



BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

7:00 p.m., Wednesday May 20, 2009
Hillview Community Center-Room 18
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

Roll Call: Carl Hagenmaier (Chairperson), Scott Chan, Bill Crook, Jim Fenton, Chris Hlavka, Henry Pastorelli and Randy Rhody

Public Comments:

1. Suzanne Ambiel introduced the Freiker (“Frequent Biker”) program recently deployed at Almond Elementary School. Its purpose is to encourage students to walk and ride to school, and uses a RFID tag and reader to log daily participation.
2. Jon Simms spoke about the League of American Bicyclists “Bicycle Friendly City” award and how Los Altos might strive to earn an award. Jon noted that Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and Palo Alto have earned this recognition.

Discussion:

1. Minutes of April 15, 2009 approved (5-0, Fenton and Chan abstained)
2. Carl H. compiled the surveys of pedestrian safety issues at intersections . The intersections were sorted, by consensus into 3 categories: (A) Highest priority, some improvements possible; (B) minor improvements possible, (C) no improvements necessary. This will be communicated to Traffic Commission.
3. Stevens Creek Trail: 4 Cities (MV, LA, SV, CUP) met on April 11 and elected a chair – Tom Means. Will hold public meetings quarterly. Water District will participate. Some residents of Sunnyvale were present.
4. Bike to Work Day: over 450 bikes passed thru or by the stations on Foothill Expressway in 2.5 hours, a large increase over previous years. Scott presented bicycle census counts for all public schools serving Los Altos, taken May 13-15.
5. Traffic Commission Update - No discussion
6. VTA: County roads retimed light at St. Joseph .
7. Capital Improvement Projects (Kathy): Traffic light warranted at Homestead/Grant/FHE by gas station. Safe Routes to School 2005 project: Bid open for construction. SR2S 2007 Project bid open for design. April 2009 SRTS state grant for W. Portola submitted (previously rejected by Fed in 2008).
8. Future agenda items: 1,3,5,6,7, Bike Transportation Plan, Bike Friendly City

Adjourned

Kathy Small ,
Liaison to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee