

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

August 15, 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 Rotunda Room at Veterans Memorial Building.

Members Present: Andrew Leist, Chair
Michelle Weiner, Vice Chair
Ann Diga Jacobsen, Member
George Montgomery, Member
Art Nomura, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Helen Chin, Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Leist led 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 invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Sophie Nenner discussed the length of wait time for pedestrians to cross the street and suggested that pedestrian walk buttons would encourage more people to walk.

Chair Leist asked Ms. Nenner to provide intersection suggestions to the Director of Public Works.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED A MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 28, 2019, MAY 4, 2019 AND MAY 16, 2019 BPAC MEETINGS.

Member Nomura received clarification that minutes were being approved as a group as a result of staff transitions.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed and Reappointed Committee Members; and (2) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Art Nomura, Dane Twichell, Samantha Shanman, Philip Hernandez and Anne Diga Jacobsen took the Oath of Office.

Chair Leist welcomed new and returning Members.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding nominations and willingness to serve.

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED A MOTION TO APPOINT ANDREW LEIST TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND MICHELLE WEINER TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE BICYCLE

AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-
2020.

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Item A-2

**Update on the La Ballona Elementary School Safe Routes to
School Project**

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, introduced
Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager.

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager,
provided a summary of the material of record.

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the
Committee:

Ron Hacker discussed communication with residents of
Studio Estates; concern that the plans have not been
revised; the lack of adequate time for residents to
study the plans and be prepared to make an informed
comment to the City Council; the previous commitment
that information be provided; and appreciation for staff
efforts.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members
regarding the version of the plans considered in May;
the intent to bring back the final plans for BPAC
review; the consultant; the plan to go before the City
Council in September; bulb outs; changes made based on
community feedback received in May; the curb extensions;
facilitation of right turn movements; and access for
emergency vehicles.

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Item A-3

**Discussion of Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Traffic
Management Plan (NTMP)**

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering
Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members
regarding traffic circles; the overall timeline; and the
dependence of the Ince Boulevard bicycle lanes on the
Culver Studios project.

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the
Committee:

David Coles discussed the intersection of Ince and
Lucerne; pedestrian safety; and concern that the plans
do not address enhancing pedestrian safety.

Jim Shanman, Walk 'n Rollers, discussed the Higuera and
Lucerne intersection; being more aggressive with
intersections; raised crosswalks; providing an advantage
for pedestrians; addressing Ince and Lucerne as well;
the median divider; and improving biking and walking to
Linwood Howe in Rancho Higuera.

Mary Daval discussed the intersection of National and
Wesley; wait time for the signalized crossing; the
difficulty of finding a solution; creating a separate
bicycle crossing and signal; the crossing on National
from the Expo Bike Path; and increased popularity and
congestion.

Sophie Nenner discussed the bike lane on Ince;
emphasized the importance of having a connection between
the Expo and the Ballona Creek path; Amazon Studios; and
she suggested a temporary bike lane on Ince.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee
Members regarding signal timing issues; sharrow markings
on Lucerne; the Higuera Street Bridge project; the
Culver Studios project; construction trucks;
appreciation for the community engagement; Turning Point
School; and increased pedestrian and bicycle activity in
the area.

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPT THE DESIGN PLANS FOR THE RANCHO HIGUERA NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (NTMP) ONE-YEAR TRIAL; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CALMING AND OTHER TRIAL MEASURES.

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Item A-4

Update on the Jackson Avenue Gate at the Ballona Creek Path

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, indicated that the item was an update and no action would be required.

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Responding to inquiry, Public Works Director, Charles Herbertson, discussed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; Opportunity Corridors; increased access; and the focus on pedestrians in the downtown area.

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

David Coles, Bike Culver City, expressed support for opening the gate in the interest of connectivity and making bicycling a more viable and practical activity in the City; he addressed safety concerns raised by opponents; he reported that he lives near the open gate by Duquesne noting that there have been no incidents; and he felt that access and increased activity enhanced safety.

David Metzler expressed support for opening that gate; reported that he lives on Vinton; discussed access; safety; and providing another exit.

Jim Shaman, Walk 'n Rollers, discussed his efforts to ride the path during different times of the day; people trying to access paths; the belief that usage would increase a lot once the gate is opened; the small number of incidents along the Creek; security; the bike patrol; and encouragement to open up the gate at Sawtelle.

Christine Zembel discussed current challenges; felt that increasing the number of people in the area would make it hard to live in the neighborhood; she noted that she is a bike rider; and she expressed concerns with impacts to her neighborhood.

Jennifer Rockwell discussed visibility; safety; logistics; liability issues; social justice; economic justice; health justice; the crime paradigm vs. the medical paradigm; she presented a photograph of a homeless person urinating by the gate; discussed the petition; residents in the area who have expressed opposition to opening the gate; and she felt that current access was adequate.

Chair Leist indicated that the item is not an action item but could be discussed by the Committee.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding opening and closing of the gates; the process; lighting; the Expo line; the timeline to take input and take action; notification; consideration of resident concerns; access; safety; usage; Committee consideration; accurate drawings; pedestrian access; access to the bike path; and City Council purview.

An unidentified speaker discussed crime; increased traffic; quality of life; and concern with changing the character of the City.

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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

None.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding maintenance on Ballona Creek; closures; signage; the special joint meeting scheduled with the City Council on September 16; and the Vision Zero action plan.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:12 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting.

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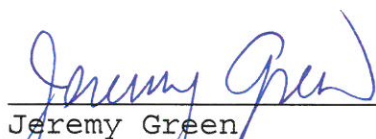
Helen Chin
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APPROVED



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

25 NOV 2019
Date