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CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

March 15, 2018
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 Patacchia Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Andrew Leist, Chair
Kristen Torres Pawling, Vice Chair
Patricia Bijvoet, Member
Jack Galanty, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member
Michelle Weiner, Member

Absent: Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member

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

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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.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

Jim Shanman, Walk 'n Rollers, discussed the Safe Routes to School Program; the Bike Club; upcoming events; and he reported that the entrance to Ballona Creek would be closed from March 26 - April 4 due to the repainting of the parking lots at the High School and the Middle School.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and Mr. Shanman regarding the teacher liaison for the Bike Club and child development programs at Culver City schools.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2018 BPAC Meetings

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 24, 2018 BPAC MEETING.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Report from Staff

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan Priority Corridors: Next Steps.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding next steps in the process; construction in the

downtown corridor; Culver and Washington; the timeline; concern with studying an area that is in the middle of construction; creating a plan for the next five years; scramble crosswalks; reasoning behind keeping the area to a half mile area; providing infrastructure at the intersection where Washington splits from Culver; looking at high volume pedestrian areas; getting bikes to the edge of downtown; extending the area beyond Duquesne and east of Higuera; data points in the interactive map; corridor selection; and the high accident/injury network.

Chair Leist asked that Item A-1 be taken at this point to swear in the new Committee Member so that she could be a fully participating Member.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed Committee Members

Diana Hernandez took the Oath of Office.

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Item P-1 (Continued)

Report from Staff

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Safe Routes to School La Ballona/Elenda project; discussed sight distance issues; public input on the potential loss of parking spaces on Elenda with a two-way bike lane on the west side; reconsideration of the east side; the stop sign; education; signal modification; public outreach; installation of a temporary bike facility on Elenda; and the Go Human demonstration project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding access; clarification that Girard would not be narrowed; bulb outs; whether to add stop signs; the T intersection; safety; cut-through traffic; pedestrian access; the four-way stop; street calming; consideration of traditional bike lanes on both sides of the street; habits

of parents riding on the sidewalk with their children; Safe Routes to School connections; the special bike signal; the intent to make the bike route appealing to use; focus on the east alignment; opposition to the west alignment; concern with jeopardizing the project; safety; targeted outreach to Culver Boulevard neighbors; presentation of both alignments; articulating the benefits of each scenario; driveways; working to eliminate conflict points; introduction of a stop sign; adding parking by eliminating red curb; the need to widen ramps to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles; celebrating the quality of the project and using it as an example for the next project; project intent; the potential for expansion; connecting the schools and the Creek; a suggestion for a raised bike lane on each side of the street for elementary school students; concern with safety issues with two way bike lanes crossing traffic; pedestrian movement; funding; moving traffic away from smaller streets; the bike path between two schools on a neighborhood street; education; getting drivers used to two way bike lanes; good signage to alert drivers; driveways and alleys; and the date for activation of Go Human.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director provided an update on the Expo to downtown corridor.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding competing interests between bike paths and micro transit; limited right of way; public interest; the large capital investment required to widen the sidewalks for a raised bike path; permanently reducing street width; moving forward with a bike facility; the need for more information before moving forward; having people park further away and take microtransit into town; first mile/last mile options; making public transportation more friendly in the City; making what already exists more efficient; real time bus information; microtransit for the Washington corridor; advantages to microtransit; dedicated lanes; a request for a presentation from the Transit Department on intersection issues; the intended use of microtransit; congestion in the center of the City; moving around within the City vs. moving people into the City; and cut through traffic.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Culver Boulevard realignment project; discussed impacts to bike lanes; meetings with residents; work with the consultant; a reduction in the size of the

project; work with residents to retain trees; using the same team for the roadway and storm water portion; replacing the crosswalk with a traffic signal at Harter and at Huron; improving connectivity; pedestrian improvements; closure of the bike path during construction; and maintaining bike traffic during construction with a detour onto little Culver.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the timeframe for construction; signal activation; bike detectors; restriping; volume of bike riders; maintenance of the bus stops; use of a turnout; the blinking light; improved access to the bus; connecting segments; water diversion; maintaining access during construction; public outreach; the ad hoc committee comprised of area neighbors; public workshops; a request to have the hedges trimmed immediately at the Huron crossing due to visibility issues; improving access from the north side to the bike path with curb cuts; adding a bike lane; and street width.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed plans for bike lanes on Green Valley Circle; the need to remove parking; existing conditions; traffic volume; lane diets; making a wide bike lane rather than a buffered bike lane; and making changes in conjunction with street resurfacing.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification that there is not enough room for buffered bike lanes without lane removal; City traffic studies regarding feasibility; using the model for the proposed Elenda bike lane project at this location; further study; access points; destination points; use of Green Valley as a cut-through; traffic calming measures; turn lanes; connecting all the bike lanes in the City; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; access to Westfield; work to be done; finishing implementation of the 2010 plan; clarification that parking would not be affected; potential development in the area and possible financial support for restriping; property lines; clarification that the project would not prevent the City from making the proposed changes; and public outreach.

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Item A-2

FY 2018/2019 Public Works Plan & Budget Recommendations

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, noted that the Work Plan would be presented to the City Council on March 20; stated that excerpts of the Public Works Plan and Budget Recommendations had been provided to the Committee; and he indicated that the Work Plan contained an explanation of how it relates to adopted goals of the City Council.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the importance of timely implementation of SB743; appreciation for the progress of the capital improvements; the RFP; Traffic Demand Forecasting Models; transitioning from Level of Service to Vehicle Miles Travelled; new traffic study guidelines for future analysis of projects; support of projects that encourage the use of transit; installation of bike counters at City Hall; related goals; funding; raising awareness; high visibility; data and studies; ensuring that Public Works is involved; staffing; inclusion of Fox Hills bike lanes in the work plan; asking developers to pay for transit alternatives; microtransit for Fox Hills; and increasing bus routes.

THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) PASSED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT PUBLIC WORKS BE INVOLVED IN THE GENERAL PLAN AND THAT THE FOX HILLS BIKE LANE BE INCLUDED IN THE 2018/2019 PUBLIC WORKS WORK PLAN.

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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

None.

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

Member Tenensap discussed creative crosswalks used in other countries to raise awareness and slow traffic.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding consideration of downtown corridors; calling attention to pedestrian activities; tying in historical elements; design options to be considered; maintaining functionality; ensuring that confusion is not created; providing the Committee with a map highlighting current and future developments; restaurants that want to open up seating to the street; code issues; Health Department issues; creating a parklet program; activating the streets; maintenance by a private entity; permitted uses; the outdoor dining program; cars that fail to stop at stop signs; placement of the limit line; visibility; enforcement; and safety.

Chair Leist discussed a handout he provided to Committee Members regarding quick fixes and maintenance; ways to respond to community input; and he questioned whether there was interest in addressing the smaller items.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding addressing certain issues in-house; staff agreement to return with a plan on how to address the smaller issues; other items on the interactive map; short term, low cost fixes; involvement of Alta; use of Culver City Connect to report issues; items cited in the comments; the phone app available to report issues; monitoring; and response to reports of maintenance issues.

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, reported on upcoming counts; she noted that the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator would begin on March 19; and she discussed vacancies on the BPAC due to Members moving over to the General Plan Advisory Update Committee.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided background on the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the ability to serve on more than one body at a time; City policy; conflicts of interest; and the need for outreach to fill the open positions.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:28 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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Helen Chin
SECRETARY of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee
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