

City of Fresno Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes from the May 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

Meeting/Date/Time: May 24, 2017, Fresno City Hall, Department of Public Works Conference Room 4017

Meeting Called By: Tony Molina, Chair

Type of Meeting: Monthly

Note Taker: Susan Smith

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Tony Molina, Chair (District 2), Joe Martinez (District 1), Esther Postiglione (District 5), Nicholas Paladino (District 6), Susan Smith (District 7), Lori Cherry (Mayoral Appointment)

Absent: Celeste Martinez (District 4), Phil Decker (Mayoral Appointment)

Vacant: District 3

Staff: Jill Gormley, Shelby MacNab, Scott Sehm, Andrew Benelli

Guests: Evan Shipp, Melanie Ruvalcaba (Dept. of Public Health)

Call to Order/Introductions: Welcome and call to order by T. Molina at 5:35 p.m. Introductions around the table.

Approval of Minutes: Quorum met. J. Martinez motioned to approve April 2017 Minutes. N. Paladino seconded.

Action: April 26, 2017 minutes approved by voice.

Agenda Topic: Trail Master Planning Document/Stakeholder Review Update

Per J. Gormley the planning document is still in the works. Within the next two weeks the document will be available for public comment. N. Paladino would like to have at least a 30 day public review process. E. Shipp is interested in the trail intersections with the streets and feels the intersections are unsafe as currently designed. He doesn't feel they are designed with commuters in mind. N. Paladino suggests E. Shipp provide detailed comments when the document is available for public comment. Another concern of E. Shipp is the controls at possible right hook areas. Per J. Gormley the City is looking for consistency in the trail system

to align with Fresno County, City of Clovis and other areas in City of Fresno. This document does not come with a Heat Map which would show accidents in the area.

E. Shipp wants to understand from our committee whether safety is a priority. He feels any accidents jeopardize safety of the trails. N. Paladino explained BPAC exists as an Advisory Committee. But E. Shipp feels that something needs to be done at the trail intersections to enhance public safety. At a minimum, stop signs for peds/bicycles, or something to add a traffic calming element.

Agenda Topic: Membership Update/BPAC Charter

S. Sehm has been working to get the monthly meetings/minutes onto the City Clerk's website so people can find out about BPAC and attend meetings if desired. In addition, an effort was made in looking for the original charter in order to post it to the City Clerk's website. BPAC Charter was originally approved by Fresno City Council in October 2002 and amended in 2004.

Agenda Topic: Audubon Pedestrian Crossing Update

A. Benelli and staff met with Mr. Zinkin the Developer of the shopping center in the area. It could still be a few years for a light to be installed at the main entrance of Woodward Park but the developer is onboard with changing from a roundabout at the entrance to a light being installed at the entrance. The commercial project is going strong and the light will be installed in accordance with this project's completion.

Agenda Topic: Pedestrian Safety Campaign Update/CPBST (Community Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Training)

Per T. Molina a one day workshop will be held in July 2017 through California Walks. T. Molina submitted the intake form. See attached. T. Molina will contact Jaime Fearer from California Walks to setup a conference call to determine best date/time for the workshop on pedestrian/bicycle safety. E. Postiglione thought District 3 would be a good area to target for walk/bicycle audits. The only problem is we don't currently have a District 3 representative.

Agenda Topic: May is Bicycle Month Report

T. Molina gave updates on bicycle month activities. Mall to Mall Ride a success. J. Martinez mentioned good news coverage. Good turnout for Ride of Silence. Bike to Work Day on May 19th also successful. On May 27th Chuckchansi Stadium is hosting a bike show and valet parking for bikes. There is an end of bike month fundraiser at Full Circle Brewery on June 2, 2017 to raise funds for CenCal Via open street event.

Amtrak is offering a 2 for 1 deal on ticket prices if a person brings a bicycle onboard. Amtrak might also be a sponsor the next year's Bike to Work Day.

Agenda Topic: Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy/Mini Grant Workshops in Fresno June 12 UC Center and June 19, 2017 at Roosevelt High

N. Paladino gave an update on the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy public outreach meetings and online survey. The purpose is to get input on what future transportation system improvements are desired and to develop strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At these workshops is an opportunity for people to ask for new projects. Per J. Gormley she and other staff are planning to attend

Everyone urged to attend or to log onto fresnocog.org and complete this online survey by the end of June.

Agenda Topic: Mayor's 2017-18 Budget; Public Works and CIP

Per A. Benelli City Accounting Staff is putting together a synopsis of projects. Each District has their desired projects but gas tax revenues are down and this will ultimately mean less funding.

Agenda Topic: Other

E. Postiglione had a question for City Staff regarding a placeholder in the Mayor's Budget for \$1.2 million for ATP Projects - what is this for? Per A. Benelli this is most likely for The MidTown Trail Project. Her second question was whether the City has a written policy on safe routes to school? Staff was not aware there was a written policy on this. Someone will look at and verify for next meeting.

T. Molina was approached by the FAX Manager regarding a project for bicycle racks at bus shelters. He doesn't know much more than this limited information. He will find out more information for next month's meeting.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.