



APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)  
Date of Meeting: June 11, 2007  
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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL**      *BTAC Members*  
Present: Cheryl Bunnell (Chair), Nawal Stanojevic (Vice Chair)  
  
Staff: Janice Nadal, Jaime Rodriguez  
  
Absent: Commissioners Rene Briones, Fred Zeise, City Council Member Armando Gomez  
  
Quorum was not established.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**      There was no motion to approve the agenda due to lack of quorum, though the members present chose to discuss the agenda items
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**      There was no motion to approve the minutes due to lack of quorum
- VI. PUBLIC FORUM**      *No members of the community spoke during public forum*
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 1. Commission Announcements**  
Vice Chair Stanojevic wanted to know the best number to call regarding uneven sidewalks. Staff Janice Nadal and Jaime Rodriguez, they can call the public works hotline at 586-2600.
  - 2. Staff Announcements**  
Miss Nadal distributed certificates and a gift from the Certificate Recognition Event and Bike to Work Day bags.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS**
- 1. Commission Follow Up**
    - i. April Elections**  
Staff Janice Nadal updated the Commission on the status of the elections. Mayor Estevez appointed Cheryl Bunnell from alternate status to member and confirmed she is Chair of the Commission. Miss Nadal also stated that Chair Bunnell's position expires August 2007 and she is required to notify the Mayor to request renewal of membership. Miss Nadal also stated there are now 3 positions available on the Commission- 1 member position expiring August 2007, 2 alternate positions expiring August 2007 and August 2008 respectively.

Chair Bunnell asked if there was an outreach opportunities to advertise the vacancies. Staff Jaime Rodriguez mentioned that the City Clerk advertises through the website.

Milpitas resident Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone Avenue, mentioned when he was on the Commission they would advertise with ACTC and the Spinning Crank and a letter to the editor at the Milpitas POST. Chair Bunnell mentioned she will follow up with this.

**ii. Representation\***

Miss Nadal referred to the memo from the City Attorney's office regarding Commission Representation to clarify the Commission's request to bringing agenda items directly to the Council.

Mr. Rodriguez added that a Milpitas resident, such as Rob Means, might be voted by the Commission to represent the Commission on an agenda item, only if a Commission member is present at the meeting, and if the appointed representative conveys the voted decisions of the Commission.

**2. Milpitas Traffic Congestion Committee Update**

**i. Traffic Improvements- Loading Zone striping along Escuela Parkway**

Mr. Rodriguez stated this item would be on the June 19, 2007 City Council agenda at 7:00 pm. Milpitas residents Allyson McDonald and her son Gregory McDonald will be in attendance at this meeting to discuss her opinion on the removal of the bicycle lanes. In addition, Chair Bunnell will also be at the meeting to represent BPAC.

Miss Nadal stated she would email copies of the City Council agenda to both Allyson McDonald and Chair Bunnell.

**3. UPRR Pedestrian Overcrossing-Update from the June 5, City Council Meeting**

Staff Jaime Rodriguez updated the Commission this item was removed from the June 5 agenda due to lack of information as directed by the City Manager. The City Manager suggested staff work with BPAC on find a suitable location for an overcrossing. The City Manager agreed the suitable place was the proposed Curtis Avenue to Yosemite Drive, however historically; Solectron on Yosemite Drive was unwilling to provide access due to security reasons. Mr. Rodriguez stated the City is not in the position to acquire the preferred location for the overcrossing through eminent domain, and suggested that development would require a fair share contribution towards building the bridge.

In addition, Miss Nadal added during the VTA study in 2002, the location moved further south and the City was unable to provide the close to

\$1million local match, since costs escalated as the locations changed.

Mr. Rodriguez states the best way to have the overcrossing as a project is during the City's Bicycle Master Plan (plan) Update which staff is working on updating this year. The BMP will do a citywide survey of bicycle plans and will list the preferred projects. BPAC will be involved throughout the process. Milpitas resident Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone Avenue, asked if this was in the existing Bicycle Master Plan. Miss Nadal stated she thought the plan was very general, though she and Mr. Rodriguez were not apart of the previous update program.

Chair Bunnell stated she feels that Montague Expressway is dangerous for pedestrians coming from the "Parktown" area (the area she refers is the Park Victoria, Landess area of Milpitas) and feels this process seems too long. Mr. Rodriguez stated this is the fastest process to get this request listed as a project. Chair Bunnell asked if there were any easements or negotiations with the SFPUC to gain access near the Hetch Hetchy. Mr. Rodriguez stated the plan update would be the fastest process, though it would still be a few years.

Milpitas resident Allyson McDonald stated she heard Solectron was bought out by another company-Flextronics and asked if there was any possibility the new owner would downsize and not need all the buildings. Mr. Rodriguez stated he didn't think this information would be readily available until the end of the year.

Mr. Rodriguez also added the Bicycle Master Plan can include a pedestrian element in addition to bicycle facilities.

Milpitas resident Rob Means added he thinks the previous Solectron staff that was concerned about safety issues is not at the company anymore and may be open to discussions about access.

#### **4. Bike to Work Day Event Re-cap**

Miss Nadal updated the group on Bike to Work Day, May 17. The event was successful with over 200 bicyclists passing through one of the three energizer stations. Chair Bunnell thanks Miss Nadal for her work and noticed the large amount of cyclists on the road that day.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. VTA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

- Miss Nadal informed the Commission the previous Chair Bill Reisinger was the City's representative on the VTA Committee. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month except July. Vice-Chair Stanojevic discussed with Chair Bunnell alternating attendance at the meeting. Chair Bunnell stated maybe the Commission can alternate attending. Miss Nadal stated she would discuss these options with the VTA. Chair Bunnell cannot make this week's meeting on June 13.

**2. Spinning Crank**

- Miss Nadal mentioned previous Chair Bill Reisinger was the scribe for Milpitas. Miss Nadal can continue to write unless the Commission would prefer to submit. Chair Bunnell mentioned she is more of a pedestrian.

**3. Celebrate Milpitas Art & Wine Festival, August 18 & 19, 2007**

- Miss Nadal stated that the BPAC sponsors the bicycle corral at the event. Chair Bunnell and Vice-Chair Stanojevic are willing to have BPAC participate and split the shifts for the weekend. Miss Nadal will follow up with the event coordinator to ensure the location and space as well as look into giveaways for the event.

**X. ROUNDTABLE/OPEN FORUM**

**1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

Staff Jaime Rodriguez stated they will be widening the sidewalk on Escuela Parkway between Russell Lane and Washington Drive. They are currently 4 feet wide. This item will be on the June 19, 2007 City Council agenda.

Vice Chair Stanojevic asked when will the extension of the Berryessa Creek bridge extend from Paseo Refugio to the new Safeway (Town Center development)? Mr. Rodriguez stated staff can send a request to Shapell (the owners of the Town Center), but it is most likely because the housing development is still being constructed in the area.

**2. Safety**

Vice Chair Stanojevic mentioned the sidewalk is crooked on the east side of Escuela Parkway between Singley and Clauser Drives.

**3. Public Awareness**

*There were no public awareness items*

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm but no motion was carried due to lack of quorum

**Next Meeting: August 13, 2007**