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

May 17, 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
Jack Galanty, Member
Robyn Tenensap, Member
Dane Twichell, Member
Michelle Weiner, Member

Absent: Patricia Bijvoet, Member
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 members of the audience addressed the Committee:

David Metzler discussed the rapidly increasing number of Bird scooters in the City and he suggested gathering information about how many scooters are in the City each day.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Metzler, staff and Committee Members regarding use of the statistics once they are gathered; establishing rules to govern Birds; potential revenue for the City; impounding improperly stored Birds; whether Birds should be allowed in bike lanes; the limit of one rider per scooter; and the Bird user agreement.

Agnes McMahon discussed her daily commute and construction; she reported getting sideswiped; felt that drivers are not aware of the three-feet rule; discussed outreach and education; devising something to enforce the three-feet rule; and inconsistency of bike lanes.

Norm Palley discussed the difficulty of crossing Braddock at Mentone; speed of traffic; traffic calming measures; and he asked for a permanent radar speed sign to slow traffic.

Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, encouraged Mr. Palley to get involved in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; discussed items left unaddressed from the 2010 Plan; designating Braddock as a bicycle friendly street; public outreach; and he noted the need for resident involvement to brainstorm solutions for Braddock.

Discussion ensued between staff, Mr. Palley and Committee Members regarding updates to the 2010 Plan; the growth of traffic on Braddock; concern with the safety of school children crossing the street; ensuring that concerns are heard; staff agreement to furnish information to Mr. Palley; public outreach; opportunities for public input;

the interactive map; and encouragement to visit culvercity.bikepedplan.com.

Anne Diga Jacobsen provided background on herself; reported on the death of her brother; discussed paramedic response time to the Ballona Bike Path; access issues; she asked for support to establish an emergency response bike dispatch for the Ballona Creek Bike Path; and she noted another incident on the path and difficulty of access due to physical impediments.

Chair Leist expressed condolences to the speaker; thanked her for coming to the meeting; and asked about her brother.

Anne Diga Jacobsen spoke of her brother noting that she did not want any other families to have to go through what hers did with the loss of her brother; expressed concern that none of the bystanders rendered aid to her brother; she encouraged everyone to render aid when it is needed; discussed good Samaritan laws; liability; and she emphasized that the Fire Department did an exemplary job.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the length of time the issue has been unaddressed; increased usage of the path; medical issues and crime occurring on the bike path; the need for heightened medical and police patrols; staff agreement to discuss issues with the Fire Department; consideration of new gate access to the Creek on Jackson; the need to study the issue to improve the situation; response alternatives; access points; concern with delayed response; keys to gates; homeless people living under the bridge; harassment of people on the path; consensus to agendize the topic for the next meeting; and staff agreement to investigate the matter as soon as possible.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the March 15, 2018 BPAC Meeting

Chair Leist reported a small issue with the minutes that staff agreed to rectify.

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSED A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 15, 2018 BPAC MEETING AS AMENDED.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Report from Staff

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, reported on the Go Human Event proposed for Elenda Street; discussed advertising; length of the event; the advisory committee; and participation by BPAC members.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding agreement by the Chair to be the designated representative from the BPAC, and encouragement for all BPAC members to participate in the demonstration and provide input.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the Open Streets Grant Cycle 3; length of the event; area covered by the event; and work with Ciclavia.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding potential dates for the event; weather concerns; ensuring that there are not too many weekend events going on at the same time; the Car Show; May as National Bike month; and the Screenland 5K run.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, reported on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; training; bicycle and pedestrian counts being taken; input received; data collection; vehicle counts; existing conditions; opportunity corridors; incorporation of TOD Visioning comments; identified bicycle and mobility items in the

comments received; statistics on current community input gathered; closing out the comment period; and noticing.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding volunteers; public outreach; events and locations; and the number of events proposed for each opportunity corridor.

Jim Shanman, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, reported on the 2018 Walk 'n Roll Festival; he discussed Culver City Bus and the importance of collaboration with Transit; events during Bike Month; participation; the Go Human Campaign; free lawn signs; cut-through traffic; formulation of a full campaign working with the City, Transit and the Police Department; and he indicated that Culver City is a City of Kindness and a City of Safety.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed the Ballona Creek Bike Path and opening the Jackson gate; the directive from Mayor Small that expanding utilization of the Ballona Creek Bike Path is a priority; security concerns; public outreach; assistance of the consultant; community meetings; the AARP Livable Communities Challenge for 2018; funds to assist with the outreach process; multi-use of the path; and disabled access.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the fast action grant for community outreach and design; the timeline advocated by the Mayor; a suggestion for signage to educate cyclists who shout at pedestrians on the bike path; adding a reminder of the three-feet buffer on the signage; safety marketing; and Vision Zero.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided an update on Metro Bikeshare; discussed costs identified in the feasibility study; cost comparisons; estimated costs; additional costs; budgeted amounts; carryover; Measure M funds; cost recovery; the current average from the Metro Bikeshare system; Metro examination of title sponsorship; offset of ongoing costs; station sponsors; shared revenue; funding structure; the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); clarification that Culver City only pays for the stations in Culver City; Bird scooters; the Palms launch and infiltration in Culver City; challenges; current law; liability; ADA access on sidewalks; and street maintenance.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding having a Bird presentation with a company representative; eagerness; clarification that Birds have not been officially allowed in Culver City; the daily 8 p.m. collection of Birds; drop off; use of independent contractors; dockless bike systems; upcoming presentations by Lime Bike and Ofo Bike; designated parking areas; the number of bikes and stations covered by the agreement; the importance of regulation and control of dockless bikes; concern with slowing down the Bikeshare process; the length of time the process has taken and changes to costs; taking another look at other alternatives; the planned launch in the third quarter of 2018; higher costs; whether the system is sustainable; the report that Pasadena is pulling out of Metro Bikeshare due to high costs; the original recommendation based on costs that have now changed; pedal and battery assist bikes; clarification that the Metro bikes will also be dockless for an additional fee; SmartBikes; docking stations; length of the contract; initial capital investment; the process for discontinuing use; the fast pace of change; financial risk assessment of disruptive technologies; interest from Culver Studios regarding title sponsorship; Hulu sponsorship of the Santa Monica system; factors that contribute to the increased numbers; the possibility of changing courses; level of service; the Breeze Bikeshare system; effects of actions by surrounding cities on Culver City; looking at all available options; ensuring even comparisons; clarification that Bird, Ofo and Lime require no City funding; competition from outside companies; whether outside companies would pay fees to the City; the feasibility of keeping outside companies out; confiscation of scooters; and discouraging usage.

Sophie Nenner, Bicycle Transit System, expressed surprise at the prices reported; she explained reasons for increases; discussed reduced fares to increase ridership; price comparisons with dockless companies; plans to expand; itemized costs; providing the same service levels to all cities; the current audit; negotiations to reduce prices; integration with the TAP wallet; use of cash; equity; reduced fare passes for seniors, students and the disabled; and she encouraged staff to request final numbers from Metro.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding different options for multi-modal transportation; multi-year affects to the budget; kiosks for Smart Bikes; TAP cards; docks; accommodating those without smartphones; the dock to bike ratio; system-wide requirements from Metro; the importance of title sponsorship to reduce annual operation and maintenance costs; Culver City rules regarding bicycles; restrictions to sidewalk riding; streets where is it prohibited to ride Birds; state legislation; helmets; breaking the law; liability; enforcement; creation of a map; the comment period; next steps in the process; development of proposals; pilot projects; creating a comprehensive plan; continued interest in microtransit; and the City Council Strategic Planning Retreat.

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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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Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Member Weiner provided a report on the Places for Bikes Conference; discussed the value of putting in a complete system rather than a piecemeal system; information backed by data; experiences of other cities; and she indicated that she had informational items to share for anyone interested in borrowing them.

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, discussed progress on previously discussed items; safe distance issues on Huron; maintaining a connection for bus stops during construction along Culver Boulevard; research on parklets; work plan recommendations; involvement of the BPAC with the General Plan Update; and building Fox Hills lanes into ongoing projects.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Staff read a letter submitted regarding the Metro Bike Share program with suggestions for bicycle education classes and expressing concern with accidents for which the City could be held liable.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding Bird Scooters; adding green sharrows between the Expo station and downtown; speed limit issues with the Birds; implications of sharrows; liability and street maintenance; appreciation for the meeting notes taken by Member Galanty; the Nike Go LA 10K; and a reminder that the deadline to apply is May 23 for anyone interested serving on the BPAC.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:01 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a regular meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

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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

23 JUL 2018
Date