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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

May 16, 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
Ann Diga Jacobsen, Member*
Jack Galanty, Member
Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member
George Montgomery, Member
Art Nomura, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member

*Member Diga Jacobsen arrived after the start of the meeting.

Absent: 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

Allen Lulu discussed connectivity issues in Sunkist Park; access to the bike path; he suggested installation of a two way protected bike lane to make travel easier, connect the bike path to Sunkist Park, and minimize traffic trying to get from the bike path to Fox Hills; he discussed safety; cut-through traffic; connecting children to schools; the Sunkist Park Neighborhood Association; providing safe ways to get to school for the many children in the area; and coming development in the City.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Lulu and Committee Members regarding the suggested two way protected bike lane from El Rincon to the Creek on the south side; safety concerns; and the strip mall.

Allen Lulu discussed the Jackson Gate; his daughter who rides to school; letting children become autonomous; diminishing negative activity; opening the gates; the bike friendly nature of the community; connectivity; and he felt that fixing things would make a large difference.

Chair Leist invited everyone to attend the Open House on the possibility of opening the Jackson Gate at Carlson Park on May 18.

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Consent Calendar Items

None.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Report from Staff

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed the Jackson Gate Open House public meeting with a presentation by the Department of Public Works on May 18;

improving accessibility to Ballona Creek; feedback; and community use of the Creek.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Police Department Special Enforcement Team assigned to the bike path; enforcement; reported incidents; medical emergency response; creation of a mobile medical unit; access points; enhanced access for emergency response; the Kubota vehicle; scheduling of bicycle officers; bike certified officers; crime trends; neighborhood ingress and egress; the patrol area; areas under the jurisdiction of Los Angeles; drones; cameras at the High School; and motorcycle use on the bike path.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes to School Project

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Donna Teager reported making previous requests for statistics; expressed concern with the potential loss of parking with dedicated bike lanes; existing parking issues; cost of parking permits; and she questioned whether parking would be taken away.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Teager, staff and Committee Members regarding the demonstration project; design changes; scheduling; permit fee waivers; the permit process; participation; public outreach; the actual number of spaces that would be removed with the project; resident feedback regarding parking; the emergency lane; district permits; increasing access; and street cleaning.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding motorcycle parking; changing the way people think about transportation; addressing traffic issues in the City; reconsidering the median strip; Omega trucks; addressing conflicting needs of the community; shared use of the protected bike lane; use of a mediator; the process; consultant efforts to address resident requests; changes taking place in Culver City; obstructions in protected bike lanes; scooter parking; creating a model to show that the bike system can work; providing infrastructure to encourage usage; evolution of the community; other cities engaged in the process; precedent; school traffic; creating safe ways for children to get to school; new development coming in; consideration of losing the center lane; availability; education; outreach; police presence at the inception of the program; monitoring for the first six months; noise and safety issues related to school traffic; new development in the City; the three block challenge; and establishing park and walk sites.

David Metzler expressed support for a protected bike lane; re-design to address concerns; and providing binary choices.

Donna Teager expressed support for smaller bike lanes with no parking reduction.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding retaining the center lane; design efforts; lane width; and safety issues.

David Metzler suggested exploration of color coding that designates where children can be dropped off by age.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding permit fee waivers; inventory for residential parking; and the process.

MOVED BY CHAIR LEIST, SECONDED BY MEMBER GALANTY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED,= THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER THE LATEST DESIGN OF THE LA BALLONA ELEMENTARY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE PROJECT AND A REQUEST THAT FEES BE

WAIVED IF PEOPLE OPT IN TO A PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT
(ABSENT MEMBER KOPLINKA-LOEHR).

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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**

Chair Leist suggested the formation of a subcommittee to collect and organize transportation related data.

MOVED BY CHAIR LEIST, SECONDED BY MEMBER MONTGOMERY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO COLLECT AND ORGANIZE TRANSPORTATION RELATED DATA (ABSENT MEMBER KOPLINKA-LOEHR).

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding sharing data with the public; the number of people allowed to serve on subcommittees; Members interested in serving; and it was agreed that Chair Leist, Member Montgomery and Member Diga Jacobsen would serve on the Transportation Related Data Subcommittee.

Member Nomura discussed major arteries in the City that serve as freeways; concern with Sepulveda, Overland and Washington Boulevard; the posted speed limit vs. actual speeds; bringing down speeds to increase safety; and staff agreed to investigate the possibility of increased police visibility to deter behavior.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the speed limit on Elenda; state law; speed surveys; the General Plan Update; radar enforcement; installation of monitors at strategic locations; the General Plan Advisory Committee; complaints about bicycles that do not stop at stop signs; states that exempt bicycles from coming to a complete stop; and the California Vehicle Code.

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Report from WLAC/BPAC Subcommittee

Vice Chair Weiner discussed a recent meeting with representatives from West Los Angeles College (WLAC); enhancing connectivity between the College and City; improvements to campus; education; grant partnerships; other colleges with more extensive active transportation programs; and the request from the College for additional information.

Member Nomura discussed construction at the College and the opportunity to implement active transportation infrastructure; and additional meetings with College employees involved in the planning process.

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed open positions on the BPAC; the deadline for applications; and she thanked Member Galanty for his work on the BPAC noting that this was his last meeting.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:47 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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APPROVED

Andrew Leist
CHAIR of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
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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