

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

May 3, 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 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, May 3, 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 Robert Graham,  
Member Michael Habitz,  
Member Richard Huffman II,  
Member James Kane,  
Member Dan Leibson,  
Member Andrew Levins,  
Member Flo Martin,  
Member John C. Merrill,  
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek,  
Member Ralph Taboada,

Committee Members Absent:

Member Scott Porterfield,  
Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce,  
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. Mark Perkins, a Mesa Verde resident and OCC employee, addressed the committee and shared concerns with biking to and from the college. His main concern is the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Adams Avenue and its surroundings. He provided the committee additional information in the form of a flyer.
- b. Resident shared concern with the growing population of Costa Mesa, and encouraged the committee to continue to work hard.
- c. Geoff West thanked the committee for their great work. He would like to see sharrows installed on East 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

- d. Jameson Ivy, a young resident of the new Taylor Morrison Development on Industrial Way and Newport Boulevard, addressed the committee with safety concerns. Mr. Ivy was hit by a vehicle while riding his bike to soccer practice earlier today. He is concerned with the lack of signalized crosswalks for pedestrians at Industrial Way and Newport Boulevard, since he also walks to school across Newport Boulevard to Ensign Intermediate School. Staff spoke of a crosswalk project they are working on with Caltrans. They will follow up and expedite the process if possible.

#### **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 March 3, 2017 and April 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Active Transportation

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director went over the initial 7-year CIP presented at the March 1, 2017 meeting and compared it to the 7-year CIP as it exists today. He emphasized that the CIP as it exists today may change when approved by the City Council. He answered several questions the committee had on several projects in process, as well as future projects proposed.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Bike Project Prioritization

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director briefly explained the project prioritization process the previous committee participated in. The priority list that resulted from that process was used to recommend projects for the 7-year CIP.

- b. Bike Rack Program – List of Locations

Chair Jim Erickson opened the items for discussion. After discussion by the committee, Member John C. Merrill made a motion to discuss and create a bike rack action list focusing on the following four priorities: 1) Locations where bike racks can be installed immediately. 2) Locations at public facilities, not to exceed 100 bike racks. 3) Locations within private development. 4) Explore excess right-of-way on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Street where bike racks may be installed. Member Dan Liebson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Bicycle Master Plan

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director, briefly updated the committee on the status of finalizing a contract with Stantec and shared that the city was working on resolving some contractual issues with the City Attorney's office. He gave a background on what the project's scope of work will be.

d. Items for Next Agenda

1. Bike Rack Action List
2. Bicycle Master Plan
3. Formation of Subcommittees

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Member James Kane inquired about the resolution to his concern with the Harbor Cornerstone Multi-use Trail bumps. Raja Sethuraman responded that the issue was reviewed and that the trail meets specifications, 1/4 inch flatness. He is looking at adjusting the expansion breaks in future projects. Member James Kane also inquired about the lighting near the Senior Center bike rack.
2. Member Richard Huffman II asked who will install the bike racks and who will decide where to install them.
3. Member John C. Merrill shared that he recently attended an APWA conference and learned about the City of Santa Ana's bike pod hubs. These are membership-only bike hubs, alternative to bike lockers. He would like the committee to fully understand what complete streets are, and will forward information to the committee.
4. Member Ralph Taboada is very concerned with the Industrial Way / Newport Boulevard intersection. He is concerned with kids walking across Newport Boulevard to attend school. Raja Sethuraman will follow up on the issue.
5. Member Michelle Fay shared her experience at OCC's Green Coast Day. She shared a Walk Survey being collected by OCTA.
6. Member Flo Martin talked about the Parks and Open Space Master Plan where the highest priorities were listed as: walking, running, hiking, and jogging. She was disappointed that the Bikeway and Walkability committee was not mentioned in the list of committees.
7. Robert Graham shared a few pictures with the committee of areas of concern, particularly the cables on Placentia Avenue along the Orange County Model Engineer Station. He also seemed concerned with the Costa Mesa Golf Course storing junk along the fence it shares with the station.

**8. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

None

**8. STAFF COMMENTS**

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director reminded the committee of the upcoming OC Marathon on Sunday May 5, 2017.

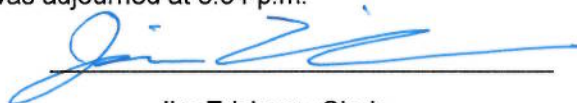
**9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Next regular meeting June 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall's Conference Room 1A.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jim Erickson, Chair