

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BIKEWAY AND WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

04-03-19

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 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia McDonald called the meeting to order, 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 Cynthia McDonald
Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada
Member Mark Cernicky
Member Bryan Estrada
Member Michelle Fay
Member Edwin Stanly Garcia
Member Fiorella Gardella
Member Bridget Gleason
Member Richard Huffman II
Member James Kane
Member Flo Martin
Member Michael Nolf
Member Kyle Ramer
Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek

Committee Members Absent: Member Nathan Torres

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Brent Stoll

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

City Council Liaisons: Arlis Reynolds, Council Member
Katrina Foley, Mayor-Elect
Andrea Marr, Council Member (not present)

Staff Present: Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager
Elizabeth Palacio, Engineering Technician III

3. SELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

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

Member Richard Huffman II nominated Member Ralph Taboada as Vice-Chair of Bikeway and Walkability Committee. Member Flo Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. John C. Merrill, resident, introduced himself as a former committee member. He welcomed and shared ideas with new committee members.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Brent Stoll moved to approve the March 6, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Committee Mission Statement/Introductions

Chair Cynthia McDonald opened the floor for committee member introductions. New committee members were introduced to the committee's mission statement and current work plan.

b. Pedestrian Focus/Walk Audits

Chair Cynthia McDonald shared notes and ideas with the committee. Mayor Katrina Foley suggested developing or finding an existing tool to assist with walk audit data collection. Council member Arlis Reynolds suggested creating a subcommittee to focus on developing walk audits. The Walk Audit Subcommittee was formed and members of the subcommittee follow: Michelle Fay, Chair, Council Member Arlis Reynolds, Fiorella Gardella, Bridget Gleason, Flo Martin, Cynthia McDonald, Kyle Ramer, and Ralph Taboada.

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director, reminded committee members that maintenance type issues should be reported to the City via the CM App. The walk audit tool should focus on long term improvement items especially if they require funding.

c. Mobility Share

Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director, discussed a recent meeting with the Police Department, Fire Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Staff. He shared that the highest concern for both Police and Fire Departments is public safety. Both Departments would like to know what other nearby cities are doing to address and reduce safety concerns. The Chief of Staff will work with the Mobility Share Subcommittee to determine size of proposed program, staffing needs, and research items to address the concerns of the pilot program.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bike to School Month – May

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manager, discussed the City's efforts to promote Bike Safety in the month of May. Staff will confirm if the Costa Mesa Police Department will be able to participate in Bike to School Day on May 8, 2019 at Victoria Elementary School. A bike rodeo is planned at Kaiser Elementary School on May 8, 2019. Council Member Arlis Reynolds suggested having CMTV present at the events to document the

activities.

b. OCC Green Coast Day

Member Kari Nieblas Vozenilek confirmed the committee was able to secure a booth at the event that will take place on April 17, 2019 at Orange Coast College.

c. Annual Bike/Walk Events

Chair Cynthia McDonald opened the item for discussion. Committee members identified the following events as potential Annual Bike and Walk Events: Walk to School in October, Bike to School in May, Cyclovia in the future, Scarecrow ride in October, Holiday Bike Ride in December, and Fourth of July bike parade. At the next meeting, committee members will brainstorm ideas for discussion at the next committee meeting.

d. Subcommittees Report

1. Public Outreach
 - a. Update discussed in New Business Item 7b.
2. Government Regulatory / Grants
 - a) No update
3. Safe Routes and Accessibility
 - a) No update
4. Economic Growth
 - a) No update
5. Presentation
 - a) No update
6. Mobility Share
 - a) Update discussed in Old Business Item 6c.

e. Items for Next Agenda

1. Implementation of Award Levels and Achievements – Heal Cities/Resolution
2. Mobility Update
3. Walk Audits
4. Class III Bicycle Facilities
5. Class II (in the next two months)

7. SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Chair Cynthia McDonald, shared concerns with vehicles driving on bike lanes on Baker Street during the PM peak hours.
2. Member Fiorella Gardella shared concerns with no crossing guards at the intersection of Villanova Road and Notre Dame Road near College Park Elementary School.
3. Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada inquired about the status of the Newport Boulevard / Industrial Way crosswalk.
4. Member Flo Martin finished reading “A Walkable City” and shared a summary with the committee.
5. Member James Kane inquired about the OCTA Citizen’s Advisory Committee. He recently received negative comments regarding the OCTA bus system and a complaint

about a person who was disruptive while riding the bus. He shared a few upcoming americawalks.com webinars.

6. Member Edwin Stanly Garcia inquired if the City has any jurisdiction over the OCTA bus system.

9. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Member Arlis Reynolds shared the opening of the homeless shelter and updated ordinances. Council Member Arlis Reynolds shared that the City Council supports Active Transportation and would like more bike and walk events.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Services Manger will provide an update on the promotion of Bicycle Safety month for May and the Police Department's participation and efforts in the Spotlight on Active Transportation at the next committee meeting.

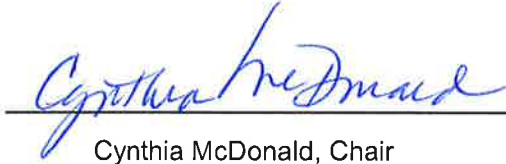
11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Next regular meeting is May 1, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall – Conference Room 1A.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:


Cynthia McDonald, Chair