

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOS ALTOS YOUTH CENTER, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Wes Brinsfield (Chair), Randy Kreigh, Jim Fenton, Nadim Maluf, Jerry Chester, Steve Hindman, Cedric Novenario (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Vice-Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gary Hedden, representing GreenTown Los Altos, provided comments promoting an upcoming GreenTown Los Altos event, "What is a Complete Street?" This event will be held at the Los Altos Library on November 16, 2016 at 7:0 P.M.

Mr. Shrikant Nasikkar shared information regarding "Chaperone," a ridesharing app he developed. This app is intended to be a carpool solution that could be applied toward school commutes.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Fenton, seconded by Commissioner Chester, the meeting minutes for October 26, 2016 is approved. Passed 6-0.

2. W. Edith Avenue and University Avenue Crosswalk Improvements - Design

Staff and the consulting project team, CSG Consultants, presented a 65% design of a crosswalk improvement project at the intersection of W. Edith Avenue and University Avenue. The project consists of new continental crosswalks, new curb ramps, an enhanced flashing crosswalk system, and a bulb-out at the southwest corner to improve sight distance for both pedestrians and motorists.

The public in attendance provided the following comments:

- Do not delay the installation of the crosswalk improvements
- Support the improvements
- Close University Avenue at W. Edith Avenue

The BPAC provided the following comments and concerns:

- Please consider upgrading the southeast pedestrian ramp and add a crosswalk for pedestrians crossing University Avenue
- Please approach the County of Santa Clara again about installing green bike lanes
- Add flexible posts on either side of the proposed sidewalk to prevent motorists from passing on the left.

3. Mutli-Family Design Review at 2720 Homestead Court

Planning staff presented an application for a new single story clubhouse for an existing apartment complex at 2280 Homestead Court. The clubhouse will be 3,972 square feet and replace a smaller

clubhouse. The project is proposing two- Class II bike parking facilities. The BPAC provided the following comments and concerns:

- Provide parking for apartment complex employees
- What are the demographics of the apartment complex that would use the bike parking facilities
- This is a chance to re-evaluate the number of bike parking facilities for the apartment complex

During the discussion it was identified that that Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Design Guidelines do not have requirements for multi-family common use facilities and that holding the applicant responsible to re-evaluate bicycle parking for the entire complex would be out of scope.

On a motion by Commissioner Fenton, seconded by Commissioner Kreigh, the item is approved. Passed 6-0, with the provision to include bicycle parking based on the number of employees of the apartment complex.

4. Receive a Staff Report on Proposed Revisions to the Shoulder Paving Policy

The Public Works Director presented draft revisions to the City's existing Shoulder Paving Policy. In general, the major proposed revisions include requiring pervious material in the parking area and installing a rain garden to capture rain run-off from the asphalt swale. The BPAC provided the following comments and concerns:

- What are the depths of the pervious material? Could impact bicycle wheels.
- What are the risk factors to bicyclists and pedestrians based on the recommendations?
- Concern regarding piece-meal approach to the Shoulder Paving Policy
- Include statement on what landscaping in public right-of-way is acceptable
- Include need for follow-up compliance on Shoulder Paving Policy
- Test proposed policy on suggested routes to school areas
- Public right-of-way should not include an extension of residential landscaping

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Monthly Staff Reports

Staff liaison updated the Commission on related City Projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wes Brinsfield adjourned the meeting at 9:56 P.M.