



## BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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**Pleasanton Senior Center**  
5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
**Monday, February 25, 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Meeting of February 25, 2019, was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairperson Bowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Bryan Bowers, Vice-Chairperson Herb Ritter, Richard Duffy; Tom Hall, Don Johnston, Steve McGinnis, Todd Nelson, Sharon Piekarski and Tess Shotland.

Committee Members Absent: David Fisch.

Staff Present: Brian Dolan, Assistant City Manager; Mike Tassano, City Traffic Engineer; Steve Kirkpatrick, Director of Engineering; Adam Nelkie, Senior Civil Engineer; Huy Ho, Associate Civil Engineer; Matt Nelson, Associate Traffic Engineer; Léa Frizzell, Recording Secretary.

Agency Representatives: None.

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Approve regular meeting minutes of January 28, 2019**

A motion was made by Don Johnston, seconded by Tom Hall, to approve the January 28, 2019 meeting minutes. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations**

None.

3. **Public comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda**

**MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

4. **Review City Council 2019-2020 Two-Year Work Plan**

Mr. Dolan explained the City Council Workshop process and the draft two-year work plan provided in the agenda packet. He noted that the City Council will be adopting a two-year work plan after receiving feedback from the public, commissions and committees.

Mr. Dolan asked committee members to recommend projects/initiatives and provide ranking that the City Council will use to prioritize.

Mr. Nelson explained that the West Las Positas Corridor was ranked as the number one corridor in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. He suggested the committee make this their top priority and follow the BPMP priority list which puts the Santa Rita Road corridor at number two and Foothill Road corridor ranked number three.

Chairperson Bowers stated that he would like to suggest more than one project to ensure something makes it onto the work plan.

Ms. Piekarski expressed her concerns with the slow pace that she has seen previous projects move forward. She asked if funding, staffing or other factors are slowing things down.

Mr. Tassano and Ms. Piekarski discussed the need for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator to oversee these projects.

Chairperson Bowers made a motion to recommend the following:

1. West Las Positas Corridor
2. Santa Rita Road Corridor
3. Foothill Road Corridor

Chairperson Bowers made a motion to approve.

Ayes: Bowers, Ritter, Duffy, Hall, Johnston, McGinnis, Nelson, Shotland, Piekarski

Noes: -

Absent: Fisch

Abstain: -

## **5. Review Downtown Transportation Corridor Parking Lot Improvements**

Mr. Ho presented a detailed PowerPoint that showed the proposed design concept to expand the parking lot between Bernal Avenue and Abbie Street. He explained that the project would provide 140 parking stalls, ADA access, a minimum 8-foot-wide concrete pedestrian path, 4-foot-wide landscape area and retaining wall.

Chairperson Bowers if it was possible to put a walking path on the east side of the parking lot.

Mr. Nelkie responded that another path on the east side of the parking lot would not be feasible with only 5-feet of extra space and mature trees that would have to be removed.

Ms. Piekarski expressed her concerns with the 8-foot-wide trail not being wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists to share. She stated that she would like to see a design that would encourage alternative methods of transportation and not bring more cars downtown.

Todd Nelson recommended a wider bicycle and pedestrian path by reducing the number of parking spaces to 117 with parallel parking on the west side of the parking lot instead of the proposed perpendicular parking design. He added that he has not seen this parking lot full and questioned if 140 parking stalls would be fully utilized.

Mr. McGinnis stated he is concerned that adding more parking could add more traffic.

Todd Nelson commented on the material of the pedestrian path and noted that cobblestone is slippery. He suggested using something else. He also noted that the 40-degree right turn onto the path from Abbie Street is too tight for a cyclist. He suggested removing the furthest northwest stall and cutting the curb to create a ramp with a wider turning radius.

Todd Nelson stated that the Downtown Specific Plan and Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan call for paved and dirt paths that are shared. He noted the proposed path lacks connectivity to the rest of downtown.

Todd Nelson discussed Strava, an app that tracks cyclists, and it showed that cyclists rarely use the path behind the Firehouse Arts Center and travel through Inklings parking lot instead. He stated that he would ultimately like to see the transportation corridor connect from Sunol Boulevard to downtown.

Mr. Johnston agreed with Todd Nelson's recommendation.

Mr. Hall discussed the growth of eScooters and other methods of transportation that could be using the path in the future and recommended a wider path.

Vice-Chairperson Ritter stated he was not in favor of reducing the number of parking stalls.

Mr. Kirkpatrick explained that the direction he was provided for this project was to maximize parking downtown while maintaining the transportation corridor.

Todd Nelson made a motion for parallel parking stalls on west side to create a wider bicycle and pedestrian path, Mr. McGinnis seconded.

Ayes: Nelson, McGinnis, Duffy, Hall, Johnston, McGinnis, Piekarski

Noes: Bowers, Ritter

Absent: Fisch, Shotland (left meeting at 8:03 p.m.)

Abstain: -

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5. Updates from the Parks and Recreation Commission**

Chairperson Bowers reported on two-year workplan priorities – all access playground, skate park, completion of Pioneer Cemetery and

### **6. Updates from Project/Program/Agency Representatives**

None.

### **7. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Committee members**

None.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Johnston commented on the cyclists he saw riding in subzero temperatures while he was in Chicago.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Bowers adjourned the meeting 8:48 p.m.