

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

November 16, 2017  
5:00 P.M.

### **Call To Order & Roll Call**

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

**Members Present:** Andrew Leist, Chair  
Kristen Torres Pawling, Vice Chair  
Patricia Bijvoet, Member  
Joel Falter, Member  
Jack Galanty, Member  
Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member  
Robyn Tenensap, Member  
Dane Twichell, Member  
Michelle Weiner, Member

**Staff Present:** Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator  
Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director  
Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager

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Staff explained how to review and comment on the presentation and how to participate in the survey at [www.culvercity.bikepedplan.com](http://www.culvercity.bikepedplan.com)

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **Order of the Agenda**

No changes were made.

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### **Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda**

Chair Leist explained procedures for public speaking and invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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### **Presentations**

Item P-1

#### **Report from Staff**

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, announced that this would be his last meeting.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, indicated nothing to report from staff other than the items on the agenda.

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Item A-1

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan**

Miguel Nunez, Fehr & Peers, provided a presentation on the Vision Zero portion of the analysis noting that the City Council had previously received the presentation; he discussed data analysis on collisions; the commitment to reduce severe and fatal collisions; street design; the multi-disciplinary approach necessary to address issues; education and enforcement; the global Vision Zero movement; speed as a key factor in fatalities and injuries; costs and implications of injuries and fatalities; providing options for pedestrians where they feel safe; the 10-year Collision Analysis from 2005-2014; alignment with local goals and

policies; prior studies; enhancing safety and mobility; community engagement; and comparisons with other area cities.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed City Council direction to proceed with Vision Zero; the relationship between Vision Zero and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; input from the Committee; and setting milestones and interim goals.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding analysis by gender, age or race; changes since 2011; identifying trends; Expo Phase 2; Safe Routes to School; data fluctuations; the time frame to achieve Vision Zero; types of solutions; variations in data from year to year; allowing for course correction; setting benchmarks; the 10-year time frame set by the City of Los Angeles; average time frame set; regular check-in periods to evaluate progress and readjust if necessary; linear reductions; articulating regular intervals for check in; the Metro parking lot; main strategies and the timeline for implementation; length of time to plan, develop and implement projects; projects currently in the works; left turn signals paid for by the Highway Safety Improvement Grant; Bike Share; and identifying necessary steps.

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF VISION ZERO IN CULVER CITY WITH THE GOAL OF ELIMINATING FATAL AND SEVERE COLLISIONS BY 2028, WITH RECOMMENDED REPORT BACKS TO THE CITY COUNCIL EVERY TWO YEARS REGARDING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE 2028 GOAL.

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Item A-2

**La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes to School Project**

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, introduced the item.

Bryan Jones and Carlos Valadao, Alta Planning and Design, provided a presentation on the La Ballona Safe Routes to School project; discussed low speed corridors; safe crossings; traffic calming; separated or protected bikeways; curb extensions; narrowed traffic lanes; reducing

crossing distances at intersections; high visibility crosswalks; curb extensions and ramps; speed tables; directional ramps; the grant process; community outreach; final design and approval; engineering to enhance safety; protected bikeways; extending the Culver Boulevard Trail to the Elenda Street intersection; providing a safe bikeway for children going to school; parking; the parking study for the corridor; the proposal to remove 25 parking spaces; accident data in the area; next steps in the process; and determining true parking capacity and need.

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Steve Levinson noted the seriousness of the parking issues in the area; asserted that parking is a neighborhood issue rather than a street by street issue; discussed the bump outs; concern with introducing a traffic hazard in an effort to solve a pedestrian hazard; making the bump outs smaller to minimize the parking loss; the Culver Boulevard Median and Realignment Project; exacerbating the issue of opening car doors into traffic; concern with removal of the turning lane; and he suggested reducing the bike lane.

Jim Shanman, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, thanked Alta and the City for their work on the item; expressed support for the plan; pointed out that the program is focused on children going to and from school, but benefits the entire neighborhood all the time; he asked about preferences for buffer recommendations; and he encouraged the City to push the curb extensions as far as they can.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting attendees regarding a request to evaluate parking on street cleaning days; size of the curb extensions; standards; elimination of street sweeping restrictions on Elenda; street trees; sidewalk modifications; a suggestion to add a bike lane on Elenda from Culver to the school complex; items for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; opposition; public input; concern with a two-way bike lane; data on bike paths and driveways; enhancing driveway sight lines; guidelines for separated bike lanes; the evaluation of both sides of the street; feasibility; different types of driveways on the street; differing set back requirements; visibility; striping; community support for a

new stop sign at Elenda and Marietta; concern with uncontrolled turns onto side streets; the proposal on the west side with the one controlled intersection; the high speed of Culver Boulevard; safety concerns; the proposed reduction to the period for street cleaning; improved accessibility; and impacts to residents on Elenda Street.

Bryan Sanders questioned why so much time, money and effort was being spent on an area that is not a high injury area; asked about impacts to the elementary school; requested data to support the need for a protected bike path; opposed the removal of parking spaces; expressed concern with impacts to residents on Elenda; discussed requests for information; and he expressed concern with the validity of the Elenda Street Neighborhood Association and the letter of support from Eric Bruins when he was part of the LA County Bicycle Coalition before joining City staff.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a request for feedback on the process to date and direction for moving forward; items to be addressed to meet the needs or concerns of the Committee; the two-way bike lane on the Culver Median where there are no crossings; concern with the safety of driveway crossings; the school project; restricting traffic during drop off and pickup times; location of the bike racks at the school; bike demand from the Culver Boulevard bike path; the through network; data to support the protected bike lane; increased use; signal phasing at Washington, Elenda and Girard; through movement; tradeoffs; differing demands depending on the time of day; the time frame for evaluating parking usage; neighborhood concerns; increased ridership once protected bike lanes are installed; a suggestion to conduct additional parking analysis; reduced traffic on Bike/Walk to School Day; infrastructure that encourages walking or riding to school; other ways to manage parking; benefits to the neighborhood with design of good infrastructure around the school; parking impacts north of the school; support for the overall school connection; reducing the length of the street sweeping schedule; and extending the length of time surveyed in the traffic study.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineer, discussed changes to the street sweeping schedule; the enforcement policy of the Police Department; logistics; and the process.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the street sweeping schedule for commercial streets vs. residential streets; reducing the number of cars that need to park on Elenda; prioritizing the safety of riders over parking places; street sweeping access for two-way cycle tracks; requests for data to support protected bike lanes; provisions in the Municipal Code for homeowners to have parking; ways to address speed of traffic on Elenda Street; feedback from the community; the five foot buffer lane proposed for the Culver Boulevard Realignment Project; and aesthetics.

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Item A-3

**Culver Boulevard Realignment Project**

Chair Leist thanked Eric Bruins for his hard work.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided a presentation on the Culver Boulevard Realignment Project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding funds to pay for the project; Measure CW; potential bonds; borrowing money from the General Fund; clarification that there would be no additional taxes for residents; identification of another location; multiple projects over multiple years; the master plan to develop opportunities for other projects; construction impacts; reestablishing landscaping at the end of the project; and community input into landscape design.

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Glenn Spann, Save Culver Median Park, expressed appreciation to the City and the Committee for their work; discussed the 2014 Save Culver Median Park petition; an upcoming RFP; he asked that as many mature trees be saved as possible on the median; discussed the value of the trees to the community; suggested islands of mature trees between the infiltration galleries; and he asked for specific language to save the trees.

Bryan Sanders agreed with saving the trees; reported supporting Measure CW but he did not realize that would result in tearing up a park; he questioned whether there were other places in the City for the project; he did not see how this item fit into the last agenda item; expressed concern with borrowing against future funding; discussed different laws and governances for parks; the park designation for the Culver Median; he expressed support for saving the mature trees; and he asked for additional information.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding requirements for the City to address storm water issues; the need to show progress and due diligence through compliance; capturing infiltration; potential fines with non-compliance; third party lawsuits from environmental groups; acknowledgement that the project would feel inconvenient; the need to excavate; construction impacts; preservation of trees; integrating old trees and new landscaping; installation of sharrows on north Culver in the interim while the bike path between Sepulveda and Elenda is gone during construction; the number and type of trees in question; the Tree People; Tree Map LA; depth of the reservoir; opportunities to leave existing landscaping undisturbed; traffic flow; creating separation between the opposing lanes of traffic; safety benefits; the five foot buffer on the south side; widening the street; shifting the park to the north; the reduction of the median; the infiltration project; direction from the City Council; grant monies; logistics; changes to the crosswalk at Huron and Harter across Culver; the amount of storm water mitigation achieved with the project; coordinated projects with surrounding areas; projects in the City of LA; Culver City projects; the median as protection for pedestrians; the origin of the project; different perspectives about guiding traffic through the City; pedestrian improvements; the difficulty of meeting the requirements to get a crosswalk; and Committee opportunity to review the design and provide additional input.

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CULVER BOULEVARD REALIGNMENT PROJECT WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DESIGN TRY TO PROTECT AS MANY TREES AS POSSIBLE.

Chair Leist thanked the community for coming out and providing input.

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Item A-4

**Adoption of 2018 BPAC Meeting Schedule**

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the proposed meeting schedule for 2018 and the potential need for additional meetings.

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**Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda**

Chair Leist invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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**Receipt of Correspondence**

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding concern that items pertaining to the BPAC are consistently scheduled to the end of long City Council agendas, and the ordering of agenda items based on how much public input will be received.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian and Advisory Coordinator, discussed validation and parking procedures.

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**Adjournment**

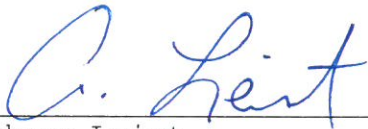
There being no further business, at 7:44 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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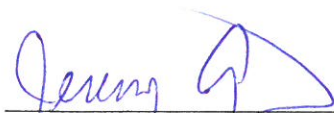
Eric Bruins  
SECRETARY of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian  
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Culver City, California

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

29 JAN 2018  
Date