likely the third Thursday of the month in May. She asked the Commission to review locations for the energizer stations and bring them to the next meeting. For the past several years, the City hosted energizer stations in front of City Hall and at the corner of Montague Expressway and Main Street. Commissioner Briones asked which station had more participants. Ms. Spuller stated the Montague/Main station had a little bit more than City Hall.

**2. Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program\***

Ms. Spuller referred to the printed presentation the officers give at the Juvenile Traffic Diversion meeting. When children are cited with traffic violations (mostly bicycle), they are sent to attend, with a parent, this meeting instead of paying for the ticket. In turn, they learn about traffic codes and bicycle safety as well as receive a helmet. The meeting is conducted by a Police Officer.

Commissioner Faupell asked if the officers are trained in bicycle safety. Ms. Spuller stated yes.

Ms. Spuller also added crossing guards meet at the beginning of the school year to review traffic safety. Since they are not police officers, they can only suggest to the students ways to be safe, be it wearing a helmet or riding safer. They are not allowed to detain anyone. In addition, new crossing guards are paired with more experience guards as part of their training.

**3. By-Laws: Meetings**

Commissioner Briones suggested this Commission meet on the odd

months since the Commission usually postpones the December meeting to January. He feels this way, there will always be 6 meetings.

Commissioner Faupell suggested meeting monthly. Members of the Commission did not feel this was necessary. Council Member Gomez stated the Commission can change the meeting dates and host “Special meetings” as needed.

Motion to move the meeting dates from the even months to the odd months: Briones  
Second: Leon

Ayes: Briones, Leon, Stanojevic  
Abstain: Faupell

## **X. ROUNDTABLE/ OPEN FORUM**

### **1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

### **2. Safety**

### **3. Public Awareness**

The following comments were made during the forum:

Commissioner Leon requested additional lighting at the crosswalk near the Interstate-680 and Calaveras off ramps. He drew designated locations. Council member Gomez suggested a letter from the Commission to Caltrans recommending the lighting as part of pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Commissioner Faupell had a list of comments:

- There was a bicycle accident the night before [January 10, 2010] and was wondering if he can get details on the nature of the accident. This occurred on North Park Victoria.
- The sharrows on N. Park Victoria are painted far to the right in the door zone.
- He received a complaint that the rail road tracks at Capitol Avenue near Montague are crumbling and raised. This comment came from the Caltrans BPAC. He suggested that the BPAC website be updated to have contact information regarding these types of issues.
- With the I-680 Widening project, he requests that Caltrans to put in bike lanes or shoulder striping to accommodate bicyclists at Calaveras Boulevard and Jacklin Road.
- Detector stencils for bicycles are not on all the through-lanes.
- The Pines Neighborhood is not bike accessible. Ms. Spuller stated the Suggested Routes to School Program may have suggestions on accessibility since they have studied this for Zanker Elementary School.
- Comparing our bicycle map to Sunnyvale, he had some suggestions on improvements such as color. Ms. Spuller added that we just completed the bike maps and that we do not have budget to reprint these at the

moment. It may be something we can do electronically and post on the website or for future maps.

- Dixon Landing Road near I-880 and McCarthy Boulevard needs to be restriped due to the heavy trucks and volume. When exiting Coyote Creek Trail north, the sidewalk is striped as Class 1 routes to the signalized intersection at Dixon Landing Road and McCarthy Boulevard. He requests that the bikes and pedestrians get the priority on the south side of Dixon Landing Road. He suggested restriping the lanes with a solid white line on the shoulder. Dixon Landing Road at Milpitas Blvd. has a deep pothole right in front of the Walgreens.
- At the last meeting he requested that a member of BPAC attends the Planning Commission meeting and be actively involved with development. Ms. Spuller stated that being on the PC would require Council action and will do her best to bring new large developments where bicycles and pedestrians will be impacted. Within staff, the City works to incorporate these needs. With their involvement with the Bikeway Master Plan, they have assisted staff in developing conditions of approval based on their recommendations in the plan.
- He mentioned the Carlo Street Ramp Conversion is dangerous for bicyclists. Ms. Spuller announced construction will be complete at the end of the month and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January of the 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

Chair Stanojevic asked when the bridge being the old Mervyn's will be complete. Ms. Spuller said she would check into it but believes when the Shapell development construction is complete.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Leon

Second: Briones

All Ayes

Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Next Meeting: **February 8, 2010**