MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

November 2, 2016

These meeting minutes represent an "action minute" format. A copy of the meeting audio tape can be obtained at the Public Services Department's front counter located on the 4th floor of Costa Mesa City Hall. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee (BWC) of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular meeting session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2015.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Taboada at 6:32 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center 695 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present:	Chair, Ralph Taboada,
	Vice-Chair, Cynthia McDonald,
	Member Russell Baldwin,
	Member Jim Erickson,
	Member Maggie Gallagher,
	Member Richard Huffman II,
	Member James Kane,
	Member Flo Martin,
	Member John C. Merrill,
	Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce,
	Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD
Committee Members Absent:	Member Cindy Brenneman,
	Member Leah Ersoylu,
	Member Jim Kerins,
	Member Andrea Marr,
	Member Brian Valles
City Council Liaison Present:	Katrina Foley
Staff Present:	Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director
	Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician
	Ruth Smith, Staff Consultant

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Flo Martin shared a PowerPoint slideshow regarding Tanager Bike Trail dangers. She noted that the City will do root treatments and then repave. She also mentioned that the lights were not on along the new bike path. Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director mentioned Southern California Edison would be installing power to the meter next week.
2. Member John C. Merrill talked about civil discourse. He is appalled by last night's disturbing City Council Meeting. He hopes everyone rises above this.
3. Member Brent Stoll shared a glow in the dark bike path in Poland.
4. Member Jim Erickson talked about the Tanager Bike Trail. He is concerned with a pole located in the middle of the trail. He talked about the First Fridays Roadshow vintage bike display. He will not be able to attend the next one. He followed up on Member Flo Martin's idea to look for a nice walking loop in neighborhoods.
5. Member James Kane talked about a rider bumping into the pole on the Tanager Bike Trail during the Harbor Cornerstone Trail opening bike ride. He mentioned Roy Duval posted on the Bikeability Facebook page information on the upcoming Long Beach Ciclovia.
6. Member Richard Huffman II agreed with Council Member Katrina Foley that the City should hire a consultant to focus on bikeability issues. He asked who the City would hire. A new college graduate or a lateral transfer? Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director asserted the new hire must have experience.
7. Member Dr. Kirk Bauermeister shared with everyone the importance of applying sunscreen to the inside of the ears.
8. Vice Chair Cynthia McDonald shared an article published by the OC Business Journal regarding "The MET", a redevelopment project that will feature a bike sharing program, managed by the development. Regarding the Harbor Cornerstone Trail opening, she was disappointed the committee members were not invited to speak.
9. Chair Ralph Taboada thanked the committee members that attended the Harbor Cornerstone Trail opening. He asked if anyone had a copy of the committee's group picture. He jokingly asked if anyone knew if Tom Hatch, CEO, purchased his bike yet.

5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Member Katrina Foley mentioned she's happy that the committee is not infiltrated by "everything that is going on". She assured the City will start implementing projects next year. She wants to hire a consultant to apply for grants. She mentioned the need to take advantage of good grant funding that is available and to be sure that the committee provides it's suggestions for projects to City staff before they work on the budget.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director, shared the results of the Harbor Cornerstone Trail survey. He mentioned a development at Whittier Law School that would provide a bike connection with the LA Times, a connection between Harbor Boulevard and SOCO, possibly the Santa Ana River Trail.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the items for discussion.

After discussion from the committee, Member Flo Martin made a motion to approve the October 5, 2016, meeting minutes. Member Brent Stoll seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Prioritization of Bicycle Master Plan Projects

Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director, spoke about the prioritized list. He is not sure how the list will move forward. He received a proposal from Stantec, to apply the list to the Master Plan of Bikeways. As part of this process, the list can move forward. He recommends deferring this item until it is reviewed by the consultant. Discussion will continue next meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bike Rack Update

Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director, updated the committee on the status of purchasing of new bike racks. He shared the style of the proposed bike racks and their proposed locations at City Hall and the Senior Center. An update on the status of the purchase of the bike racks is requested at the next meeting.

b. CEQA Process

Raja Sethuraman, Interim Public Services Director, briefly spoke about the CEQA process during the Prioritization of Bicycle Master Plan Projects item in the Old Business section of this meeting. Discussion will continue next meeting.

c. Items for Next Agenda

   a. Prioritization of Bicycle Master Plan Projects
   b. Bicycle Racks Update
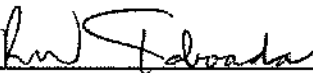   c. CEQA Process
   d. Cancellation of January 2017 Meeting

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting December 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Ralph Taboada, Chair

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