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

January 19, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Dan Patacchia Room on the First Floor of City Hall.

Members Present: Andrew Leist, Chair
Kristen Torres Pawling, Vice Chair
Patricia Bijvoet, Member
Joel Falter, Member
Jack Galanty, Member
Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member

Staff Present: Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Art Ida, Transportation Director

Via Phone: Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director

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Pledge of Allegiance

Jack Galanty led Pledge of Allegiance.

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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:

Amy Rosenstein reported difficulty crossing the street from her house on Overland; discussed petitions submitted over the years; and indicated the need for a crosswalk with flashing lights.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2106

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016.

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Item C-2

Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2017

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2017.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Report from Staff

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported that the Fox Hills bicycle and pedestrian improvements were on hold until warrants could be satisfied; the Duquesne bike lanes are scheduled to be installed after slurry sealing is completed in the spring; he announced CicLAvia on March 26; and he reported that the City had not been selected to participate in The Big Jump.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding clarification on the warrants; liability; pedestrian and vehicular volumes; demonstrating sufficient pedestrian demand; other projects on Duquesne; the removal of the crossing on the pedestrian side; notification; previous City Council consideration of the item; vehicle capacity vs. pedestrian convenience; future participation of the Committee in such decisions; the timeline for the Fox Hills improvements; programming for CicLAvia; the planned pop up protected bike lane from National to Helms to demonstrate the concept for the corridor; participation of Helms Bakery in the event; planned meetings with CicLAvia to pinpoint the hub; meetings with the Downtown Business Association; and other cities that applied for The Big Jump.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed Committee Members

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, administered the Oath of Office to Danielle Koplinka-Loehr and welcomed her to the Committee.

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Item A-2

Expo to Downtown Bicycle Connector

Chair Leist invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Committee:

Mark Mallare discussed protected bike lanes on the south side.

Amy Rosenstein noted that parking spaces were being eliminated and she questioned why there would not be a bike lane on each side of the street.

Discussion ensued between staff and the speaker regarding dual bike lanes; protection barriers; parking lanes; and the unique nature of each block.

Ryan Snyder, TranspoGroup, provided a summary of the workshop presentation.

Discussion ensued between staff, Committee Members and meeting participants regarding the Ivy Station; project alternatives; termination of the bike path at Robertson; crosswalks; tradeoffs; creating a high-quality bicycle facility; improved bicycle safety; the main entrance; the driveway out of the train station; mixed use; bicycle access for stores; input from the public meeting of January 7; examination of alternatives; the route from the Expo station to the downtown area; Venice Boulevard vs. Washington Boulevard; traffic capacity; the Venice overpass; encouragement to use Washington; staying on the south side; providing better connections to the neighborhood; the crossing at the Expo Station; the difficulty of moving bus stops; use of bus stops by other entities; transfer points; far side and near side; proximity to the transit hub; eminent domain; concern with increased walking distance related to moving bus stops; alternatives; right of way; creating a route to avoid conflicts with bus stops; correspondence received from Sony; Sony driveway traffic at Washington; operational patterns; creating a mid-block turn lane; the percentage of Sony employees riding bikes; the number of crossings; additional research and discussion with Sony; timing; flexibility; compatibility; and next steps in the process.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided additional information regarding project alternatives; discussed conditioning developments; the TOD Visioning Study area; design; pursuit of grant funding opportunities; being shovel ready; and competitiveness for grant opportunities.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding appreciation to the community for their input; explanations for sticking with the original proposed plan; the longevity of the project; community feedback; the center turning lane; the range of numbers provided by Sony; actual usage of the bike lanes; protected bike lanes; visibility; clearing the footprint; specifics and logistics that take place during the engineering process; the need

for more information; the challenging nature of the project; analysis of the numbers before making a recommendation; whether the City Council would wait for the results of the Visioning Study before moving forward; the challenge of securing right of way; pending developments; moving the path to Culver/Venice; the ability to make improvements later; moving protected lanes to the south side of Washington; advantages to being able to get on and off the path from the Expo station; signal timing; facilitating movement from Washington into the downtown area; the issues of losing the turn lane and Sony; approving the plans in concept subject to further improvements; direction to staff to preserve ingress and egress on Washington between Ince and Robertson; getting buy-in from affected stakeholders; the amount of positive feedback received; consideration of all plans for the corridor; Transportation Demand Management; addressing each driveway; ensuring that people understand that they are crossing a bikeway; space constraints and the room necessary to have a bikeway in each direction; a request to keep the Committee involved with design ideas; follow up with business stakeholders; clarification that the area with the most constraints is between Higuera and Ince; a suggestion to put signals at main driveways; temporary signs; surveying driveways with appropriate mitigations made based on usage; the fiscal process for the next year; and amendments to the proposed motion.

MOVED BY CHAIR LEIST, SECONDED BY MEMBER GALANTY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (8-0) THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. DIRECT STAFF TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS BETWEEN INCE AND ROBERTSON; AND

2. RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

    A. APPROVE THE EXPO TO DOWNTOWN BICYCLE CONNECTOR IN CONCEPT; AND

    B. DIRECT STAFF TO CONDITION ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS WITH A REQUIREMENT TO DEDICATE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE CURRENTLY APPROVED CONCEPTUAL PROJECT; AND

C. DIRECT STAFF TO COORDINATE ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ANALYSIS WITH THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT VISIONING STUDY; AND

D. ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 BUDGET; AND

E. DIRECT STAFF TO PURSUE GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SECURE FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding a suggestion to agendize a discussion of general mobility in Culver City; transportation projects; demographics; the changing nature of transportation; and Uber and Lyft.

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Item A-3

Culver City Walk & Rollers Program Continuation

Chair Leist invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, provided background on the Walk & Rollers program; discussed original grant funding; the need for additional funding to maintain continuity; expansion of the program; working to meet local needs; expanding the walking school bus program; logistics; and the need for a coordinator and an ongoing budget for materials.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding specific information on the budget; the need to release a Request for Proposals; evaluation of the program; surveys; the contract timeline; allowing enough time for the program to be successful; allowing an option to consider a different vendor if results are not being achieved; and the funds as being subject to annual appropriation.

MOVED BY CHAIR LEIST, SECONDED BY MEMBER FALTER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. SUPPORT CONTINUING THE CULVER CITY WALK & ROLLERS PROGRAM BEYOND THE EXPIRATION OF ITS GRANT FUNDING; AND

2. RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATE $40,000 PER YEAR FOR THE PROGRAM BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2017/18.

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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.

Allen Lulu, Sunkist Park, expressed concern with access to the middle school by bicycle; discussed the bike path; potential routes; making the corridor more efficient; and tying the Sunkist Park and Fox Hills area to the downtown area.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding coordination with the City of Los Angeles; input from area residents; Safe Routes to School; infrastructure; the master plan process; gates; improving the east side entry to the bike path on Sawtelle; Ballona Creek; the Strategic Plan; and the Ballona Creek Master Plan.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, reported that no additional correspondence had been received other than what was included in the agenda packet.

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Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Vice Chair Pawling expressed appreciation to staff for providing information regarding the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event noting that transportation was discussed as a civil rights issue.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:55 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, March 16, 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
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

21 MAR 2017
Date