

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
October 6, 2014

1. Roll Call (Chair), Introductions:

Present: Tom Modic, Chair, Betsy Cooley, Vice Chair, Scott Donahue, Laura McCamy, Ken Bukowski, David Kritzberg, Celeste Burrows, members; Jennifer West, Council Liaison; Miroo Desai, Sara Billing, Planning Staff; Mike Roberts, Nancy Humphrey, Marcy Greenhut, Public Works. Guests: Robert Prinz, Bike East Bay; Consultants for Christie Ave Park and for Sherwin Williams project. Absent: Svante Rodegarde, Brian Donahue.

2. Public Comment about items not on the Agenda: Jennifer reported attending one of the Horton St. Community meetings saying how wonderful it was to hear from all the community members. Laura asked if the Public Comments come back to the BPAC before going to Council; Nancy Humphrey answered that it won't, since the recommendation came from BPAC; the next public opportunity will be at the Council meeting. Request that Committee Secretary let BPAC know when it's going to Council. John Sherman relayed comment by member of the public asking cyclists to use bike lights for safety. Robert Prinz announced Bike East Bay will be giving out free bike lights at Mac Arthur BART and will let Secretary know when.

3. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes for Sept. 8, 2014 BPAC meeting: One change to Laura McCamy's comment regarding Market Place Residential Buildings, instead of "Concern stated by BPAC member McCamy that removal of bike lanes...." It should read ..."by BPAC member McCamy that addition of parallel parked cars will reduce safety for cyclists, by putting cyclists in the door zone." Changed accepted.
- b. Christie Ave. Park Expansion Plans: Senior Planner, Miroo Desai, introduced the project and Tim Bacon of City Center Realty provided overview and background. Ann Howerton, Landscape Architect for the project, provided a slide presentation. BPAC member comments and recommendations included adding bike racks inside the park as well as the periphery; create more of a plaza by blending the fire lane behind the Public Market into the access vehicular path to 63rd St.; remove or "blend" the curbs on the vehicular path to give a more seamless plaza feel; add way-finding signs (to ped bridge/Amtrak and beyond); include permanent tables with seating for picnicking; thinking of the larger perspective and future development, ensure conflicts between various modes of travel are avoided; question asked why not consider enlarging further into City parcel(s) to the south. Public suggested pedestrian meandering of pedestrian path is less desirable than a straighter path. Request to send slide deck to BPAC list.
- c. Sherwin Williams Project: Miroo Desai introduced Bruce Dorman who presented the latest design of this project. The presenter stated that he was told there are too many basketball courts in Emeryville, so the plans shown will be modified to tennis courts. BPAC member McCamy pointed out that there are no full-sized basketball courts in Emeryville, and that both a tennis court and basketball court would be used by residents (. BPAC members suggested that buildings have ground floor parking for bikes that is easily accessible, such as near main entryways.
- d. Bike e-lockers future location suggestions: Staff Greenhut and Humphrey explained upcoming grant application for electronic bike lockers and requested suggestions for new locations. Suggested locations included 40th and San Pablo for Transbay Bus hub; Amtrak (already planned for installation from last grant round); AC Transit may have interest in locating near their stops- inquire with them if they'd be interested in funding operations and maintenance; locations where overnight secure locking would be desirable; ECCL; East Bay Bridge Shopping Center and Bay St.; other places where crime/bike theft is high. Staff mentioned other ideas like Towers in Emeryville (Powell St.) and the Public Market. BPAC suggested that signage on lockers, describing their purpose and how to use them be included.

4. Communications and Reports

a. City Staff Announcements:

- i. City of Emeryville most walkable community: Staff Humphrey reported that the East Bay Economic Development Alliance voted Emeryville most walkable city in the East Bay based on distance to amenities, block length, etc.
- ii. DMV fee potential for Emeryville: Staff Humphrey reported a bill passed last month to allow cities to collect an extra "tax" DMV would charge on vehicle registrations that could pay for bike infrastructure.
- iii. See Click Fix: PW Dept. Staff Greenhut reported that PW staff reviews the website and adds notes as relevant but City does not subscribe. The City's "Report a Concern" is still being used, but it was noted that photos cannot be uploaded with this function. Also, See Click Fix doesn't require that the City location (knowing borders) be reported.
- iv. Staff Greenhut reported that Community Services staff Kevin Laven provided maps to be distributed for BPAC to make comments on Safe Routes to Schools bike and pedestrian routes to be included on final maps to be distributed to schools community. Contact Kevin with feedback by end of day Oct. 7th.
- v. Planning Department Report: Staff Billing reported last Planning Commission meeting on Oct. 2nd approved the required housing element of the General Plan and sent to Council. Ca. State wants to use it as a model, illustrating the high quality of the element. EBOT study session also occurred at that last meeting. Two Marketplace residential projects were reviewed; grand staircase as included in original plans, leading from the pedestrian bridge was recommended to be reinstated in the plan, instead of the changed plans as had been presented at the last BPAC mtg. Pedestrian pathway from stairs crossing a driveway was not acceptable. 3706 San Pablo Ave. plans also reviewed. Next mtg. Oct. 30th. AC Transit meetings planned for public to provide feedback on their routes, South Berkeley Library nearest mtg. location.

b. BPAC Committee Member Announcements:

Jennifer West reported about a new car share program called Car2Go where members don't have to leave the car in a designated POD, coming to the Bay Area; it is currently in use in Seattle and other cities. System is designed for short trips, as it is expensive per mile. Robert Prinz announced Bike East Bay to hand out bike lights and Clipper Card info @ Mac Arthur BART, staff to send out message when info is provided. BPAC member McCamy reports next Love Our Neighborhood Day is scheduled for Sat., May 16, 2015, and it will not take place in Emeryville.

5. **New Business for Next Regular BPAC meeting Nov. 3, 2014:** Staff Greenhut reported that Sean Moss will come to report on the bike infrastructure changes coming to the City of El Cerrito.

6. Adjournment @ 7:40 p.m.

Suggested FUTURE Agenda Items for the BPAC

Date added

8/27/14

- "What is an appropriate speed limit on a bicycle boulevard?" (Modic)

7/7/14

- 40th St. bridge approach for bikes and vehicles (McCamy); City Car Share (Guest from City Car Share); bike parking in the Marina (Bukowski); Horton St. traffic calming update (B. Donahue); City Bike ride (Bukowski)

Comment [SB1]: Ready to remove?

6/2/14

- Bay Trail extension crossing of Christie Ave. (August 2014)
- Walkability scoring- Laura McCamy offered to lead discussion.

5/8/14

- Parking Day
- Modifying Bike To Work Day for 2015: Bags per station; Frontage Rd. Station; How to get it all ready and to the Energizer Stations on time (by 7:00 a.m.)

10/25/13

- Bike Parking Design at new and existing projects
- Lighter Colored Pavements: revisit
- Sidewalk Bike Riding Ordinance
- Modification of 61st Street Between Doyle and Vallejo Streets – One way to two way
- Saving the Bike Ped Bridge (Bukowski)
- Height of vegetation in streetscapes where vision may be obstructed – Rodegard
- Cycletrack on east side of Shellmound Street (BPAC + Billing -staff)
- 65th Street Bay Bridge Take off
- Art Bike Tour
- Make approach to Bay Bridge Trail more friendly to bikes & peds (McCamy)
- Use of green paint to increase safety at intersections, as in Oakland (Robert Prinz)
- Green Bike Pavement markings at Hazard Locations (Prinz)

11/4/2013

- Staff provide notices to BPAC of anticipated repaving (for discussion)
- Appending the Ped/Bike Plan: how to do it, is it necessary? (McCamy)

12/2/2013

- NACTO Webinar: BPAC view & discuss together? (90 minutes) (McCamy)

2/3/13

- See Click Fix (Group)
- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations during construction (McCamy)