

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT
THE LOS ALTOS CITY HALL-COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO
ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Jim Fenton (Interim Chair), Jerry Chester, Steve Hindman, Randy Kriegh, Nadim Maluf, Susanna Chan (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Suzanne Ambiel (Chair), Wes Brinsfield (Vice Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacy Banerjee invited people to attend a meeting regarding Safe Routes to School and thanked Greentown for their help. Staff committed to send meeting information to the commission.

James Wing would like BPAC to still consider using bots.

Gary Hedden commented for Greentown about upcoming events in September.

Ron Yeargin commented on the impaired pedestrian access on First Street due to construction as well as crosswalk lighting that was not working on Lyell Street.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

With two commissioner abstentions and two commissioners absent, there were not sufficient votes to pass the Minutes of July 26, 2017 meeting. The July 26 Meeting Minutes will be placed on the September 27, 2017 meeting agenda.

2. New Office Building and Public Plaza – 101-151 First Street

Consideration of a design review application for a new 77,000 square-foot three-story office building with three levels of underground parking garage and an adjacent public plaza.

Planning Services Manager Zach Dahl presented the application and answered commissioner questions.

Applicant representative Janos Libor and landscape architect Joni Janecki presented the project and answered commissioner questions.

Residents James Wing and Gary Hedden expressed general support for the project, but raised concerns regarding the lighting along pedestrian pathways for safety, the increased traffic flow on First Street and its impact to bicyclists and pedestrians, and noted that an additional pedestrian entry/exit to the garage and a transportation demand management (TDM) program for the office building should be considered.

The Commission expressed general support for the proposed project and public plaza, and provided comments related to improving pedestrian pathway lighting, improving the visibility of the crosswalks,

long term maintenance of the bicycle repair station in the plaza, access to the bike parking spaces in the underground garage, ways to limit vehicle traffic on the alley, traffic increases on First Street, pedestrian access from Second Street and addition of a second public access point to the underground garage for pedestrians.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Maluf, seconded by Commissioner Hindman, the Commission unanimously recommended approval of the project to the Planning and Transportation Commission, with the following recommendations:

- Consider additional bicycle parking in the garage and around the public plaza;
- Consider additional lighting along pedestrian pathways and at the entrance to the garage to improve safety;
- Consider an additional pedestrian entrance/exit to the parking garage to ensure that all portions of the garage are easily accessible;
- Consider ways to limit vehicle use of the rear alley; and
- Look at ways to improve the visibility of the enhanced crosswalks.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Monthly Staff Report

Staff liaison updated the Commission on the following items:

- Covington Pathway Bike and Sidewalk Improvement Project-awaiting acceptance from City Council
- Annual Pathway Rehab Project- awaiting acceptance from City Council
- Illuminated Crosswalk-Infrastructure installed, some bugs identified in system, contractor working on punch list items
- West Edith-Concrete work is finished and ramp is in place. The manufacturer delayed the delivery of the electrical equipment now scheduled delivery in late October
- University/Lincon/Burke Crosswalks-Utility problems delaying project completion until approximately September 15
- Paving Project-Phase 1, pothole repair, is almost complete. Phase 2, surface treatment, will begin next week. Phase 2 will be more disruptive as there will be street closures and parking restrictions.
- Cuesta Dr. Improvements:
 - Signage-installed
 - Pedestrian Paddles-installed
 - Pedestrian Path-scheduling meeting with representatives to discuss what they want for a pedestrian path. We would support a raised intersection design. Fire Department will also be contacted for feedback. Supported design will be brought back to neighbors.
- Foothill Expressway Update-County representatives presented three options and a summary of comments from the various meetings to the City Council during a study session. The County is moving forward to select an option and begin the design stage. There is currently a lawsuit against Measure B which could take up to a year to resolve, which may delay the start

of this project. The design of the project will not be delayed as this portion of the project is funded by the City, not Measure B.

- Update on Transportation Services Manager-Conditional offer accepted, background checks in process, estimated one to two months until start date

Questions/Comments:

Commissioners expressed concern with the paving project that newly repaved/repared streets may be impaired by future work on those streets. Public Works has been coordinating with utilities and contractors on the streets being repaved/repared to minimize projects on these streets after they have been repaved/repared.

Commissioners discussed the transfer of Transportation to BPAC and the timeline. Upon Council approval, it is official and the transfer will be effective at that time. Projects currently under the review process will remain in that same process.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners Chester, Fenton, Hindman, Kriegh and Maluf reported on events/meetings that they attended.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Working with Mountain View to establish a bicycle corridor between CalTrain and San Antonio
- Pedestrian safety around construction sites, with consideration for people with limited capabilities
- Transition to include Transportation with BPAC

ADJOURNMENT

Interim Chair Jim Fenton adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.