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CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

January 17, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Dan Pattachia Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Andrew Leist, Chair
Michelle Weiner, Vice Chair
Jack Galanty, Member
George Montgomery, Member
Art Nomura, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member

Absent: Ann Diga Jacobsen, Member
Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Leist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Amy Rosenstein questioned when a crosswalk would be installed by the library on Overland noting that the street would be repaved and restriped soon, and she asked for clarification regarding rubberized asphalt.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed consideration of a traffic signal at the location as part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; rubberized asphalt; and costs.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Rosenstein, staff and Committee Members regarding trimming of tree roots; tree removal; and sidewalk repair.

Jim Shanman thanked the City for the crosswalk by El Marino; discussed the Culver Realignment Project; changes to traffic around the schools; outreach; incidents at Braddock and Elenda; short term solutions; additional study; and the need for more crossing guards.

Khin Khin Gyi provided background on herself; discussed the intersection of Overland and Kelmore; increased traffic; safety concerns; the crosswalk; and she asked that the flashing red light be replaced by a regular light.

Ron Smoire discussed Walk/Don't Walk signs at intersections; the requirement for the button to be pushed in order to get a walk signal; and streets oriented towards cars vs. those oriented towards pedestrians.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Consent Calendar

None.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Report from Staff

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed the status of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; CicLAvia; the Open Streets Grant from Metro; the focus on business districts; planning; and she asked that Committee Members provide any programming suggestions for the event before the end of the meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding parking at City Hall; pedestrian crossing signals; getting stuck in the middle of an intersection; changes; efficiency on arterials; diverting traffic through neighborhoods; Committee consensus to agendize the topic; improvements being made in the City; bike detection; timing information; anticipating where improvements might be; staff agreement to provide a list of intersections that currently have bike protection and those that will be getting it; signage solutions; the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; increased cut-through traffic on Braddock; Kelmore and Overland; neighborhood associations; neighborhood opposition to signal installation; the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program; Culver Crest; Rancho Higuera; warrants; liability; comprehensive solutions; and Safe Routes to School.

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Action Items

Item A-1

La Ballona Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided a brief history of the La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes to School Project; introduced Sam Corbett

from Alta Planning; she summarized the draft designs; discussed intersection improvements; accessibility improvements; improved pedestrian movement; costs; the project timeline; Caltrans guidelines; the Experience Elenda demonstration; the surveys; and ADA Accessibility.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding similar improvements made around Linwood Howe School; vehicle turning radius; safety; the workshop planned for February; bulb-outs; reduced crossing distance; slowing traffic; clearance; bicycles with children on the back; speed limit reductions made around schools except on arterials; corner ramps; options at the terminus of the bike path; the rough crosswalk at Tilden Avenue; limitations to the scope of the grant; pot holes; scheduling maintenance before addressing the crosswalks; clarification regarding bike path availability on Washington Boulevard; center refuge islands; pedestrian right of way; walking bicycles on sidewalks; decreased turning radius in the intersections to reduce speeds; bike signals; sidewalk delineation; parking space reductions; improved sightlines; curb constriction; gaps created by stop signs; slip lanes; the Bike Box; and giving bicycles priority.

Chair Leist invited public input,

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Sharon Gross discussed issues with the right turn lane at Culver and Elenda; concern with the narrow radius to turn right or left on Murietta; and she questioned whether parking spaces would be eliminated.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the proposed changes to the intersection of Culver and Elenda; concern with traffic backups; increased sidewalk area; the shared right through lane; turning priority; reduced crossing distance; the bike lane; separated parking; the intersection of Duquesne and Braddock; next steps in the process; separating parking from bike lanes; opportunities for input; and City Council jurisdiction.

Glenn Spann discussed the bike path and the Culver Realignment; improvements made; community input; he asked for the date of the community presentation in February; discussed Culver and Elenda; the Bike Box; accessibility from the active bike path to the two-way path; the island on the opposite corner; and taking the opportunity to improve safety.

Ron Hacker provided background on himself; expressed concern about the design on Elenda; discussed sightlines; risk management; survey feedback; addressing concerns; funding deadlines; and stakeholder engagement.

Ron Smoire discussed Experience Elenda; Elenda at Washington and Culver; he objected to proposed changes; discussed traffic; backups; putting bike lanes on each side; eliminating parking during rush hour; access; and the effects of mitigation.

David Metzler discussed access to businesses on Elenda; appreciation for the bike lane even with the issues; wording of the survey; the intersection with the bike crosswalk; length of the process; and staffing levels.

Jim Shanman questioned how the Culver Bike Path connected to the bike lanes on Elenda Street.

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, indicated that more detailed designs were being created as part of the Culver Realignment Project, noting that a connection would be made to enable transition for cyclists.

Discussion ensued between Jim Shanman and staff regarding sharrows; concerns with the intersection of Tilden and Washington; and multiple crossings to get across Washington.

Amy Rosenstein discussed her experience with bulb-outs; the intersection of Duquesne and Braddock; and the fact that the turn looks like a regular turn until one is in the middle of it.

Staff noted the need to drive slowly around bulb-outs and agreed to make a note of the intersection at Duquesne and Braddock.

Sophie Nenner expressed appreciation for any new biking that is taking place in the City; discussed changing habits; connections; and she thanked the City for their efforts.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the diversity of opinion; the difficulty of making everyone happy; bulb-outs in other locations; accident data related to changes; bulb-out modeling; lessons learned; sharing data to justify changes; experimentation at Linwood Howe; studies showing the benefits of the installations; before and after data to show trends; the large bulb-out at Elenda and Culver; landscaping; maintenance; water conservation; appreciation for the attention given to the feedback from the multiple public events; scheduling; public notification; the La Ballona drop off demonstration; the Experience Elenda special opening; work of the subcommittee on the initial plan; feedback from residents in the area; the length of time to go through the public input process; encouragement to meeting attendees to stay involved in the process; the directive of the City Council to the BPAC; projects pursued by the City; the planned Open House at La Ballona Elementary; similar processes; notification radius; meeting format; the number of parking spaces removed; a suggestion to provide a summary regarding what was demonstrated and what is planned; clarifying where feedback has been incorporated; and money spent to date by the City to address feedback from the community.

Further discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion that Committee Members experience the Walk/Don't Walk signs on Overland to understand issues; statistics indicating that less than 50% of the people surveyed support the project; flaws in the demonstration; changes made to address concerns; 11% neutral responses; limiting the access on Elenda from Washington to Culver; lane capacity; speed reductions; changes to the pass through traffic; Sony Studios as a natural barrier; the logical end to the bike path; stakeholder engagement; brainstorming; a suggestion to hold neighborhood meetings; Elenda as a small piece of a larger project; clarification of project objectives; and the importance of consideration of the overall project.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Leist invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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**Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Members/Staff**

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed upcoming items to be considered including signal synchronization and signal timing on Culver Boulevard from Overland to the downtown area; review of the first draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan by the Committee; revised Committee Bylaws; and she indicated that she would distribute the Bylaws to Committee Members for comment at the March BPAC meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding holding additional meetings; staff workload; CicLAvia; the ATV Cycle IV Grant; recommendations from Metro; additional grant opportunities; Active Transportation grants; timing; partnering with CicLAvia; City participation; volunteer opportunities; the public Safe Routes to School meeting in February and presentation to the City Council; encouragement to Committee Members to provide feedback to staff individually; and support for a follow up survey after the February workshop.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:33 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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Sanjana Mada
SECRETARY of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian
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Culver City, California

APPROVED

Andrew Leist
CHAIR of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date