

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2009
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Klassen called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Present: Chair Klassen, Members Bayless, Brown, Dadko, Frye, Jones, Stanley

Absent: Rhodes

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes for December and January was moved to March due to lack of a quorum with two (2) members abstaining.

3. COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Comments from the public are noted under each specific agenda item. Non-agenda items appear under item 6.

4. STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

5. REPORT ITEMS

Since there was another meeting being held the same night as the BPAB meeting (7:00 pm at Odd Fellows Pacific Hall) called "Where Should Bicycles and Pedestrians Cross Highway-101 in the SRJC Area," Chair Klassen asked the Board if there were any requests regarding the order of the report items or agenda items 6.0 – 8.0. Member Frye requested item 7.0 be moved after 5.3 to ensure 7.0 was addressed prior to any Board Member leaving to attend the other meeting. Mr. Frye also wanted to make a Board Member announcement at that time.

5.1 2009 / 2010 Public Works Work Plan

Department of Public Works Staff Jason Nutt provided an update on the 2008/2009 Public Works Work Plan briefly going over the existing projects.

Public Comments:

Duane DeWitt, a resident of the Roseland neighborhood in Southwest Santa Rosa, stated he was also looking at the American Economic Recovery Act and hoping some money will come to the Southwest community. Mr. DeWitt believes bicycle or pedestrian paths are non-existent from in the area of Olive Street and Sebastopol Road, and is concerned with the lack of bicycle and pedestrian paths on Corby Avenue from Baker to Hearn

Motion made by Board Member Stanley and seconded by Board Member Bayless to support the Public Works work plan project list for FY 2009/2010. Motion carried, 6-0.

5.2 General Plan Update

Department of Advanced Planning & Public Policy staff Lisa Kranz gave an overview of the Draft General Plan Revision which focuses on the City's vision for the future. The draft plan incorporates policies from other planning documents, including the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Key concepts of the Draft General Plan are transportation, land use, and the housing element. Advanced Planning anticipates the General Plan will be adopted by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2009.

Public Comments:

Duane Dewitt does not feel the public exposure to the Draft General Plan Revision has been sufficient. Mr. Dewitt suggests the City have a forum in the Southwest to discuss better bicycle access, and to address the Roseland Creek concept plan and bike paths.

5.3 Mendocino Avenue Corridor

Department of Advanced Planning & Public Policy Staff Peter Brown gave a presentation on the Mendocino Avenue Corridor project. The project is about one mile long – from College Avenue to Steele Lane, and has some bicycle and pedestrian elements. Following feedback from other City Advisory Boards and public comment, the plan will be presented to City Council in May 2009. The draft plan and a summary of the project will be presented in a series of 5 public meetings.

Public Comments:

Mike Eunice inquired as to the street benefit of tree planting in the sidewalk and the median.

Linda Angel commented that the trees beautify the area, and clean the air. Ms. Angel inquired as to why the plan shows no left turn on Denton Way, and asked how is it determined which intersections have a "no left turn" off Mendocino. Ms. Angel is concerned with cars being pushed into the neighborhoods because of the elimination of left turns.

Dino Dargenzio is also concerned with the cars being pushed into neighborhoods along the corridor, and inquired if there have been traffic studies regarding that, and believes the residents should be notified. Mr. Dargenzio has concerns where the Corridor Plan shows quite a few curb cuts on Mendocino, and how the median would diminish the accessibility of the businesses along the corridor.

Charlie McGowan asked what the reason was for omitting the median between College Avenue and Carrillo Street. Mr. McGowan additionally inquired if the design guidelines would become effective immediately following an approval by the City Council.

Duane Dewitt stated he walked the entire length of the corridor, and believes this corridor is very dangerous due to the fast moving traffic. Mr. Dewitt supports landscape medians and traffic calming as this makes it more pedestrian friendly.

5.4 Wilson Street Corridor Update

This item was moved to the March meeting.

5.5 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP)

This item was moved to the March meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Duane Dewitt said that while he supports the idea of the City of Santa Rosa accepting planning funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the previous Station Area Plan, he believes a “disconnect” occurs at the City between planning, public feedback, and implementation.

7. CHAIR/BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Frye provided a handout regarding the SRJC 101 overcrossing and the Humboldt Bike Boulevard which was produced by his own neighborhood group. Member Frye also requested that staff coordinate an item for the March agenda regarding a path near a Utilities Department water tank installation project on Sunridge Drive.

Member Bayless announced that he is involved in the Sonoma Velo project, and would like an item to be on a future agenda where the group presents a brief synopsis of their purpose, etc.

7.1 Appointment of Vice Chair

Chair Klassen nominated Board Member Steve Frye be appointed Vice Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Member Stanley, and passed unanimously 7-0.

Chair Klassen thanked Member Stanley for his time as Chair of the Board.

Chair Klassen thanked former Member Michael Eunice for his time and service while serving on the Board.

Chair Klassen welcomed the newest Board Member Beth Dadko and asked her to introduce herself.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department of Transit and Parking Staff Fabian Favila stated that at next month's BPAB meeting he would be presenting information on Article III Funding, giving an overview of how it works, what it is eligible for, and some of the projects.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Hearing no further business, Chairman Klassen adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.