

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE
CULVER CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

May 4, 2019
12:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The special meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was called to order at 12:00 P.M. in the La Ballona Elementary School in Culver City.

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

Absent: Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Art Ida, Transportation Director
Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

o0o

Chair Leist explained procedures for public speaking and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

o0o

Pledge of Allegiance

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

o0o

Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

None.

o0o

Consent Calendar Items

None.

o0o

Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

o0o

Action Items

Item A-1

La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes to School Project

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided a presentation on the La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes to School Project; discussed major components of the project; outreach; the Go Human demonstration; the community open house; survey responses; connectivity; funding constraints; design modifications; emergency response times; resolving sightline and turning issues; slip lanes; safety; state and federal laws; and safety improvements.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the separate project to add a left turn arrow at the Culver and Elenda intersection, and the Culver Boulevard turn lane.

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Ron Hacker received clarification regarding the limit line on southbound Elenda at Culver; expressed appreciation to staff for their work and response to comments; he discussed the disaggregated data; safety issues; cyclists that run stop signs; issues at Studio Estates; the two way bike lane; and enforcement.

Brenda Becera discussed the trial period and felt that the two way bike path is a safety issue for cyclists and drivers; expressed appreciation for changes made; and she felt that safety was more important than speed.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the pilot study; modeling final outcomes; travelling from Elenda onto Culver; concern with school traffic; center turn lanes; monitoring of changes made; and larger infrastructure.

Stephen Zimelman received clarification regarding plans for the turn from Elenda onto Culver; expressed appreciation for the elimination of parking spaces; concern with the elimination of the right turn lane; concern with back up onto Overland; and the two through lanes.

Brian Sanders expressed concern with the lack of data that suggests that a dedicated bike path is needed on Elenda; discussed the records request he made and information received; internal City emails; changing language to eliminate concerns; and whether the street qualifies as a high injury network.

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; discussed creating a segment as part of a larger system; providing alternative forms of infrastructure for people who do not have a car; connectivity; grant funding; and the 10-year plan.

Jess Haas received clarification regarding the route on Elenda past Girard, and that no green space was being removed.

Donna Teager expressed opposition to the removal of parking on the east side of the street; discussed street cleaning; existing issues; lack of parking enforcement; she questioned where residents would be able to park and who the Elenda Neighbors Association is; she requested data; expressed concern with a lack of outreach; asserted that a protected bike lane was not warranted; and she expressed support for the stop sign at Marietta and for lowering the speed limit.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding recent data; the Elenda Neighbors Association; concern that changes are being made without adequate outreach; the claim that the lane is for Safe Routes to School; the age at which children are released to ride to school on their own; and traffic monitoring procedures.

Patricia Bijvoet expressed support for the expansion of the bike network and for providing alternate options for transportation and for reducing traffic.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding people who are not going to ride bicycles; concern with cyclists who do not obey rules; length of the dedicated right turn lane; which side of the street the bike lane should be on; concern with the removal of parking; concern with crossing opportunities for children; crossing guards; the number of cars displaced; the existing parking district; the process for enacting parking restrictions; feedback from La Ballona parents; the feeling that money would be better spent on the sidewalks; serious parking issues around the school; ficus tree removal; the program to change every neighborhood to two hour street sweeping rather than four; whether evidence exists to indicate that a protected right lane is needed for Elenda; support for a bike path; data indicating that protected bike lanes encourage bike riding; crash reduction factors; and applying information from similar locations.

Linda Catanzano indicated that she had collected signatures for a petition signed by people who live in Studio Estates to be turned into a City Council meeting and that feedback she received indicated that a protected bike path was too dangerous and not necessary;

she discussed data from the protected bike lane on Venice Boulevard; she asserted that very few children ride their bicycles along Elenda; she opposed the loss of parking spots; cited difficulties encountered during the trial period; and the average age of residents in the area.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the process; additional consideration; and the time frame to receive grant funding.

Jim Shanman, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, expressed support for the program; discussed his job to encourage more families to walk or ride to school; the bike path; he noted that there were no age limits or restrictions for children riding bicycles; noted the need for support for children who bike; bike racks installed; National Bike to School Day; infrastructure that helps kids learn how to bike safely; the value for the growth of the entire City; building a network so children can be safer and more responsible; programming to support bicycle riding; growing into riding; addressing concerns with the removal of parking lanes; improving safety for everyone; usage by children and adults; looking at the bigger picture and the greater good; and overall support for the project.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding advocacy; shifting culture; people who appreciate that the City is making an effort; concern that changes to the street will make access to the entire housing tract more difficult; the need for more data; and what an acceptable number of riders would be.

Barbara Joyner discussed the current difficulty of parking on street cleaning and trash days; people who were not able to attend the meeting; availability of the plan for review; and she felt that taking away parking was not the answer.

Further discussion ensued between meeting members, staff and Committee Members regarding additional work on the plans; design changes; opportunity for additional comment; traffic; NFL parking; people who do not live in

the neighborhood but park multiple cars; and permit parking.

o0o

Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Leist invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

o0o

Receipt of Correspondence

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

o0o

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

None.

o0o

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 1:33 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

oOo

Sanjana Mada
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