

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

April 4, 2018

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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, at 6:03 p.m. at City Hall's Conference Room 1A at 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald,
Member Michelle Fay,
Member Robert Graham,
Member James Kane,
Member Michael Nolf,
Member Nathan Torres,
Member Ralph Taboada,
Member Richard Huffman II,
Member Flo Martin,
Member Alan Engard,
Member Scott Porterfield,
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek,
Member Michael Habitz

Committee Members Absent: Member Dan Leibson,
Member Andrew Levins

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll, Chamber of Commerce (Not Present)

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Liaison Present: Dr. Kirk Bauermeister

City Council Liaison Present: Katrina Foley, Council Member

Staff Present: Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager,
Michael Sampson, Associate Engineer,
Brenda Green, City Clerk

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek nominated Vice-Chair Cynthia McDonald as Chair of Bikeway & Walkability Committee. Member Robert Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Flo Martin nominated Member Ralph Taboada as Vice Chair of Bikeway & Walkability Committee. Chair Cynthia McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. A member of the public spoke about walkability in the Netherlands and promoted an upcoming presentation on the topic.
2. Bill Burke inquired when public comments will be taken regarding the proposed Canary bike ramp.
3. A resident commented that Fairview Park should be preserved.
4. Jim Erickson spoke about National Bike to Work Day on May 18th and Bike to School Day on May 9th. Jim is working with Victoria Elementary School on the Bike to School Day.
5. Marc Perkins talked about OCC's Green Coast Day and informed the Committee that OCC will be showcasing bike improvements on campus to connect to the City's Merrimac Way Bicycle Demonstration project.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada moved to approve the March 7, 2018 minutes as amended. Member Flo Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Active Transportation Plan (ATP), Fact Sheet, and Schedule Staff Update

1. Staff provided an update to the overall schedule and is tentatively scheduled to present the ATP to the Planning Commission on May 14, 2018 and to the City Council for consideration on June 5, 2018.
2. Staff presented the single page ATP fact sheet to the Committee.

b. Tanager Bicycle Trail

1. Several residents commented that the existing Canary stairs work well, and they are not in favor of a bike ramp at Canary. Approximately 40 residents were in attendance and several commented on this topic.
2. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada moved to delete the Tanager Bicycle Trail Extension from Golf Course Drive along the Costa Mesa Golf Course Boundary. Motion was seconded by Member Flo Martin.
 - i. Motion passed with a vote of 10-3 with Member James Kane, Member Michelle Fay, and Member Robert Graham voted in opposition.
3. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada moved to add Class III Bike Boulevard following Tanager Drive, Canary Drive, Oriole Drive, Cardinal Drive, and Swan Drive to connect to Placentia Avenue. Motion was seconded by Member Richard Huffman II.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada moved to have a feasibility study conducted by City staff of a proposed ramp at the end of Canary Drive. Study items to include: any potential ADA requirements and any landing within Fairview Park. Motion was seconded by Member Robert Graham.
 - i. Motion Passed unanimously.

c. Merrimac Way – SCAG Go Human Campaign

1. Staff provided an update to the Merrimac Way demonstration project including start time.

2. Staff will provide materials to Committee members participating in the OCC Green Coast Day and the Explore Merrimac Event.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bike Month - May

1. Dr. Kirk Bauermeister is distributing Bike to School Day information to the schools.

b. Sub Committees Report

1. Public Outreach

- a) No update.

2. Government Regulatory / Grants

- a) Michael Habitz volunteered to chair the Government Regulatory / Grants Sub Committee.

- i) Staff updated the Committee on upcoming grant applications for the next cycle of the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funds.

3. Safe Routes and Accessibility

- a) Council Member Katrina Foley and Member Richard Huffman II have volunteered to Co-Chair the Safe Routes and Accessibility Sub Committee.

4. Economic Growth

- a) No update.

5. Presentation

- a) The Presentation Subcommittee gave a presentation during the Tanager Bicycle Trail agenda item.

c. Items for Next Agenda

1. Active Transportation Plan Update (Old Business)

2. Committee Meeting Time

3. Dedicated Bike Patrols for a future agenda item (not necessary for May). A representative from the Police Department to be invited to present potential options for a dedicated bike patrol for safety.

4. Canary Bicycle Ramp

5. Bike Rack Design in Commercial Areas

6. Bike Share Vendor

7. Bike Maintenance/Repair Stations

8. Spotlight on Active Transportation

1. Committee requested a presentation from staff on Two Stage Left Turns for May and a Walking topic for June's Spotlight on Active Transportation.

9. Committee Member Comments

1. Member Flo Martin complimented OCC on their bicycling interest and activities.
2. Member James Kane spoke about various events around the City.
3. Member Michael Habitz requested City staff to clarify the ATP adoption process and process for getting bicycle facilities designed and constructed.

10. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

1. Staff provided an update regarding bike rack installation, SB1 Planning Grants, and the Merrimac Way Go Human demonstration.

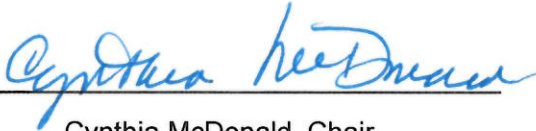
12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is May 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by:


Cynthia McDonald, Chair