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

March 28, 2019
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 Pattachia Room at City Hall.

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

Absent: Robyn Tenensap, Member
Danielle Koplinka-Loehr, Member

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

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Leist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

None.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of November 29, 2018 BPAC Meeting

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 29, 2018 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (ABSENT MEMBERS KOPLINKA-LOEHR AND TENENSAP).

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Item C-2

Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2019 BPAC Meeting

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 17, 2019 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (ABSENT MEMBERS KOPLINKA-LOEHR AND TENENSAP).

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Presentations

Item P-1

Report from Staff

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed the La Ballona Elementary Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) Infrastructure Project; the Open House on March 16; feedback from the Go Human Demonstration and the January BPAC meeting; introduction to the project; intersection improvements; Elenda Street bikeways and intersections; the project slideshow; feedback; survey forms; length of the survey, survey questions and results; next steps: revisions by Alta + Engineering based on feedback received; finalizing plans for presentation to the City Council in

May; the community design showcase via a special BPAC meeting on May 4; she provided a recap of the 2019 Culver City CicLAvia; discussed the physical survey conducted in February; plans for a community meeting for the Carlson Park neighborhood in April or early May; and notification.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Discussion Regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's Initial Recommendations to City Council for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the relationship between alternative forms of active transportation and affordable housing; coordination of transportation decisions; the decision making process; and a request from staff that the BPAC provide and comments to staff by April 1.

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Item A-2

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Action Plan: Existing Conditions Outreach & Engagement and Bicycle and Pedestrian Recommendations

Mark Caswell, Alta Planning and Design, introduced the item.

Ron Smoire expressed appreciation for the ability to provide input; discussed Studio Estates residents who did not feel they were given adequate opportunity to provide input in the early stages of the Safe Route s to School design, before the grant was submitted to Caltrans; vocal opponents; residents of Studio Estates;

status quo; stakeholder input; compromises; making an informed decision with recommendations; disaggregation of data; the primary responsibility of the City Council to the residents and businesses in the City; and he indicated that he would request the data to gain some insight.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding connecting the Los Angeles Bike Committee with the BPAC to facilitate communication between the two entities; working together to address overlapping areas; access between Centinela and Olive, and Panama and Culver; the Ocean Charter School; the Culver bike path; and cross traffic from Venice to Culver.

Mark Caswell, Alta Planning and Design, provided a presentation on the Action Plan; discussed input from the BPAC and meeting attendees; incorporating comments received into the process; online input; outreach; locations where comment has been provided; areas where people would like to see improvement; bikeway recommendations; the number of pedestrian comments; prioritization; and feedback from the BPAC was encouraged.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding people who watch City Council meetings at home; the difficulty quantifying numbers; clarification between classifications; the Farragut opportunity corridor; traffic calming measures; public opinion vs. Vision Zero data; prioritizing instances where public comment lines up with Vision Zero data; overlap; dependence on systems that work; evidence-based decision-making; feasibility; opportunity corridors; Transit Oriented Development (TOD) information; looking to serve the most people with the least amount of money; taking future development into consideration; and the lack of a sidewalk on Overland by Sony due to construction.

Further discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding incorporating existing and future bypasses in Los Angeles into the Culver City plans; needs assessments; focusing and clarifying goals; taking new construction into

consideration; integrated planning; communication; and design input.

Mark Caswell, Alta Planning and Design, discussed programs and policies; requiring new developments to provide bike parking and to improve public right of way; ways the City can fund other opportunities; and he asked for ideas from meeting attendees.

Discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding instituting a walking only district; educational street closure events; paying tribute to the history and culture of Culver City with signage used; the Ballona Bike Path; safety issues; creating separation between bikes and pedestrians with an alternative pathway on the other side; the need for additional signage; the importance of sharing the road; locked gates; education; the Local Control Accountability Plan; prioritization; outreach; the budget process; the General Plan Update; development of a City-wide campaign for walking, biking and ride share; bike signals on the Culver path; Lindberg Park; creating a teen bike co-op and learning campus; parks without access; ADA accessibility issues; bike valets at large events; City policy; residential one-way streets; giving people places to get to; and changes to lighting and painting at intersections to encourage cars to stop for pedestrians and bikes.

David Coles, Bike Culver City, expressed support for the plan and hope that it would be implemented; he discussed infrastructure at large intersections vs. on neighborhood streets; thoroughfares; safety issues; and addressing issues.

Additional discussion ensued between meeting attendees, staff and Committee Members regarding the feeling that the status quo should not be maintained; unintended consequences with taking away driving lanes; and emergency vehicle access.

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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

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

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Items from Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members/Staff

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed the upcoming Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Special Meeting scheduled for May 4, 2019 at La Ballona Elementary School.

THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVED A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2019 AT LA BALLONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (ABSENT MEMBERS KOPLINKA-LOEHR AND TENENSAP).

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding meeting time and outreach.

Sanjana Mada, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed the recent presentation of the BPAC West Los Angeles College (WLAC) Ad Hoc Subcommittee at the Culver City/West Los Angeles College Liaison Committee meeting.

Member Nomura provided background on the item; discussed creation of the Subcommittee; the presentation made at the February 19, 2019 City Council/WLAC Committee meeting; education regarding active transportation; planned future meetings; mutually beneficial possibilities for WLAC and Culver City; the lack of an active transportation plan at any of the community colleges; clarification that all students commute; the average number of students on campus and those who make use of public transportation; the amount of land designated for parking; low-income students; colleges around the country using active transportation strategies to reduce the carbon footprint and the stress of students; the need for integrated planning for active transportation at WLAC; suggestions made to accommodate

active transportation while upgrades are being made to campus; the intent to expand the population on campus; and increased offerings by Culver City bus.

Member Weiner discussed recommendations made to highlight connectivity to the Expo line; improving bicycle and pedestrian access at both entrances of the college; providing incentives to staff and students including a University pass; encouraging active transportation; and making the website more active transportation friendly with more comprehensive information.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding acknowledgement and appreciation for the work done by the Subcommittee; the need for a cultural shift; colleges that participate in the Metro Pass program; the policies of Santa Monica College; programs to assist homeless students; and additional work by the Subcommittee.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the Safe Routes to School project; garbage trucks; bulb-out design; pushback; feedback from the workshop; education; publicizing the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; construction barricades; concern with the gates closing off the river; county jurisdiction; the Jackson Gate; access; safety issues; mobile medics; the Culver City Bike Patrol; and a suggestion to coordinate active transportation efforts with student leadership at West LA College.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:03 P.M., the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to a special meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2019 at 12:00 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

21 AUG 2019
Date