

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOS ALTOS CITY HALL-COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Chair), Wes Brinsfield (Vice-Chair), Randy Kriegh, Nadim Maluf, Jerry Chester, Steve Hindman, Jim Fenton, Jeannie Bruins (Council Liaison), Susanna Chan (Staff Liason)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Anna Marie Joel stated her concerns about calming measures for Cuesta Dr. and also about street classifications being upgraded without resident's knowledge.

Mr. Harry Guy inquired as to the status of replacing Cedric Novenario and concerns with adding Transportation to BPAC and how that will be included in the work plan.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Upon a motion by Commissioner Maluf, seconded by Commissioner Ambiel, the Commission approved, with corrections for date, meeting place, and spelling, the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2017, by the following vote: AYES: Brinsfield, Ambiel, Kreigh, Maluf, Chester, and Hindman
NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Fenton; ABSENT: None

2. Election

Staff Liaison Chan-Call for Nominations

- Chair
 - Ambiel-accepted
 - Brinsfield-withdrew nomination
 - Ambiel-elected and approved as Chair by a vote of 7-0
- Vice Chair
 - Maluf-accepted
 - Brinsfield-accepted
 - Brinsfield-elected and approved as Vice Chair by vote of 7-0

Newly elected roles were effective immediately with Chair Ambiel taking over proceedings.

3. Traffic Operation at Fremont Avenue/A Street and Fremont Avenue/Miramonte

Staff and consultant reported on the goals of the project, the background, and traffic analysis. The intersections were signalized, converted to all-red-flash during construction phase and then converted back to signalized after completion of work. During the all-red-flash stage, the perception of the residents of the area was that traffic moved better with less backups when in all-red-flash mode. While the traffic analysis confirmed this perception, it showed that the signalized intersection was safer than

the all-red-flash situation. This was supported by observations by the Los Altos Police Officers who issued more citations during the all-red-flash stage for automobiles not fully observing stops, which could lead to unsafe situations for pedestrians and bicyclists. It was noted that the existing signal timing could be fine-tuned to provide a better level of service. BPAC supported consultant and staff's recommendations to maintain these intersections as signalized and improve signal timing as suggested.

4. 2017-22 Capital Improvement Program

Staff provided an overview of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and made recommendations on changes to existing program as part of the budgeting process. The recommendations included:

- Move Construction Phase of Project TS-01037 San Antonio Road/West Portola Avenue Improvements from FY 17/18 to FY 18/19
- Move 7 school route improvement projects (TS-01041 to TS-01047) from FY 18/19 to FY 17/18
- Add Traffic Signal Battery Backup System Project to FY 17/18
- Add Crosswalk Improvements at St. Joseph Avenue and Deodora Drive to FY 17/18
- Add Carmel Terrace Sidewalk Gap Closure to FY 18/19

Five residents discussed concerns regarding safety of pedestrians and bicyclists along University and Milverton regarding gap closures and safety hazards for walking and riding conditions in those areas.

BPAC supported staff recommendations on changes to the CIP with addition of the University Avenue/Milverton Road Sidewalk Gap Closure Project to FY 18/19

5. Discussion of Commission Jurisdiction over Transportation

Council Member Bruins participated in the discussion. Transportation has been added to BPAC. This discussion is to develop ideas of how the "new" Commission will be organized and if/how the focus of the Commission may change. Redwood City has a pilot program that Council Member Bruins would like to use as a framework/template. Complete Streets is still a focus as we want to maintain a holistic approach to our services. Concerns include workload to commission members. BPAC already has full agendas that they are successfully working on. When Transportation is added, how will that effect the success of BPAC? Will new members need to be added and will they need different qualifications? The prospect of having two meetings a month was mentioned and many current members of the Commission would be reluctant to continue with the Commission if this were the case. For now, the Commission will continue to function as it has until there is clear direction from Council.

Public comments complimented BPAC for the work it has been doing and supported Transportation being added to BPAC as residents want Complete Streets.

6. Bike to Work Day Plan

BPAC discussed responsibilities for Bike to Work Day and decided who will be bringing which items and what will need to be done.

7. Work Plan

Subcommittee distributed updated work plan with performance measures for each item and discussed that work plan will continue to go forward as BPAC until it is known how the Commission will change. Goals under Vision Zero includes Complete Streets. Commissioner Hindman suggested to add “annual” to some of the performance measures and it was supported by BPAC.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Monthly Staff Report

Staff liaison updated the Commission on related City Projects

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Coverage for Commissioner Kreigh will be needed for May as he will not be available. Commissioners discussed ideas regarding other agencies and their potential impact to the City of Los Altos and noted upcoming events.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 3-unit Residential Condo Development Project
- 389 First Street Mixed-use Building
- Four new projects for the summer
- Manager’s Mobility Partnership-possibilities of joining the group, or how to receive updates
- Measure B Updates

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 11:18 P.M.