

**MINUTES
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE**

City Hall - Council Conference Room
Tuesday, March 21, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gene Hiegel, Chair
Beth Trimble, Vice Chair
John Carroll
Matt Leslie
Vince Buck
Karla Reinhardt

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jane Rands

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Eastman, Senior Planner

ALSO PRESENT:

Chuncey Fonner, Fullerton Police Officer, California State University Fullerton
Cari Elofson, Safety Training & Development, California State University Fullerton

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one from the public who wished to speak on any matter.

MINUTES

Changes to the February 21, 2013 minutes were noted as follows: During discussion of Section 2D, Secretary, third paragraph, change "Director of Engineer" to "Director of Public Works". MOTION by Member Carroll, SECONDED by Member Buck and CARRIED by a unanimous vote that the February 21, 2013 minutes be approved as AMENDED.

PRESENTATIONS

1 California State Fullerton's Bicycle Safety Program

Cari Elofson introduced herself as the manager of a new bicycle safety program at California State University Fullerton (CSUF). The program started with a CSUF committee made up of representatives from various departments. She described the program and stated it is comprised of an online training component and a hands-on class. The goal of the safety

program is to allow bicyclists to safely interact with automobile drivers. They provide the service for students and visitors, but would like to extend it to the community at large. Outreach is a part of the program. The first class will be held in the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Elofson discussed the details of the program, training, outreach, safety benefits, program incentive programs, and funding. She stated that Two Wheeler Dealer comes on campus and provides free bicycle tune-ups monthly.

Member Buck asked how the training program compares with the League of American Bicyclist Training Program. Ofc. Fonner said he was not familiar with their program. It was suggested that CSUF trainers take the course or involve the American Bicyclist Association in their training. Members and CSUF staff discussed students riding at night without lights on their bikes, a lack of signage on campus, on-campus landscaping that hinders bicycle safety, and skateboarding on campus. Mrs. Elofson stated that bike safety signage on campus has been increased. Member Buck suggested that the county pathway by the Arboretum should be better labeled as a bike pathway. The solid screening on one side is dangerous, and there may not be any signage at the north end.

Senior Planner Eastman asked how was the program funded. Mrs. Elofson and Ofc. Fonner said it was funded by an internal University grant from the University President's Office. Eastman clarified for the subcommittee that any grants the City may obtain will need to be very focused on, and won't be as flexible as the University's funding.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Meeting Dates and Times

This agenda item was taken out of order to accommodate Member Leslie, who will need to leave early. Member Leslie stated that meetings on Thursday are difficult for him, since he has other obligations in the evening.

Planner Eastman stated that he had received an e-mail from Member Rands who supported moving the meetings from Thursdays and a time no earlier than 5 p.m.

MOTION made by Member Leslie, SECONDED by Member Buck, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by members present to change the meeting date to the third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

2. The BIKE FULLERTON Program

Senior Planner Eastman stated that the Subcommittee asked him to bring this program back to discuss ways to accomplish the goals that were previously set forth, which were:

- Increase ridership through safety and road improvements
- Create a map for safe routes
- Promote the benefits of ridership
- Improve signage, including basic signage, routes, and share the road signage, etc.

Member Trimble asked if the City can look into copying CSUF's program. Planner Eastman said he'd touch base with the Police Department to see there is an desire to do an incentive program and reaching out to high school students. Eastman suggested that the City look at having city staff members, such as Park and Recreation employees, go through the CSUF

program so that they become familiar with it and can then pick it up and teach it if the City can obtain a grant. Eastman identified the BIKE FULLERTON Program

Member Rands was not present at the meeting but had e-mailed comments. She would like to explore opportunities to partner with Acacia School to develop and participate in a Bike Safety Program that encourages bicycling to school.

3. Reporting of Bicycle Accidents

Member Hiegel asked if Traffic Engineering Analyst Dave Langstaff could attend one of our meetings. Senior Planner Eastman said he would be available to attend a future meeting, but would need to coordinate with him on schedule.

Member Rands, who was not present at the meeting, had e-mailed comments. Eastman distributed her e-mail, read the questions and responded to them.

Senior Planner discussed the matrix he had previously provided, and that spreadsheet does not usually include CSUF campus accidents, unless CSUF Police hand off the case or data to Fullerton Police. Eastman clarified that the spreadsheet was prepared by the Traffic Division intern, and that he had input the data straight from the Fullerton Police department reports.

Chair Hiegel asked how the Subcommittee would use the information from the Police Report? Member Carroll suggested that the data be mapped, and then evaluated. Senior Planner Eastman went over the items that Member Rands thought the City should track.

4. Bike Route Signage

Member Hiegel noted that signage for the Puente Avenue Bike Route has not yet been done, there are a lot of streets that are not signed, and signing will need to take time. Senior Planner Eastman said he would speak to Don Hoppe regarding any community concerns, and discuss with other staff costs, budget and number of signs. Member Buck said there are two routes have had signs removed and need to be replaced, being Valencia Mesa route and the Wilshire/Chapman route. Vice-Chair Trimble asked if there is opportunity to put in yellow caution signs stating that bicyclists are to share the road. Member Carroll was in favor of class 3 signage and installing the caution signs, especially for the Wilshire Avenue bike route.

Member Rands suggested that bike route signage should be tackled once we have squared the discrepancies.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Member Rands asked that the answer be given to Mrs. Hansburg's question regarding the bicycle lanes being removed on Acacia during the State College and Raymond Grade Separation project?

Senior Planner Eastman said he spoke with Ron Bowers, Senior Civil Engineer. The re-stripping to remove the bike lanes is temporary and ends at Commonwealth. The bike lanes between Commonwealth and Chapman will remain two lanes plus the bike lane, so it will not

change stripping adjacent to the school. Member Buck suggested that the bike lane remain south of the tracks and that parking be removed.

Planner Eastman provided an update regarding Member Reinhardt's prior inquiry regarding police reports for stole bicycles at the train station. He gave her Lt. Rudisil's telephone number for more detail.

Senior Planner Eastman updated the subcommittee on the latest changes regarding the Subcommittee by-laws and that he will place the by-laws on the agenda for final approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to the next meeting to be held on April 17, 2013 at 5:00 PM.