

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, July 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), Jerry Chester, Jim Fenton, Randy Kriegh, Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Nadim Maluf, Steve Hindman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Upon a motion by Commissioner Fenton, seconded by Commissioner Kriegh, the Commission approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 31, 2017, and regular meeting on June 28th by the following vote: AYES: Ambiel, Fenton, Chester and Kriegh. NOES: None. ABSENT: Malouf, Hindman and Brinsfield. June 28 minutes approved with corrections: Mobility Management Subcommittee-Jerome Chester also on committee. Commissioners reports: Name spelled incorrectly: Kriegh. (Commissioner Brinsfield arrived after the vote.) Passed 4-0 with corrections.

2. Traffic Enforcement Overview

Sergeant Liz Checke and Agent Eric Brooks addressed the commission's concerns regarding enforcement. Sergeant Checke and Agent Brooks gave an overview of the enforcement process and how Traffic and Patrol work together, and with other law enforcement agencies to address traffic enforcement. Commissioners and the officers expressed a desire to work together on regular basis to increase safety, especially in regards to safe routes to school. PD is open to attending future meetings on a regular basis. Improving enforcement and traffic calming was also discussed. BPAC and the Police Department are supportive of using the traffic database to help determine areas of concern.

3. 2017 City-wide Pavement Improvement Projects Update

Staff Liaison Susanna Chan provided an overview of the current project. The City of Los Altos has 112 miles of streets with a value of \$242 million and uses the MTC developed pavement management program to maintain eligibility for receiving state and federal grants. The MTC provided grant funds to develop a database of our network which is updated every two years. We use this database to help with the prioritization and planning of our CIP projects. The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is a 100-point system showing the current condition of roadways. The City of Los Altos' PCI is 71, which is on the bottom scale of being very good. 15 years ago, we held an 86 rating. City Council has made it a priority to increase the PCI and make the streets better.

The current project will treat 18 miles of streets in 2017. The first stage will be pothole repairs and dig outs and the second stage will be surface treatments. Surface treatments will include crack sealing, slurry seal/microsurfacing, cape seal, chip seal, and combinations where appropriate. It is scheduled to go into October.

Commissioner comments/questions covered cost of the project over time and if it will be adjusted for inflation, addition or upgrading of crosswalks and impact on schools with regards to safe routes to schools.

Public comments were focused on Milverton Rd and the increase in traffic due to traffic using this as a cut through to avoid Foothill Expressway traffic. Options like striping and traffic dots were discussed as a way to make this area safer.

Discussion/comments: Commissioners were generally impressed with the work that is being done for this project, as well as the plans for the future. They were in support of a double yellow line at Milverton Rd. which would give the Police Department the ability to enforce traffic infractions to promote a safer area. There was also a concern that this location may have a traffic calming issue and should be addressed outside of this project other than adding the double yellow lines.

4. Hillview Community Center Input

Staff Liaison Susanna Chan provided a background of the existing project. This is a Capital Improvement Project for a new community center with a \$25 million budget. The 11-member task force is gathering community input for space allocation of the new building and exterior design. Meetings are open to the public.

Staff Liaison Chan requested input from the commission members in regards to concerns and considerations from BPAC that should be included in the development of the new Hillview Community Center.

Comments from commission members:

- Edith Boulevard is a bike throughway running east west through Los Altos. The community center design should support a bike path that connects W. Edith Blvd and E. Edith Blvd to create a continuous bikeway in the City. This bike connection will also strengthen the connection of the community center with downtown
- Building Location:
 - If the new Community Center stays within the existing footprint, the exiting parking lot should be improved to provide better access for pedestrians and bicyclists. A well-lit, raised, clear path should be provided
 - Support the idea of moving the building to the current parking lot area so that it is closer to the other structures/play areas. Impacts of noise on neighbors should be considered if the parking lot is moved to where the current center is located
- Traffic Flow Concerns
 - Hillview Avenue and access to/from San Antonio Avenue (left turn from Hillview to San Antonio and left turn from the library onto San Antonio)

- Suggest to consider changing Hillview Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue to one way streets and widen the sidewalks and add a dedicated bike lane for safer access to the Hillview Community Center/Park area and promote a better traffic flow
 - Public transportation concerns
 - Create a center that is an inviting place for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - Multiple access points based on transportation mode with biking and walking modes prioritized over vehicular mode
 - Bike parking/lockers/racks-design well beyond minimum requirement-account for all types and sizes of bikes
 - Engage Art Commissions to create artistic bicycle racks/parking in addition to standard racks/parking
 - Addition of crosswalk at Library driveway across San Antonio
5. Subcommittee Report-Mobility Managers Partnership
The subcommittee reported that the Partnership is not looking to add members, but they will reach out to Chris Jordan if they open the partnership to additional cities in the future. It was agreed up that this subcommittee be disbanded.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Monthly Staff Report

Staff liaison updated the Commission on the following items:

- Illuminated Crosswalk-Infrastructure in and ready to be turned on
- Covington-Punch list items/final inspections
 - Some rework may be needed-ramp landing of ADA ramp not meeting standard
 - May affect final completion date
- West Edith-Scheduled to be completed mid-August
- University/Edith/Burke-Utility problems delaying project
- Annual Pathway Rehab Project-should be done by July 27th
- School Packets-to include:
 - Suggested Safe Route to School Map
 - Ongoing projects that will improve these routes
- Cuesta Dr. Improvements:
 - Signage
 - Pedestrian Paddles
 - Existing crosswalk changed to piano key crosswalk
 - Pedestrian Pathway on Cuesta Dr.-Existing not consistent and in bad condition.
 - Suggestions for putting in pathway
 - Engineering to map out suggested pathway
 - Request input from community after pathway marked
- Foothill Expressway to PTC-Requested to be brought to the Council
- Update on Transportation Services Manager-Interviews in progress-offer to be given

Questions/Comments:

Requested an update on adding the T to BPAC-In the process of creating a rough draft of the ordinance and charter.

Confirmation that crosswalk project was not changed, just delayed, but not entire project.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Brinsfield and Chair Ambiel reported on events/meetings that they attended.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) and Traffic Calming
- PD-Standard Reporting at BPAC-Quarterly
- Milverton-once Traffic/Transportation aspect of BPAC has been established-Fall item

CALENDAR

- August meeting cancelled
- Special Meeting September 6

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suzanne Ambiel adjourned the meeting at 10:13 P.M.