



City of Santa Rosa

Municipal Service Center
South
69 Stony Circle
Conference Room 5

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, November 21, 2019

4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralston at 4:04 p.m.

Present 7 - Chair Shaun Ralston, Vice Chair Minona Heaviland, Board Member Kim Badenfort, Board Member Christine Dektor, Board Member Doug McKenzie, Board Member Elizabeth Ridlington, and Board Member Charlotte Vrobel

Absent 2 - Board Member Denise Deneau, and Board Member Christine Logan

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 September 19, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Heaviland, seconded by Board Member Ridlington, approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Ralston, Vice Chair Heaviland, Board Member Badenfort, Board Member Dektor, Board Member McKenzie, Board Member Ridlington and Board Member Vrobel

Absent: 2 - Board Member Deneau and Board Member Logan

3. COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Eris Weaver, Executive Director of Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, spoke about attending the public meeting of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors regarding the homeless encampment on the Joe Rodota Trail, and encouraged the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board to speak to Councilmembers about

solutions.

Ron Padilla stated he had emailed most on the Board regarding the status of his request to post information about e-bikes on the website.

6. REPORT ITEMS

6.1 REPORT - Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Transportation and Public Works Work Plan

BACKGROUND: The Board may consider the draft Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Transportation and Public Works (TPW) Work Plan for bicycle and pedestrian projects and studies.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board may, by motion, accept the draft Fiscal Year 2020/2021 TPW Work Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Padilla stated he has noticed many projects on the west side of town.

A motion was made by Board Member Badenfort, seconded by Board Member Dektor, to approve the draft Fiscal Year 2020/2021 TPW Work Plan as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Chair Ralston, Vice Chair Heaviland, Board Member Badenfort, Board Member Dektor, Board Member McKenzie, Board Member Ridlington and Board Member Vrobel

Absent: 2 - Board Member Deneau and Board Member Logan

6.2 REPORT - Vision Zero Sonoma County Project Update

BACKGROUND: The Board will hear an update on the Sonoma County Vision Zero project that recently was awarded grant funds from the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Program.

RECOMMENDATION: For information only. No action required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Padilla inquired about a website for reporting issues for bicyclists such as trees that need trimming on trails. He also spoke about bicycle riders taking responsibility to ride safely, monitoring

themselves and others to reduce risks, and provided some suggestions for riders to keep in mind.

This item was received and filed.

6.3 REPORT - Shared Mobility Devices (SMDs)

BACKGROUND: The Board may provide input on the potential use of Shared Mobility Devices (SMDs) in Santa Rosa.

RECOMMENDATION: For information only. No action required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eris Weaver spoke about attending the California Bicycle Summit where this was discussed. She said the definitions and wording on the current ordinance are confusing. She spoke about wanting to get people out of their vehicles and also keep them safe.

This item was received and filed.

6.4 REPORT - Stony Point Road Corridor Study for Active Transportation Modes

BACKGROUND: The Board will hear an update on the Stony Point Road Corridor Study for Active Transportation Modes.

RECOMMENDATION: For information only. No action required.

This item was received and filed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS CONTINUED

None.

8. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The Chair attended the monthly Mayor's Luncheon. One of the topics was the resignation of Councilmember Combs and possible options for replacement. If the Council decides to appoint a replacement, then the various Board appointees will stand. A special election is another option, but can be very expensive. Another topic was a meeting the Mayor had with Frank Chong of SRJC regarding student housing and transportation ideas.

-The Vice Chair spoke to two school boards about the possibility of adopting Safe Routes to School policy. She proposed inviting

them to speak at a future Board meeting and will keep the Board informed of any actions or updates.

-The new Franklin Avenue sidewalk is wonderful and looks well utilized.

-A public meeting was held to discuss a proposal to consider a pilot project to close a portion of Elliott Avenue.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Staff has met with SRJC for the proposed Elliott Avenue Pilot Project. Staff supports the project. This is planned to go to Council in April 2020. There is an environmental study for a separate bridge project, but it will interface with the Elliott Avenue Pilot Project.

-Discussions with Cook Middle School regarding amount of traffic and onsite circulation solutions are ongoing.

-A Bike Bait Operation Alert was received and forwarded.

-The Downtown Station Area Plan preferred alternative is going to the Planning Commission and Council. A study session is scheduled for December 3. The General Plan Update is taking form and interviews for consultants are scheduled for December 11. An allocation letter was received from MTC for \$250,000 towards design of Santa Rosa Avenue bike and pedestrian enhancements. Staff will be seeking active transportation funds for the construction of the pedestrian and bike bridge over Hwy 101.

-The Acting City Clerk continues to recruit for the open Board position.

-The bike and pedestrian section of the City's website is being cleaned up. Staff is working with the GIS team to add years of bike lane installations to the site. There will be a page dedicated to corridor studies.

-Santa Rosa is the first city in Sonoma County with a bike friendly Silver Designation. Thanks were given to the Board for their dedication and focus to get things prioritized and implemented.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ralston at 5:29 p.m.

Approved on:

A. Scheblik
Recording Secretary