

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

August 2, 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, August 2, 2017.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Erickson at 6:38 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 Jim Erickson,
Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald,
Member Alan Engard,
Member Michelle Fay,
Member Robert Graham,
Member Richard Huffman II,
Member James Kane,
Member Andrew Levins,
Member John C. Merrill,
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek,
Member Scott Porterfield,
Member Ralph Taboada,
Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD

Committee Members Absent: Member Michael Habitz,
Member Dan Leibson,
Member Flo Martin,
Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

City Council Liaison Present: Mayor Katrina Foley

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director,
Michael Sampson, Associate Engineer,
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician,
Ruth Smith, Consultant,
Melissa Dugan, Stantec

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Jim Erickson opened the items for discussion.

After discussion from the committee, Member Ralph Taboada made a motion to approve the May 3, 2017 meeting minutes, with corrections. Member Alan Engard seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion from the committee, Member James Kane made a motion to approve the June 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek seconded the motion, the motion passed 11-0, Member Ralph Taboada abstained from the vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bicycle Master Plan

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director opened the item for discussion. He introduced Melissa Dugan, Stantec, who made a presentation outlining the structure and components of the Draft Bicycle Master Plan. She suggested focusing on Figure 6-1 Proposed Bicycle Facilities Map. She asked the committee to review by the next meeting.

b. Bike Rack Program . List of Locations

Michael Sampson, Associate Engineer made a presentation of the first ten locations from bike racks, as recommended by staff. Several locations were discussed by the committee. Staff took note of the committee comments and will make adjustments to the locations.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Subcommittees Report

Chair Jim Erickson opened the item for discussion. He asked members of the subcommittee to provide updates, if any, to the committee.

1. *Public Outreach* . Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek informed the committee that bike maps and pins were distributed to the public at various events, making residents aware of the committee. Mayor Katrina Foley suggested setting up a booth at SOCO events.
2. *Government Regulatory / Grants* . Member John C. Merrill informed the committee that although the subcommittee has not formally met, they are actively seeking for grant opportunities. Mayor Katrina Foley offered some information on grants the City is pursuing.
3. *Safe Routes and Accessibility* . Chair Jim Erickson spoke about how Safe Routes to School maps are helpful. Member Michelle Fay mentioned she has been reading up on how to conduct walk audits. Mayor Katrina Foley mentioned there are zone principals. She is very interested in bringing back the safe walk to school day.
4. *Economic Growth* . Chair Jim Erickson mentioned discussions with Member Brent Stoll regarding using the City's bike map over the Chamber's existing business map.

b. Items for Next Agenda

1. Bicycle Master Plan Update
2. Bike Rack Update
3. Bike Lane Painting Update
4. Fairview Road Complete Street - future meeting

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Ralph Taboada briefly talked about a recent bike tour through Oregon.
2. Member John C. Merrill shared printouts of the City of Santa Ana's Complete Streets Plans.
3. Member James Kane inquired about the results of the City's Happiness Survey. He asked if staff reviewed his suggestion to reconfigure the sharp corner on the northwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Fair Road, at the Harbor Cornerstone Multi-use Trail connection.
4. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald shared an article with the committee from AARP regarding livable streets.

5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Mayor Katrina Foley welcomed new committee members. She assured this committee is a big priority for her. She talked about painting bike lanes green. She believes it is an inexpensive way of highlighting bike safety. She asked staff when the city will implement that. She requested an update on the W. 19th Bike Trail Project.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director, updated the committee of the status to of the W. 19th Street Bike Trail Project. He mentioned the project may be delayed one year, which conflicts with the grant deadline.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting September 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall - Conference Room 1A.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Jim Erickson

Jim Erickson, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth Palacio

Elizabeth Palacio, Committee Secretary