

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CULVER CITY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

April 21, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Call To Order & Roll Call

Chair Weiner called the special meeting of the Culver City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to order at 6:02 P.M. in the Patio Conference Room at City Hall.

Members Present: Michelle Weiner, Chair
Art Nomura, Vice Chair
Zirwat Chowdhury, Member*
Greg Maron, Member
George Montgomery, Member
Travis Morgan, Member**
Dane Twichell, Member

*Member Chowdhury left the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

**Member Morgan joined the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Absent: Robyn Tenensap, Member

Staff Present: Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director
Alicia Ide, Management Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Maron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Weiner invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Mary Daval announced upcoming Bike Culver City events noting that additional information was available at bikeculvercity@gmail.com.

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Items from Members/Staff

Vice Chair Nomura indicated that he did not feel the bike parking at City Hall was secure; he reported that a Council Member had lost a wheel off of their bicycle while City Council was in session; he felt that riding bicycles should be encouraged with secure bicycle parking; discussed use of closed-circuit cameras as a deterrent; discussed election of officers to the BPAC; bylaws; terms; anonymous voting for Chair and Vice Chair positions; and the Senior Citizen position on the Committee.

Member Morgan joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the process for changing Member classifications; providing more flexibility to fill positions; changes made by the Bylaws Subcommittee; the Committee decision to recommend opening up Main Street using bollards; City Council direction; inability to close the street safely until the retractable bollards are installed; manual bollards; the need to agendize a discussion of Main Street in order to talk about it further; parking on Main Street; merchants with different ideas; holding a public forum to allow discussion; and the effectiveness of bollards.

Alicia Ide, Management Analyst, discussed closure of certain segments of the Bike Path for maintenance and Higuera Bridge construction, and the Farragut/Jackson re-design.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding planned Bike Path detours; the need to repaint the striping on the north side of Jefferson; Committee feedback requested on the final design for Farragut/Jackson; Committee input regarding the City budget; budget

presentations to the City Council; staff agreement to share the presentation with Committee Members; and agreement on June 16, 2022 as the next date for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER TWICHELL AND SECONDED BY MEMBER CHOWDHURY THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHOWDHURY, MARON, MONTGOMERY, MORGAN, NOMURA,
TWICHELL, WEINER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: TENENSAP

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY MEMBER CHOWDHURY AND SECONDED MEMBER TWICHELL THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE ITEMS C-1 AND C-2.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHOWDHURY, MARON, MONTGOMERY, NOMURA, TWICHELL,
WEINER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: TENENSAP
ABSTAIN: MORGAN

Item C-1

**Approval of Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee Special Meeting on January 20, 2022**

THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE
MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2022.

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Item C-2

**Approval of Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee Special Meeting on February 17, 2022**

THAT THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE
MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2022.

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Action Items

Item A-1

**Discussion and Status Updates of Public Works and
Transportation Mobility Projects, Including But Not Limited
To Bike Safety, Bike Share, and Jackson Gate Schedule**

Diana Chang, Transportation and Mobility Planning Manager, provided a program status update on the Bike Share Program; discussed origination and timeline of the program; partnership status; collaboration between Public Works and Transportation; implementation of the Metro Bike Share program; interim solutions; the upcoming launch of the Bird E-Bike Share program; and initial deployment.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding lack of representation for Fox Hills; the initial limited deployment; expansion in the future; and the Metro Bike Share program.

Chair Weiner invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Karim Sahli expressed concern with consistency in being able to reliably find a Bird scooter available at all times;

concern with availability at the Metro station; and battery life.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding deployment; reallocation and balancing; and notifications regarding battery-life.

Sophie Nenner asked about price structures; reduced fares; concern with performance-based locations; and addressing scooters that are left around.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding program requirements; ADA access; addressing public hazards; removal of obstructions; operator response; pricing; Bird as an interim-solution while waiting for Metro to be in place; consistency of locations; reliability; multiple factors in the siting process; the importance of ensuring pedestrian access; cultivating a new culture; precarious employment created by companies like Bird; structures being put in place that could be putting other forms of equity in place; education and outreach; ensuring that Fox Hills is included; geo-fencing; safety; the school parking lot between the Middle School and Farragut; access to the Ballona Creek Bike Path; deployment of other carriers; tracking of scooters in Culver City; and eagerness for the celebration scheduled for April 29.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, discussed the Walk and Rollers program; the opening of Jackson Gate; in-house work; and timing for the opening.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the traffic safety education program in coordination with the schools; scope of work; the vendor involved; different programs in the area; Safe Routes to School; length of the contract; scope; funding; staffing; and agreement to agendize an overview of the bike safety program.

Karim Sahli asked about the traffic safety program; Walk and Rollers; and the impetus to bring on the new program.

Jim Shanman, Walk and Rollers, discussed the Safe Routes to School Program; the grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS); City-wide general safety education; overlap with the Safe Routes to School program; safety for those not involved with the Safe Routes to School program; outreach; and he questioned whether there were two separate programs.

