

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE**

**October 5, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, October 5, 2015.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Taboada at 6:35 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center 695 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, California.

**2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Members Present: Chair, Ralph Taboada,  
Vice-Chair, Cynthia McDonald,  
Member Cindy Brenneman,  
Member Jim Erickson,  
Member Maggie Gallagher,  
Member Richard Huffman II,  
Member James Kane,  
Member Andrea Marr,  
Member Flo Martin,  
Member John C. Merrill,  
Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

Committee Members Absent: Member Russell Baldwin,  
Member Jim Kerins,  
Member Leah Ersoylu,  
Member Brian Valles,  
Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD

City Council Liaison Absent: Katrina Foley

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager  
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician  
Ruth Smith, Staff Consultant

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Roy Duvall inquired about bike racks at City Hall and a Ciclovía in Costa Mesa.

#### 4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Brent Stoll reminded the committee that it was National Bike and Walk to School Day. The chamber of commerce has posted about the upcoming Harbor Cornerstone Bike Trail opening on social media.
2. Member Maggie Gallagher mentioned she was at an event in the city and invited a few people to the Harbor Cornerstone Trail opening. She continued to express concerns with the rocks along the trail.
3. Member Cindy Brenneman mentioned that she handed out over 800 copies double sided copies of the flyer for the Harbor Cornerstone Trail Grand Opening and the car show. She said 400 were placed in goody bags that were given out at the Cruise for a Cure and the other 400 at car shows.
4. Member Jim Erickson also distributed flyers for the Harbor Cornerstone Trail Grand Opening.
5. Member James Kane inquired about upcoming meetings for the Harbor Medians Project. He asked if bike lanes would be considered instead of medians. He shared that [www.cityofcostamesanews.com](http://www.cityofcostamesanews.com) has a community calendar where you can submit items for publishing. He also mentioned shuttle busses running as late as 1:30am between Huntington Beach and Newport Beach and the Triangle. He will also be attending sustainability conferences and shared some of the concepts.
6. Member Flo Martin shared her recent experience in an 8-day tandem rally that began in Portland, Oregon. She noted Portland is very advanced, and is a little disappointed that Costa Mesa is "kind of in the dark ages". Regarding bike racks, she asked about the status of having them installed. She mentioned the \$50,000 allotted in the City budget for bike racks. She made a brief PowerPoint presentation on the conditions of Wilson Park as of today. She expressed concerns with the way the bike rack is oriented and not being able to use it from both sides.
7. Member John C. Merrill looks forward to form a coalition in the community to focus on bike and walking regardless of politics. He wants to do something all can be proud of.
8. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald shared that the CicLAvia will be happening Sunday October 16, 2016 in the City of Los Angeles.
9. Chair Taboada requested committee shared a couple news articles. One about the City of Los Angeles reconfiguring Figueroa Street to a complete street. The other about the Expo Line expanding due to high ridership. He also inquired about the installation of bike racks.

#### 5. STAFF COMMENTS

Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager, addressed the concern with the rocks along the Harbor Cornerstone Trail. He mentioned the contractor removed the rocks within two to three feet. He also mentioned that the trail is 12 feet wide and that the standard is eight feet for a two-way trail. Regarding transit, he mentioned a grant that was secured to expand the existing transit from South Coast Plaza to Anaheim. The proposed expansion will link South Coast Metro and The Camp, easing the lack of parking. He assured the committee that the City will apply for more grants to increase community shuttles. Regarding bike racks, he confirmed that the money is in the budget, staff has to arrange for the purchasing of the racks. He will work with Member Jim Erickson on the specifics of the racks to be purchased.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion.

After discussion from the committee, Member Andrea Marr made a motion to approve the September 7, 2016, meeting minutes, with the discussed corrections. Member Jim Erickson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Harbor Boulevard Bicycle Trail Opening – Discussion

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager provided updates on the planning for the event. He also shared a draft of a bike survey to be collected at the event and made some changes with the input of the committee.

b. Prioritization of Goals, Objectives, Recommendations

Chair Ralph Taboada opened the item for discussion. Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager updated the committee that staff received 2 additional responses from the Committee members for this survey for a total of 11 responses. The committee reviewed the results of the survey and finalized the ranking of the recommendations. Member Cindy Brenneman made the motion to approve the priority list, as attached. Member Maggie Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Prioritization of Bicycle Master Plan Projects

This item was continued to the next meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Items for Next Agenda

- 1. Bike Rack Update
- 2. Prioritization of Bicycle Master Plan Projects
- 3. CEQA Update


**9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Next regular meeting November 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, California.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
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Ralph Taboada, Chair