

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

December 12, 2017

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee (BWC) of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a special meeting session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at OCC Recycling Center, Ronnenberg Center for Env. Sustainability, Conference Room RC101.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Erickson at 6:00 p.m. at OCC Recycling Center, Ronnenberg Center for Env. Sustainability, Conference Room RC101, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present: Chair Jim Erickson,
Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald,
Member Michelle Fay,
Member Robert Graham,
Member James Kane,
Member John C. Merrill,
Member Ralph Taboada,
Member Richard Huffman II,
Member Flo Martin,
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek,

Committee Members Absent: Member Alan Engard,
Member Michael Habitz,
Member Dan Leibson,
Member Andrew Levins,
Member Scott Porterfield,

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Liaison: Dr. Kirk Bauermeister (Not Present)

City Council Liaison: Council Member Katrina Foley (Not Present)

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director,
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager,
Michael Sampson, Associate Engineer,
Ruth Smith, Consultant

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments were moved to Old Business by Chair Jim Erickson.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Flo Martin moved to approve minutes, Kari Nieblas Vozenilek Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Active Transportation Plan Update

1. City staff provided an update on the Active Transportation Plan including an updated cover and public comments matrix summarizing comments received. Committee members provided comments regarding the cover. Committee members requested photos on the cover to be of locations in the City.
2. Committee members specifically discussed the Tanager Bicycle Trail along the Golf Course from Golf Course Drive to Canary Drive.
3. John Merrill made a motion to approve the Active Transportation Plan with additional language to be added to the Active Transportation Plan requiring a comprehensive feasibility study on the Tanager Bicycle Trail and at least one public meeting with noticing of adjacent residents and businesses within 500 feet. Flo Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 7 – 2 with Vice Chair Cynthia McDonald and James Kane opposing.

b. Public Comment

1. Marc Perkins spoke about the change.org petition that he created with 82 signatures at the time of the meeting. Mr. Perkins presented the draft ATP to the OCCC planning committee who support the plan. He discussed meeting with residents near the Tanager Bicycle Trail, presented a joint letter, and proposed bicycle routes for the Committee to consider.
2. A student named Trent from OCCC commented that he was attending the Committee meeting for the first time and excited to get additional information regarding bicycling and walking planning activities.
3. Bill Burke expressed thanks to Mr. Perkins for reaching out regarding the Tanager Bicycle Trail.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Landscape Easement Vacation at Hyland/MacArthur (this item was moved above Old Business by Chair Jim Erickson)

Staff provided a brief presentation of the item. Chair Jim Erickson made a motion to approve the Landscape Easement Vacation at Hyland/MacArthur. Brent Stoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-1 with Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald opposing.

b. Sub Committees Report

1. Chair Jim Erickson briefly discussed bike share and working with the Chamber of Commerce on potentially finding local businesses to provide funding.
2. Member Michelle Fay discussed upcoming walk audits and asked staff to share the email about potential dates.

c. Items for Next Agenda

1. Bike Share
2. Commercial Locations for Bike Racks
3. No Right Turn on Red

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member James Kane spoke about various community events.
2. Brent Stoll discussed biking being good for businesses.
3. Member Ralph Taboada requested more green paint on the roadway for cyclists. Requested City inspection staff to contact the water district regarding cones on the Harbor Corner Stone Trail. Requested City staff to review the size of the Bike Sign heading out of the Country Club.
4. Member Robert Graham shared a flyer about proper use of a bike bell and suggested the Committee develop a similar flyer for use in the City.
5. Member Richard Huffman encouraged the committee to get out and ride and interview people to get the thoughts from the public.

8. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None

9. STAFF COMMENTS

City staff provided an update on the 19th Street bicycle sharrows and an upcoming webinar by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals at the City of Costa Mesa.

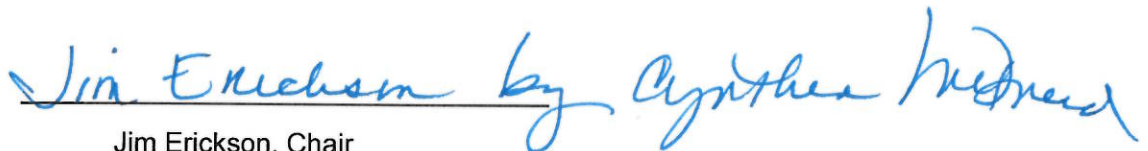
10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting January 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jim Erickson, Chair