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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

January 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Weiner called the regular meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to order at 6:10 P.M. in the Patacchia Room.

Members Present: Michelle Weiner, Vice Chair
Art Nomura, Member
Phillip Hernandez, Member
Ann Diga Jacobsen, Member
George Montgomery, Member
Samantha Shanman, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member

Absent: Andrew Leist, Chair

Staff Present: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director
Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager
Naomi Iwasaki, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

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Pledge of Allegiance

Michelle Weiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Chair Weiner invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Tala Osthay described her experiences taking her daughter to preschool, and she suggested that opening the Jackson Gate and completing the bike lanes on Overland between Culver and Venice would provide safer options.

Gabrielle Zadra discussed the need for a four-way stop at Lafayette and Braddock; safety; speed; visibility; lighting; near misses; increases in the number of accidents; narrowness of the street; Waze routes; proximity to the school; and she suggested implementing one-way traffic or speed bumps.

Vice Chair Weiner discussed the Vision Zero Study.

Sandra Albers expressed support for a four-way stop sign at Lafayette and Braddock; reported having similar experiences as were described by Ms. Zadra; discussed new businesses coming into the City; speed issues; construction; cut-through traffic; and visibility issues.

Sophie Nenner expressed support for a four-way stop sign at Lafayette and Braddock; she asked the Committee to consider a four-way stop at Jackson and Farragut; and she asked for installation of a light by the Library.

Committee consensus was achieved to agendize a discussion of a four-way stop at Lafayette and Braddock, the Overland bike path going north, the Duquesne exit off the Creek, and a four-way stop at Farragut and Jackson.

Sophie Nenner indicated that community members would be collecting data and the Committee agreed to wait for the data before discussing the items.

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Consent Calendar Items

Approval of Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Joint City Council/Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting and Minutes of the November 21, 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

Vice Chair Weiner received clarification that the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes had been inadvertently left out of the agenda packet and would be considered at the next meeting.

Item C-1

MOVED BY MEMBER DIGA JACOBSEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER TENENSAP AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 BPAC MEETING (ABSENT CHAIR LEIST).

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda
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Ron Hacker thanked staff for sharing information; discussed Safe Routes to School; Elenda; felt a two way bike lane could be problematic; the Culver and Elenda intersection; placement of the limit line on southbound Elenda; the westbound approach on Culver to Elenda for making the right turn; felt that a backup could be created on Culver; expressed concern with the risk of rear end collisions; discussed traffic counts; the time cycle; safety concerns; suggested increased law enforcement during implementation; and he indicated that he works as a Risk Manager.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Safe Routes to School Project Update Regarding Improvements Near El Rincon Elementary School and El Marino Language School

Vice Chair Weiner invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, reported that the update on El Rincon had been removed until additional communication and consensus can be achieved and she provided a summary of the material of record including a sample of improvements around El Marino School.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding pavement markings; guidelines; implementation and maintenance; maintaining effectiveness; delineators; effective solutions; resident feedback; impacts of minor improvements to other projects; scheduling; and boundaries and jurisdiction.

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Item A-2

Staff Updates

A) Introduce New Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, introduced and provided background on Naomi Iwasaki.

Naomi Iwasaki, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided cards to Committee Members and to interested meeting attendees.

B) Pedestrian Collision Outside Dixon Library

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the collision outside the Julian Dixon Library.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding pedestrian safety around the Julian Dixon library; opposition to proposed projects; grant applications; the procedure for putting in a crosswalk; design and construction; funding; channelizing pedestrian and bicycle crossings; achieving the warrants; length of the process; Metro Bike Share; the public outreach process; identification of locations; review of information in the process; input from Metro; coordination with the City of

Los Angeles; scale of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); implementation; and expansion.

C) Metro Bike Share

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Council Members regarding the Smart Bike System; dockless parking; service area; bike racks; kiosks; exclusivity; data regarding ridership; construction; cut-through traffic; and improving infrastructure so that people feel more comfortable using the system.

D) Expo-Downtown Connector Project

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed the Expo to Downtown Connector; the Request for Proposals (RFP) process; providing protected bike facilities; and re-thinking the right of way.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Active Transportation Planning (ATP) grant; the application for assistance to prepare the ATP application due in June; concept design; serving disadvantaged and low income communities; funding opportunities; bringing low income students at West LA College into the narrative of the proposal; the train station; connectivity with transit services; land uses; expected usage; costs associated with establishing bike lanes; coordination with upcoming construction projects; The Platform project; Metro funding; exploration of other funding sources; prioritization; phasing construction; changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) model; future funding sources; future development; negotiation of fees; developments outside of the City; conditioning projects to include bikeways; and bicycle and pedestrian improvements included in new projects.

E) Pedestrian Signal Standards

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed Pedestrian Signal Standards; signal timing; pedestrian crossing time; the intersection of National and Washington; coordination to prevent delays; reflecting volumes served throughout the day; demand; street width; walking speed; and the priority to move traffic to avoid traffic diversion into the neighborhoods.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the need for pedestrians to push a button in order to cross; fixed timing; maximum cycle length in the City; consecutive cycles without detection; the extra effort to push a button when riding a bike; bike detection; keeping the light green for pedestrians rather than keeping it green for cars; minor intersections; and creating unnecessary delay on major streets.

F) Green Valley Circle Bicycle Lanes

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed the 2010 Bike Master Plan; designs for Green Valley Circle and Buckingham; and insufficient funding for implementation due to a proposed development project that did not end up going forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the budget request for Green Valley Circle; Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs); and moving forward with projects identified in the Master Plan.

G) Metro ATP Grant Support

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed Metro ATP Grant Support.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding notification of the award of support and next steps if the support is not received.

H) Report Back from the January 13, 2020 City Council Meeting

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, reported on items brought forward to the City Council by the Public Works Department at the January City Council meeting.

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Order of the Agenda

Vice Chair Weiner allowed Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda to be brought forward at this time.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Vice Chair Weiner invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Committee:

David Coles discussed the feasibility of adding Culver City to the Metro Bike Share zone; length of time before program implementation; and he suggested adding it in the short term so that there is not a charge for parking outside of the zone noting the added benefit of gathering data on where people leave the bikes to help identify locations to build permanent kiosks.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, agreed to inquire, noting that would be a decision made by Metro.

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Staff Updates

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I) Anticipated Relevant Items on Future City Council Meetings

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed anticipated relevant items on future City Council agendas, noting items to be discussed at the special meeting to be held on February 3, 2020.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding signage; the need for a resolution to enable enforcement of the 15 mile per hour (mph) speed limit around schools; procedures for updating the resolution as to whether bicycles can be ridden on the new plaza downtown; the work plan; relevant projects to look out for; consideration of including opening up the Jackson Gate to the work plan for next year; the Elenda project; the backup on to Culver Boulevard; concern with the length of time to accomplish things; items discussed over long periods of time but not moving forward; the micro-bus; the Downtown Connector project; design; compatibility; major improvements being made to bus stops; the entrance to the Ballona Creek Bike Path from the Higuera Street bridge; the Culver Boulevard project; Costco; the Washington Boulevard

project; funding; administration; data collected for the Culver project; the baseline; mitigation measures to address traffic impacts; project impacts to the neighborhood; meetings with resident representatives; implementation of a bike detour; building the ramp separately from the bridge on Higuera; funding; the timeline for completion; and work with the Transportation department on the micro-transit project.

J) Committee Quarterly Report

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding required BPAC quarterly status reports to the City Council; establishing a subcommittee to create draft reports; agendaizing the report for Committee consideration before presentation to the City Council; several Members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee; and staff indicated that they would update Chair Leist.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Member Tenensap reported hearing complaints regarding access to the shopping center, Target and Pavilions; discussed ADA compliance; and she suggested adding a discussion of those issues on a future agenda.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Visioning; concern with going off the agenda; what constitutes a TOD zone; advancing Expo to downtown; Rancho Higuera; multi-modal transportation; adding items for future discussion on an agenda so that the public can be notified; creating a standing staff update agenda item to update the Committee on the status of projects; and Brown Act compliance.

Naomi Iwasaki, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported on the Culver City Visual Arts Academy mural project for Ballona Creek; she discussed the annual Public Works

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workplan; review and comment of the workplan by the BPAC; and scheduling.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Creek access during the mural project; closures; signage; public outreach; appreciation for the work of Ms. Iwasaki; eagerness of Committee Members to help; items to be considered at upcoming meetings; and the Committee agreed to hold a special BPAC meeting in February.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:13 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to February 19, 2020.

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Naomi Iwasaki
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