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CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

May 18, 2017
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 6:04 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 Koplanka-Loehr
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member
Michelle Weiner, Member

Staff Present: Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian
Coordinator
Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager

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Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Kristin Torres Pawling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2017

MOVED BY MEMBER TENENSAP, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR TORRES PAWLING AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2017.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Report from Staff

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reviewed Bike Month activities to date and thanked participants, including the Walk & Roll Festival on April 30, the City Council Bike Month proclamation on May 8, Bike to School Day on May 10, and Bike to Work Day on May 18; he announced a workshop on bike commuting on May 20 at the middle school; he reported that Alta Planning + Design had been recommended as the consultant for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan with a contract going before the City Council for approval on June 12 and work expected to begin in early July, lasting through the end of 2018; he discussed outreach and data collection for the project; Opportunity Corridor Development; he noted that the project would be the main focus of the BPAC for the next 18 months; indicated that the Expo-Downtown Bicycle Connector Feasibility Study had been released; and he noted that the City is expected to have an engineering firm on board by the end of June for the La Ballona Safe Routes to School

Project (also known as the Washington-Culver Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Project).

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding proposed safe routes to school improvements; pedestrian elements; and protected bike lanes.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, reported that the City is finishing a study of expanded school zones with reduced 15 mph speed limits near each Culver City Unified School District public school with improvements expected to be ready to install during the fall.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the expanded radius; Washington Boulevard; residential streets vs. multi-lane streets; enforcement latitude; radar; the traffic survey; enforceable hours; changes to signage eastbound on Washington Boulevard; the process and budget for improvements; percentage of square mileage in the City affected by the changes; extending the changes to non-public schools in the City; Walk n' Rollers; Safe Routes to School programs; grant funding; targeted projects; and suggested routes to school.

Amy Rosenstein asked about installation of a crosswalk at Overland.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, meeting participants and Committee Members regarding the need for community support for a crosswalk installation; previous experience trying to install a signalized intersection by the library; Vision Zero; bridging the gap between crosswalks on Overland; safety concerns with the bike path; concern with closing off the bike path; jurisdictional issues; clarification that the corridor is fenced off for flood control reasons; river bike paths; reevaluation of Ballona Creek; City Council Strategic Goals; funding to rewire the bridge; lighting in the Lindberg Park area; concern with a lack of response; and the Transit Oriented Development Visioning Study.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Green Valley Circle and Buckingham Parkway Bike Lanes

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

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, provided a report regarding the planned installation of bike lanes and traffic calming improvements in the Fox Hills neighborhood including buffered bike lanes, green conflict zone markings, a road diet, high visibility crosswalks, and speed feedback signs; he discussed radar; traffic congestion; parking issues; moving traffic to nearby arterials; education; optimization of Centinela and Jefferson; traffic in 2010 vs. 2017; real time traffic; and increased efficiencies.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding integrated signals; collaboration with Los Angeles on Slauson Boulevard; crosswalk criteria; criteria for stop signs; working within federal criteria; liability; the Culver Boulevard realignment; adjustment of traffic lights for bike lanes; education; enforcement; courtesy; yielding to pedestrians; making eye contact with the driver; leading pedestrian interval; pedestrian recall; placement of pedestrian crossing buttons; the City-wide resurfacing project on Hannum; bike boxes; signalization changes; using a green color for bike lanes; merged lanes; the Centinela intersection; developer participation in infrastructure improvements; changes to the traffic study process; mitigations vs. community benefits; clarification that data did not support installation of any crosswalks in the area; Los Angeles Department of Transportation regulations; the Great Streets Los Angeles approach; community engagement; the need for updated planning processes; participation in the TOD Visioning process; the General Plan; addressing policies that are holding the community back; coordination with Community Development; changes since the last Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was created; transitioning into next concepts; the evolution of traditional traffic engineering; defining bike routes; sharrows; controlled traffic lanes; making free bike improvements where possible; prioritization of more expensive projects; the importance

of intersection safety; a suggestion to focus on specific intersections; and examination of improving the safety of bicycle transitioning.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR TORRES PAWLING, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEINER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION OF BIKE LANES ON GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE AND BUCKINGHAM PARKWAY WITH ENCOURAGEMENT TO STAFF TO REASSESS INTERSECTION DESIGNS AT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROJECT TO MAXIMIZE BICYCLIST SAFETY.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, reported that he would be presenting the item to the Fox Hills community, he invited any interested Committee Members to attend, and he reported that a contractor had been hired to work on the bridge lighting pending receipt of a permit from the county.

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Item A-2

Sidewalk Riding Ordinance Revision

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided a presentation with background on the issue of sidewalk riding; he discussed the spectrum of skill levels; making the roads safer so people do not feel the need to ride on the sidewalk; liability of the cyclists; drive out cases; whether the liability should be on the cyclist or motorist; the current code; passing; areas where sidewalk riding is legal; the definition of a business district; the patchwork of municipalities and varying laws; complexity; education; enforceability; types of things that can be regulated; speed; age of rider; whether crosswalks are part of the sidewalk or the roadway; different interpretations; announcing yourself to pedestrians; hard of hearing or sight impaired pedestrians; clarifying who is to be served; ensuring safety for pedestrians on sidewalks; education; he presented a map of bike collisions; discussed high volume and high speed intersections; driver reaction time; driver awareness; visibility; and introducing considerations for future action by the Committee.

Discussion ensued between meeting participants, staff and Committee Members regarding whether Los Angeles is

reconsidering their sidewalk policy; encouragement for parents to ride on the sidewalk with their children and stop at the corner; allowing kids 12 and under to ride on the sidewalk; cars that do not stop at the sidewalk; sloppy driver behavior; who has right of way; riding in the same direction as car traffic; exiting the Expo Station; education; labelling places where bikes should be walked; fairness of a blanket ban when Culver City is surrounded by Los Angeles where riding on the sidewalk is legal; addressing the issue of those who have difficulty getting off their bikes; enforceability; discretion; age limits; clearly defining where bikes are not allowed on the sidewalk; indicating that riding on the sidewalk is allowed when it is safe; providing a safe riding alternative to riding on the sidewalk; traffic enforcement; protecting riders; reinforcement in the street about where cyclists should ride; Machado Road at Sepulveda; identification of alternatives; a suggestion that if there is not a designated place to ride in the street then the sidewalk should be an option; evaluation on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis; people riding carelessly on the sidewalk; concern with having a blanket policy; education in the schools about the rules for children; transient users; creating a community-wide education program; citing non-residents; adding the case by case approach on to the Master Plan; Segway and alternative vehicles; pedestrian issues with the road into West LA College; and agreement to keep the item on the agenda for further discussion.

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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:

Rob Kadota, Mar Vista Community Council, reported the launch of the Bike Mar Vista Committee to discuss the relationship with the surrounding community; he discussed the Vision Zero program; their mission; the Mar Vista Farmers Market; partnerships; the roll out of Great Streets; Venice Boulevard; jurisdiction; buffered bike lanes; opposition to the loss of driving lanes; the quarterly Mar Vista Art Walk on June 1; and increasing pedestrian participation in the community.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Kadota, staff and Committee Members regarding construction of the protected bike lanes in Mar Vista.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported forwarding email received from Brian Sanders to Committee Members.

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Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported that Duquesne was being restriped with new bike lanes from Jefferson to Culver to be completed within the next week.

Jim Shanman received clarification regarding the length of time for the closure of the Duquesne and Lucerne intersection.

Vice Chair Torres Pawling reported that Los Angeles Council Member Mike Bonin had helped the City of Los Angeles secure \$27.2 million for their Vision Zero efforts.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, noted that additional tax dollars were programmed through the budget which will be reviewed by the City Council and he encouraged anyone interested to attend the June 5 City Council meeting; he discussed Measure M monies for Bike Share; and SB 1 for the pavement program.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:30 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED

Andrew Leist
CHAIR of the 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