



BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Hillview Community Center, Room 18
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

Roll Call: Carl Hagenmaier (Chairperson), Bill Crook, Jim Fenton, Chris Hlavka, Henry Pastorelli, Randy Rhody. Staff representative: Larry Lind. Absent: Scott Chan

Public Comments:

None

Discussion:

1. Minutes of previous meetings - April minutes amended to revise item 7 to "Nothing of note". Motion to approve April and May minutes (Bill Crook, seconded by Jim Fenton) passed unanimously.
2. Discussion of 2008 goals; no action taken.
3. Bicycle safety – Jim Fenton presented status (little progress due to end of school year). Bill Crook suggested that Jim contact the Police Chief, and that a program be jointly sponsored by the PD and PTA; Jim took action to do so. Bill had a discussion with the Mayor over concerns that have been expressed to her that the city has dropped the ball on bike safety. Several observations by BPAC members of unsafe bicycle practices. Other cities seem to be enforcing more bicycle safety more consistently, with a program that gives youths a nominal \$25 ticket if they go through 2 hr program with a parent.
4. Website – Carl Hagenmaier thinks the map has some errors; he will send changes to Larry Lind. Bill Crook is working with Jim Gustafson to get Safe Routes to School maps updated with new boundaries, and then will get them updated on the site. The Stevens Creek Trail info also needs updating. Randy Rhody noted that Adobe Creek Bridge page needs updating. Jim Fenton took action to send notes to Larry Lind on what needs to be done to give our website a hostname. The Rancho project is formally concluded.
5. Community picnic bike parking (per agenda) should have referred to the Art & Wine Festival. SVBC is running the bike parking; BPAC members have been solicited to help with bike parking, some are able to help out. With respect to the Community Picnic, Boy Scouts have run the bike parking at the picnic in the past. BPAC will probably have a table again.
6. Edith Bridge – Los Altos Hills hasn't been contacted yet. Jim Gustafson is looking at K-rails for the bridge, which is prompting study of whether the bridge can handle the additional weight.
7. Loyola Corner -- Several high level concepts are being kicked around, such as making it an at-grade intersection like at Springer. Bill Crook will put it on a Traffic Commission agenda to have a joint meeting with them, although more discussion of First Street than Loyola is required at this point.

8. First Street -- James Wahlgren will be invited to speak to the joint BPAC/Traffic Commission meeting about this. There was a presentation before a Tuesday Council meeting (in May?) with conceptual plans. There seemed to be lots of provision for pedestrians but not bike lanes.
9. Striping contracts -- Striping is out to bid now. Larry Lind has sent out information documenting this but not reviewed by BPAC members yet. St. Joseph was part of the latest Safe Routes grant received in March, but these typically take 24-30 months to complete. Carl Hagenmaier is to assign streets to people for review of the striping, to see if there are opportunities to move or improve in a cost-neutral way. Input will be needed by July 16.
10. Stevens Creek Trail -- We still don't have comments from Cupertino or the Water District. Water District comments were expected mid-June; Larry Lind will follow up.
11. Traffic Commission -- A new member, Preston Tollinger, was appointed May 27. There was continuing discussion on traffic calming tools, e.g., at El Monte and Hawthorne. James Wahlgren discussed the new process for discussing new construction impacts, which will now occur much earlier in the cycle. BPAC did not get the \$150 we requested for budget. Staff is comfortable with BPAC reviewing projects at the 35% completion stage when they have pedestrian/bicycle impacts, although the process for that has not been worked out yet. The Deodara/Arboretum intersection issue was pulled from Traffic Commission because staff was working on it anyway.
12. VTA -- There was no VTA meeting this month.
13. CIP -- Bike racks are complete. Next fiscal year's projects: Los Altos Avenue fix, Bike Route signs (various intersections), ADA at intersections. 2006 Safe Routes to School CIPs should go into construction soon.
14. Next meeting: July 16 is bad for Larry Lind (who is now a Senior Engineer/City Engineer, so the staff liaison may change to Kathy Small). Instead, will have a joint meeting with Traffic Commission on July 23. Next regular meeting on August 20. Agenda items: 2008 goals, bike safety, community picnic, CIP, Stevens Creek Trail, Cyclo Via (street closures).

Adjourned

Jim Fenton, acting Secretary