

City of San Rafael
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Wednesday February 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Chair Powers
Member Allison
Member Solomon
Member Mooney
Member Bergman
Member Hagerty
Member Coyne, Alternate
Member Geraghty, Alternate
Youth Member Nielsen

Call to Order

Chair Powers called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

1. Public Comments for Items not on Agenda

Craig Murray: Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), Safe Routes to School efforts, US 101 Undercrossing

Jean Severinghaus: Kudos for Second Street to Rice Drive Multi-Use Path (MUP) and for Quick Build at Francisco Boulevard East/Grange Avenue

Patrick Seidler: Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) has money they could put towards the North-South Greenway

Warren Wells: New Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) Policy and Program Director.

Sunny Lee: Requests a study be done on the traffic impacts of the Francisco Blvd West one-way circulation on northbound Lincoln Avenue

2. Committee Housekeeping

Staff announced that the City is not currently seeking replacements for former Member Belletto or Youth Member Harlem's vacancies. Members of the committee requested the City consider recruiting for the second youth member position

3. Approval of meeting minutes

Minutes for regular December 2, 2020 meeting approved.

4. Third Street/Lindaro Street Intersection Improvements

Staff provided a report prior to the meeting and presented at the meeting the alternatives for the design of the Third Street and Lindaro Street intersection. The alternatives are: close the driveway (north leg) to Walgreens or make the driveway (north leg) one-way southbound.

Comments from committee members:

Member Solomon asked how far the driveway is from the nearest intersection (Lootens Street)

Alternate Member Geraghty mentioned the conflict between southbound vehicles making a right turn and not looking for bicycle traffic

Member Allison asked about the collision history and the back-up in lane #3

Youth Member Nielsen asked if improvements can be made to the Lindaro Street driveway

Member Mooney asked about the bike lanes on Lindaro that BioMarin was supposed to install

Alternate Coyne asked the city to look at the design of the exit only to make sure cars can't turn right into driveway from 3rd Street.

Member Hagerty asked to review letters provided by the public prior to the meeting

Member Mooney asked staff to clarify when vehicle counts were collected

Speakers: Don Magdenz, Lisa Merigan, Dave Rhoads, Jean Severinghaus, Sunny Lee, Lori S, Jonathan Toste

There being no further comment, Chair Powers closed the public comment

Member Allison expressed that the exit only is a great compromise as far as circulation and helps reduce the pedestrian conflict and considers the vehicle throughput

Member Mooney expressed the need to design for the future and consider BioMarin and Senior Housing going in

Youth Member Nielsen suggested staff consider redesigning the Walgreens driveway

Member Bergman mentioned the parking lot can be challenging to drive through and visibility should be checked. If these are looked into, then it should alleviate some of the concerns for pedestrians at the exit.

Chair Powers asked what the City was satisfied with and indicated she was appreciative of the public process that this project has gone through. Asked if the exit only provides one lane or two lanes.

City staff commented that both alternatives were presented because city staff is comfortable with both alternatives.

Members Allison and Hagerty expressed support for the one-way exit only alternative.

Member Solomon initially supported the closure, however after public comment and staff presentations, he expressed support for the Exit only option in the spirit of community cooperation.

Member Mooney and Alternate Members Geraghty and Coyne expressed support for the closed alternative.

5. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Staff presented how the CIP is created, how projects make it into the CIP, and how the projects are ranked

Alternate Member Geraghty asked if the City monitors e-bike sales

Youth Member Nielsen asked how projects can get added mid-cycle

Speakers: Patrick Seidler, Craig Murray, Sunny Lee, Dave Rhoads, Lori S, Jean Severinghaus

Member Mooney asked about planning for the increase in e-bikes

Chair Powers requested that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) be revisited regularly to reprioritize projects

Member Bergman requested MTC's regional bike and pedestrian plan. He also thinks it would be helpful to have detailed breakdown of funding and the limitations of different funding sources.

Youth Member Nielsen requested the process be refined

There being no further comment, Chair Powers closed the public comment

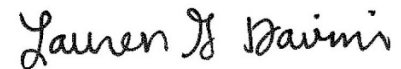
6. Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee members requested the funding opportunities for the North-South Greenway be discussed

7. Adjournment

Chair Powers adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

Approved this 7th day of April 2021



Lauren Davini, Staff Liaison