



APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
Date of Meeting: February 8, 2010
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 7:02 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL** *BPAC Members*
Present: Chair Nawal Stanojevic, Aaron Faupell, Jose Leon, Cheng-Wei Pei

Staff member Janice Spuller

Absent: Council Member Armando Gomez, Vice-Chair Rene Briones

Quorum was established.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Approval of the February 8, 2010 Agenda

M/S: Leon/Pei

All Ayes
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** Approval of January 11, 2010 Minutes
M/S: Pei/Leon
All Ayes
- VI. PUBLIC FORUM** *There were no members of the audience for public forum.*
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 1. Chair Announcements**
Chair Stanojevic noted she likes the sharrows that are being installed around Milpitas.
 - 2. Commission Announcements-Commissioner reports on BPAC meetings**

Commissioner Pei announced he will be resigning and expressed his enjoyment working on the Commission. The Commission and staff thanked and appreciated Commissioner Pei for his work on BPAC.
 - 3. Staff Announcements**
 - Staff Janice Spuller announced the Commission Recognition

Lunch will be Saturday, April 10, 2009 at Dave & Buster's from 9:00am-11:00am. Save the dates and invitations will be mailed shortly.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Faupell reported on the January meeting. The last BPAC was an unofficial meeting and was a “workshop” so no action was made. The VTA BPAC reviewed traffic calming plans on Junipero Serra near Stanford University. The County is going to pursue a new traffic control device with the State to put on Central Expressway. They would like to add an auxiliary exit only lane between Mathilda and Fair Oaks on Central Expressway westbound and they discussed options. This would include a bicycle detector that would flash lights on the on-ramp to let cars know bicyclists are coming. Commissioner Leon said that would be useful on some of the City's ramps. Commissioner Pei asked if it was new technology. Commissioner Faupell said it is new. Commissioner Pei agreed that would be great to have in the City.

Chair Stanojevic asked if there were discussions on routing. Commissioner Faupell said they discussed route reductions. Ms. Spuller stated she believes line 47 is now 33 and will become a community bus. It will still travel to Escuela Parkway and then proceed to the McCarthy Ranch Area. During peak school hours, the buses will double up to meet the capacity. She will email the new routes to the Commissioner. Commissioner Faupell asked if there were bike racks on the new community buses.

2. **Suggested Routes to School update**

Ms. Spuller reported that she is still waiting from the consultants the report on the school walkability and bikeability assessments. She hopes to have the draft report by the next meeting.

3. **By-Laws Discussion**

Ms. Spuller mentioned the previous meeting the BPAC voted on changing the meeting to odd-numbered months. In discussion with the City Clerk and City Attorney's office, Ms. Spuller asked if the by-laws can change to commit to meet 6 times per year. Given that July is usually an “off-month” for Council and Commissions, the BPAC would then lose one meeting because of this. Ms. Spuller said yes. The Commission agreed to meet the odd-months.

Commissioner Leon said the extra month could be a place-holder for special events such as Bike to Work Day.

Commissioner Faupell asked if there was burden on the City because of the noticing. Ms. Spuller said no.

Commissioner Pei asked if the Commission will be prevented from having “special meetings”. Ms. Spuller said you could still have special

meetings.

Commissioner Leon made a motion to change the by-laws wording to meet 6 times per year.

Chair Stanojevic seconded the motion.

All Ayes

In addition, the following motion was made:

Commissioner Faupell made a motion to amend the by-laws to state that the Commission is open to people who live or work in the City of Milpitas.

Second: Leon

All Ayes

Ms. Spuller stated that she thinks that it would have to be for all Commissions but knowing this Commission agreed on it, can be used for future by-law changes. Chair Stanojevic said our Commission is dwindling so it would be helpful. Commissioner Faupell said other cities have this in their by-law. Chair Stanojevic added that maybe someone that bikes to Milpitas might want to be on this Commission.

Commissioner Pei said that maybe you could limit the number of non-residents can be seated on the Commission. Commissioner Faupell added that applicants can go through a screening process when you get multiple applicants.

4. Bike to Work Day

Ms. Spuller stated Bike to Work day is one week earlier on May 13 because the AMGEN Tour of California will begin the following week.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Caltrans letter recommending additional lighting near the Interstate 680 and Calaveras Boulevard off-ramps

Ms. Spuller shared a draft letter to Caltrans requesting additional lighting on the off-ramps from I-680 to Calaveras Boulevard. It is very dark in the evening. BPAC members reviewed the letter and made minor changes such as requesting better and energy efficient lighting on Calaveras Boulevard underneath I-680.

Ms. Spuller agreed to make the changes and forward to Chair Stanojevic for signature.

X. ROUNDTABLE/ OPEN FORUM

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

2. Safety

3. Public Awareness

The following comments were made during the forum:

Commissioner Pei suggested additional crosswalk on Barber Lane between

Bellew Drive/Crown Plaza Hotel and Fire Station 4. He noted there is a lot of traffic between the Cisco buildings and accessing Milpitas Square. Ms. Spuller stated she believes there was a condition of approval for the Landmark project adjacent to Milpitas Square which includes crossing improvements.

Commissioner Faupell had the following comments:

- The VTA is collecting GIS data for bike/ped. He is requesting that the City share our data with them. Ms. Spuller said she received an email from VTA staff and will work on this with them.
- As he mentioned at the last meeting, he suggested bringing Coyote Creek Trail up to spec with the Master Plan as far as striping. The proper striping helps with the commuters. During the winter, the edges help with commuting especially at night.
- The new striping at S. Park Victoria southbound notes there is markings for the bike lane/bus stop but not drawn. Southbound past Kennedy in front of the bus stop it is marked "striped at 39A" but it wasn't drawn.
- On North Park Victoria the sharrow markings are in the door-jam zone. Ms. Spuller stated these were installed based on the MUTCD code but will go out and look at it.
- He noted the Cities of San Jose, Calabasas, San Mateo/Foster City, San Francisco, Pleasanton, and Lafayette all are planning or have dirt jump parks to improve bicycling skills. He suggests Milpitas should look at having one. He suggested the location at 237/880. Ms. Spuller said this was not possible because that area will eventually be landscaped. He then suggested the area north of the Main Lift Station at McCarthy Blvd near Dixon Landing Road. Ms. Spuller stated the better location of the suggestion was the McCarthy location but she will look into it. Commissioner Faupell is asking the City to study this and said there are volunteers that can help build and maintain. Commissioner Leon said this is a good idea.
- He recommended improvements on Dixon Landing Road to the improve access to the Coyote Creek bike path. He suggested a bike lane loop detector west bound at the left turn loop
- He again noted the City should focus on filling key gaps such as N. Park Victoria, north of Jacklin. Also along Jacklin Road has been re-striped from I-680 to Evans, but there is a lot of room for striping east. If those gaps are closed then there is a continuous bike lane all the way through Jacklin to Evans and Piedmont Road, which would be excellent.

Chair Stanojevic thanked Commissioner Faupell for his suggestions.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanojevic adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm
Next Meeting: **March 8, 2010**

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