



APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
Date of Meeting: October 12, 2009
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 7:04 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL** *BPAC Members*
Present: Vice Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Rene Briones, Aaron Faupell, Cheng-Wei Pei
Council Member Armando Gomez, Staff member Fernando Bravo

Absent: Jose Leon, Janice Spuller

Quorum was established. Vice Chair Stanojevic conducted the meeting
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Approval of the October 12, 2009 Agenda
Commissioner Faupell requested to add "Receive report on VTA BPAC" and to have this a permanent agenda item

Motion to approve Agenda as amended: Briones
Second: Pei

All Ayes
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** Approval of August 10, 2009 Minutes
M/S: Pei/Briones
All Ayes
- VI. PUBLIC FORUM** Mayor Livengood visited the commission to thank them for their work on BPAC. He stated at the October 20, 2009 council meeting, The Council will be presenting the Walk to School Day proclamations. He appreciates the staff's work on this project and also Commissioner Faupell's participation on the VTA BPAC.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 1. Chair Announcements**
Vice Chair Stanojevic thanked Council Member Gomez for bringing in dinner and had no other announcements.
 - 2. Commission Announcements-Commissioner reports on BPAC meetings**

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Commissioner Faupell reported on the VTA BPAC meetings. He attended two since the City BPAC Meeting. The September meeting was 3-4 hours as it reviewed the County of Santa Clara's (County) law on organized bicycle rides and permits.

The October meeting- reviewed funding programs to divert money from bike projects to pedestrian projects. He also shared other City's projects:

- Mountain View is planning an overcrossing over 101 over crossing and tunnel to Middlefield for the Permanente Creek Trail from the Bay south from Rengstorff to Shoreline
- Cupertino will fix the Mary Bridge to allow for passage on the trail- the bollards were too narrow.
- The County is looking for locations for sidewalk in-fill on Expressways. Asking for matching funds.

In addition, Commissioner Faupell mentioned San Jose is having problems up keeping the trails because of staffing and thought that the County can use the correctional facility's inmates to work on the trails since they also use them to pick up trash near freeways.

He also mentioned the VTA has a Bay Trail project to close the loop from Dixon Landing-237, but he mentioned there is the Coyote Creek trail on the other side of the creek near McCarthy Boulevard. This would be a cost savings.

The VTA was trying to get 3 bike racks in front of the buses instead of 2, to increase their capacity; however vehicle code reasons do not allow this.

3. Staff Announcements

Staff Fernando Bravo mentioned Janice Spuller had her baby (a girl-Sienna on 10/2/09).

Mr. Bravo also reported a Traffic Engineer was hired and will attend the next meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Walk To School Day

Commissioner Briones attended Curtner and stated the Police Officer was late. Mr. Bravo mentioned that he heard there was a great turnout.

2. Bicycle Friendly Cities

Mr. Bravo will report on this at the next meeting as he did not receive word from the American League of Bicyclists regarding the application for Milpitas to become a Bicycle Friendly City.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Vice Chair Stanojevic opened up the Commission for nominations for

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Chair and Vice Chair.
Commissioner Pei- nominated Vice-Chair Stanojevic for Chair
M/S Briones/ Pei
All Ayes

Commissioner Pei nominated Commissioner Briones for Vice-Chair
M/S Stanojevic/Pei
All Ayes

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Work Plan for Calendar Year 2010

An extensive discussion was held with changes made directly to the Work Plan for reference. It was discussed that the Work Plan be reviewed at every BPAC meeting. Questions arose including:

- Who trains Crossing Guards?
- Can development projects that affect or improve bicycle and pedestrian access be brought to this commission?

Motion to approve Calendar Year 2010 Work Plan as amended:
Pei
Second: Briones
All Ayes

2. Vote on December 14, 2009 Meeting

A discussion on moving the meetings to the odd-months was made as well as by-laws, however, that discussion can be made at the next meeting.

Motion to move the next BPAC meeting to January 11, 2010: Briones
Second: Pei

All Ayes

X. ROUNDTABLE/ OPEN FORUM

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

2. Safety

3. Public Awareness

The following comments were made during the forum:

Commissioner Briones commented on the completed widening of the pedestrian shoulder on east bound Calaveras. It was only widened close to the cross street and it's still dangerous for cyclists. Mr. Bravo stated this was a City project through a permit with Caltrans. Commissioner Faupell questioned it if was reviewed by BPAC. Commissioner Pei said Jaime Rodriguez (previous City Staff) presented this to BPAC. Vice-Chair Stanojevic asked if the project will close the gap in the middle of the bridge?

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Council Member Gomez said this is one phase of the entire project. The full project will replace the bridge.
Mr. Bravo stated he will report on this project at the next meeting.

Commissioner Faupell requested to repeal the redundant language in the municipal code regarding bicyclists and has the code numbers to share. This will be agendized at the next meeting. Mr. Bravo stated this can be reviewed by the City Attorney's office and then to the City Council.

Commissioner Faupell expressed disappointment on the striping on S. Park Victoria. Though most of the striping is good, there is a lost opportunity to have a continuous bike lane by not fixing intersection at Jacklin Road/ Park Victoria where it goes to two lanes with no bike lane then one lane on the other side of the intersection. He mentioned this to 2 different traffic engineers. Mr. Faupell has pictures to share.

Commissioner Faupell also mentioned northbound on S. Park Victoria, north of Kennedy, the bike lane ends and it become a car lane and you have to swerve to right then swerve to left. It's confusing for cars and bicyclists.

Commissioner Faupell mentioned the changes to Dixon Landing Road impede access to Coyote Creek. The third lane removed the shoulder, two exit lanes with no bike lane near the bike lane makes it difficult and dangerous to access Coyote Creek. He believes there is room for a bike lane

Mr. Bravo and Commissioner Faupell will meet offline to discuss these items

2. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Briones
Second: Pei
All Ayes
Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Next Meeting: **January 11, 2010**