

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

March 1, 2017

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, March 1, 2017.

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 Leah Ersoylu,
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 Russell Baldwin,
Member Cindy Brenneman,
Member Jim Kerins,
Member Andrea Marr,
Member Brian Valles,

City Council Liaison Present: Mayor Katrina Foley

Staff Present: Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician,
Ruth Smith, Consultant

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Kim Hendricks, resident, would like to know the future of the committee. She thinks this is a great committee.

Chair Ralph Taboada requested public comments related to items on the agenda be made at the time item is up for discussion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the items for discussion.

After discussion from the committee, Member John C. Merrill requested the minutes reflect that the reason he voted against item 9-C was that the City would not getting something in return. Member Flo Martin made a motion to approve the February 1, 2017, meeting minutes with the discussed correction. Member Leah Ersoylu seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Prioritization

Staff updated the committee on the 7-year CIP. There were questions about why some projects were scheduled later than others. There were also questions regarding the funding sources. The committee asked for a table including funding sources, grant applications in process, upcoming grant opportunities, and critical time frames for grant funded projects.

b. Bicycle Master Plan

Staff updated the committee on the Bicycle Master Plan Finalization Process. She provided a very detailed timeline and description of every phase.

c. West 19th Street Bicycle Trail Project

Staff informed the committee that at the time there were no updates to share with the committee. Mayor Foley shared that there may be an alternative path that would be less impactful that the city may consider, without jeopardizing the grant funds already secured by the City for this project.

Public Comments:

- 1) Kim Hendricks, resident, asked if there would be public outreach in the future for this project. Mayor Foley responded that it would require public outreach under the environmental review process for this project.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Items for Next Agenda

1. Project Prioritization for the \$100,000 line item in the budget. Committee to vote on items for FY17/18.
2. Orientation and Introduction of new Committee
3. Brown Act Presentation for new committee members.
4. Cyclocross Presentation by the Director of the Cyclocross Program. (May 2017)
5. Fairview Road Complete Street . (future meeting)
6. Ireland Walkability . (future meeting)
7. Walkable Districts . (future meeting)

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Flo Martin also shared an article from the LA Times, "Sharing is a Bumpy Road". She shared highlights of what other cities are doing that she found interesting.
2. Brent Stoll, continued to highlight on the aforementioned article, mentioning that much of Costa Mesa traffic is cut-through traffic from neighboring cities. He wondered if smart streets would stop people from driving through Costa Mesa.
3. Member Jim Erickson mentioned the upcoming San Gabriel Ciclovía on March 5, 2017.
4. Member Leah Ersoylu thanked the committee and announced that she was not reapplying for a second term.
5. Member James Kane inquired about the results of the City's Happiness Survey. He inquired about the lighting at the Senior Center near the newly installed bike racks. He mentioned attending two webinars. He mentioned a speaker at an americawalks.org webinar, who talked about a "roughness standard" for trails and bike paths. He shared two upcoming webinars with the committee.
6. Member John C. Merrill thinks the walk audits are a great idea and would like to see them scheduled.
7. Member Richard Huffman II, has been concerned with the recent re-appointment of vacancies in other committees. He knows many committee members in this committee will not be re-applying. He hopes the new committee is a good mix of new and current committee members, for the sake of continuity.
8. Chair Ralph Taboada encouraged the committee members to reapply. He reminded everyone that the deadline to apply is March 13, 2017.

8. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Mayor Katrina Foley would like to schedule walking field trips with the committee. She would like to do walkability surveys of neighborhoods and reach out to homeowner associations to achieve this. She also encouraged the current members to re-apply for the committee.

9. STAFF COMMENTS

Ruth Smith, consultant, thanked the committee for their service on behalf of the City. She encouraged committee members to reapply.

10. PRESENTATION

Member Flo Martin invited Roy Duval, Orange Coast College, to talk about Green Coast Day on Wednesday April 19, 2017. He shared some of the groups that would be there. Mayor Katrina Foley requested a flyer of the event to promote it at the City. Member Flo Martin has accepted to attend on behalf of the Bikeway and Walkability Committee.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting April 5, 2017 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 8:24 p.m.

/s/ Ralph Taboada

Ralph Taboada, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth Palacio

Elizabeth Palacio, Committee Secretary