

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

05-01-19

These meeting minutes represent an “action minute” format. The Bikeway and Walkability Committee (BWC) of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall's Conference Room 1A at 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present:

Chair Cynthia McDonald
Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada
Member Bryan Estrada
Member Michelle Fay
Member Fiorella Gardella
Member Bridget Gleason
Member Richard Huffman II
Member James Kane
Member Michael Nolf
Member Nathan Torres
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek

Committee Members Absent:

Member Mark Cernicky
Member Edwin Stanly Garcia
Member Flo Martin
Member Kyle Ramer

Chamber of Commerce Liaison:

Brent Stoll

Newport-Mesa Unified School
District Liaison:

Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaisons:

Arlis Reynolds, Council Member
Katrina Foley, Mayor-Elect (not present)
Andrea Marr, Council Member (not present)

Staff Present:

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician III

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Costa Mesa resident inquired about the Newport Widening Project as discussed by the night before by the City Council. Staff shared some of the project details and background.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cynthia McDonald opened the item for discussion. After brief discussion, Member Michelle Fay moved to approve the April 3, 2019 regular meeting minutes with corrections. Member James Kane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Lieutenant Bakkila spoke about Costa Mesa Police Department's efforts to enforce pedestrian and bicycle laws. He shared two Collision Data Reports to compare collisions involving bicyclist in the first quarters of 2018 to 2019. Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager shared a short video from OCTA's I Give 3-feet for Safety Campaign.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bike to School Month – May

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager spoke about the City's plan for Bike to School at Kaiser and Victoria Elementary Schools. She shared that the Costa Mesa Police Department will be hosting a bike rodeo at Kaiser Elementary School after the bike ride. Council Member Arlis Reynolds spoke about a bike to school incentive program at Victoria Elementary School.

b. Heal Cities/Resolution

Chair Cynthia McDonald opened the item for discussion. She spoke about the qualifying criteria that is required to achieve awards levels. She asked the committee to provide staff with comments.

c. Annual Bike/Walk Events

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager opened the item for discussion. The committee identified potential events to promote bicycling and walking. Staff will send out a survey to the committee to rank the events that were suggested in the earlier discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Status of Active Transportation Projects

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, updated the committee on the status of the following active transportation projects:

1. Merrimac Way
2. W. 17th Street Improvement
3. W. 19th Street Bicycle Project
4. Class II and III Bicycle Projects
5. Fairview Road Safety Improvements
6. Paularino Channel Trail Project
7. Bicycle Racks at City Facilities

b. Subcommittees Report

1. Public Outreach
 - a. Member Kari Nieblas-Vozenilek spoke about OCC Green Coast Day. Member Michelle Fay conducted a survey during the event and shared the results with the committee. Member Kari Nieblas-Vozenilek spoke about the upcoming Concert at the Parks series at Fairview Park.
2. Government Regulatory / Grants
 - a. No update
3. Safe Routes and Accessibility
 - a. Chair Cynthia McDonald spoke about bike to school days.
4. Economic Growth
 - a. No update
5. Presentation
 - a. No update
6. Mobility Share
 - a. Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, shared details of the subcommittee's recommendations to staff. She shared the results of the committee's recommendations provided in the survey conducted by staff. Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director spoke about the next steps needed to complete the pilot program. Staff needs to develop a pilot program that is fiscally neutral and addresses the concerns of both the Fire and Police Department. A full review from the City Attorney's office will be also required. The pilot program may be presented to the City Council at a future Council meeting.
7. Walk Audits
 - a. Member Michelle Fay spoke about the subcommittee's search for a walk audit tool. She spoke about possible walk audit routes.

c. Committee Start Time

Chair Cynthia McDonald opened the item for discussion. The committee discussed the option of changing all future committee meeting start time. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada made a motion to change the meeting start time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Member Kari Nieblas-Vozenilek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Items for Next Agenda

1. Implementation of Award Levels and Achievements – Heal Cities/Resolution
2. Results of Bike / Walk Events Survey Mobility Update
3. Class II Bicycle Projects
4. Request for Vacation of Right-of-Way at 1903 Santa Ana Avenue.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada spoke about a recent trip on the MetroLink Expo line in Los Angeles.
2. Member James Kane inquired about bike lanes at Hyland Avenue at MacArthur Avenue. He shared upcoming americawalks.com webinars.
3. Chair Cynthia McDonald, shared concerns with the lack of better bike signage at the narrowed Fairview Road bridge over I-405. She asked staff to bring it up to OCTA's attention. She shared concerns with a stored generator on the bike lane on Baker Street west of Bristol Street.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Member Arlis Reynolds requested an update on the timeline to begin work on the Pedestrian Master Plan, with possible funding from SCAG.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director reminded everyone that the OC Marathon will take place on Sunday May 5, 2019 and the grand opening ceremony for the new Donald Dungan Library at Lions Park will take place on Friday May 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

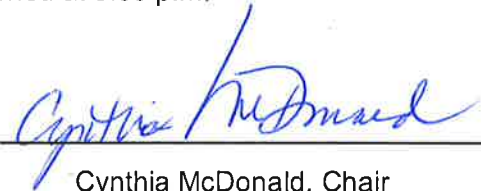
11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is June 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by:



Cynthia McDonald, Chair