

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

June 7, 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, June 7, 2017.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Erickson 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 Jim Erickson,
Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald,
Member Alan Engard,
Member Michelle Fay,
Member Michael Habitz,
Member Richard Huffman II,
Member James Kane,
Member Flo Martin,
Member John C. Merrill,
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek,
Member Scott Porterfield,
Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce

Committee Members Absent: Member Robert Graham,
Member Dan Leibson,
Member Andrew Levins,
Member Ralph Taboada,
Dr. Kirk Bauermeister, NMUSD

City Council Liaison Absent: Mayor Katrina Foley

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director,
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician,
Ruth Smith, Consultant

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Allen Saul, expressed concern with the uneven surface on the Harbor Cornerstone Multipurpose Trail. He shared pictures with the committee.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Jim Erickson opened the item for discussion.

After discussion from the committee, Member Flo Martin made a motion to discuss and approve the May 3, 2017 meeting minutes at the next regular meeting. Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bicycle Master Plan

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director informed the committee that Ruth Smith, consultant, has been working on finalizing the agreement with Stantec. The goal is to have Stantec on board and present at the August 2017 committee meeting. Staff would like to use this meeting as the first of three public meetings.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bike Rack Program – List of Locations

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director informed the committee that staff began the process to purchase more bike racks. A \$35,000 contract has been prepared and will recommend a sole source to expedite the purchase order. Once the purchase order is issued, delivery will take between six to eight weeks. City maintenance staff will perform all installations.

b. Forming Sub-committees

Chair Jim Erickson opened the item for discussion. After discussion from the committee the following four sub-committees were formed:

1. Public Outreach – Lead by Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek, Member Richard Huffman II, Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald
2. Government Regulatory / Grants – Lead by Member John C. Merrill, Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald, Member Allan Engard, Mike Habitz
3. Safe Routes and Accessibility – Lead by Chair Jim Erickson, Member Flo Martin, Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald, Member Michelle Fay, Member James Kane, Member John C. Merrill
4. Economic Growth – Chair Jim Erickson, Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald, Member Brent Stoll

c. Harbor Median Project

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director shared the presentation made at the project's May 23, 2017 public meeting. He clarified that the plan is still considered a conceptual plan. He mentioned there is opposition from local businesses, however, the City Council will make the final determination.

d. Items for Next Agenda

1. Bike Rack Update
2. Budget for Class II and III Bicycle Facilities
3. Collection of Bike Fees – Presentation by Brent Stoll – future meeting
4. Bicycle Master Plan Update

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member James Kane offered a suggestion to reconfigure the sharp corner on the northwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Fair Road, at the Harbor Cornerstone Multi-use Trail connection. He mentioned the new shuttle service between Anaheim resorts and South Coast Plaza starting June 15th, 2017. The grand opening is scheduled for July 2017. He shared an upcoming America Walks webinar on Wednesday June 14th, 2017 on tools and programs to attract walkability.
2. Member Richard Huffman II shared optimal design for walkability from the circulation element. He would like it applied to future projects.
3. Member Flo Martin inquired about the status of the Placentia Avenue Bike Signal Project. Raja Sethuraman, Director of Public Services informed her that the matter is still in legal process, due to unpaid fees from the previous contractor.
4. Member Brent Stoll shared examples of what the City of Austin, Texas has done to make one of its downtown streets bike friendly. The street was once a four lane road, now it is a two lane street.
5. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald shared an upcoming Glendale Ciclovía that ties into the L.A. River happening on June 11th, 2017.
6. Chair Jim Erickson invited the committee to attend an informal bike parade in the Freedom Tract on July 4, 2017 at 9:00 am.

7. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None

8. STAFF COMMENTS

None

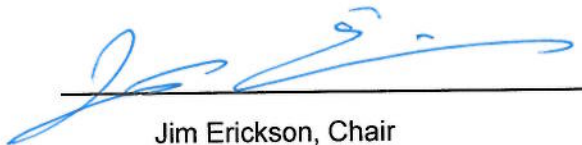
9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

After discussion by the committee, Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald made a motion to cancel the next regular meeting of July 5, 2017, and resume at the regular meeting of August 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall's Conference Room 1A. Member Richard Huffman II seconded the motion, motion passed 11-1, Member James Kane voting no.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:


Jim Erickson, Chair