MINUTES BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall -----Council Chamber Conference Room Wednesday, September 15, 2010-----4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Hiegel, Chair

Kent Morris

Richard Osborne Jane Rands

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: James Donovan

Edmundo Duvignau

STAFF PRESENT: Thuy Nguyen, Engineering

> Yelena Voronel, Engineering Mark Miller, Traffic Engineer Joe Felz, Parks & Rec Dept.

Judy Peterson, Parks & Rec Dept.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Denny Bean

Vince Buck

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 4:35 p.m.

CONSENT

1. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2010 MEETING

The Minutes of the June 16, 2010 meeting were APPROVED as written by a 3-1 vote, with Member Rands abstaining.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. FULLERTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Joe Felz, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a report on the proposed striping on Commonwealth Avenue, and "bulb-outs" which will define the parking places on both sides of the mid-block pedestrian crosswalk.

Member Rands asked Traffic Engineer Miller to point out on the plan where bicyclists would be able to ride safety. Mr. Miller answered that they could ride in the number two lane, adjacent to the parked cars. There would be 12 feet between a parked car and the dividing line. Member Rands felt that the proposed plan could be enhanced to provide a safer environment for bicyclists to travel on Commonwealth Avenue. She suggested adding sharrows to inform motorists that they would be sharing the lane with bicyclists. Traffic Engineer Miller did not oppose to the suggestion.

Motion was made by Member Rands that the plan be adopted, with the addition of sharrows in the number two lane. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously by voting members present.

2. BICYCLE SAFETY

Chair Hiegel stated that one of his main concerns was construction projects, which often times block the bicycle lane with equipment. He felt that signs should be posted to indicate that there is construction ahead and there may be bicycles in the lane of traffic. Traffic Engineer Miller agreed and added that such signs should be posted and called out in the specifications, reiterated at the preconstruction meeting with the contractor, and should be enforced by City.

Traffic Engineer Miller further advised that there are approximately 1,000 -1,200 reported collision accidents yearly in Fullerton. Of those, approximately 50 involve bicyclists and 95% of those are the fault of the bicyclist (wrong side of the road). He has suggested to the Police Department that if a bicyclist is observed either riding on the wrong side of the road, or not wearing a helmet (if the rider is under 18), to either issue a citation or talk with the person about bicycle safety. He also felt that there is a great need to get the school district involved in educating the parents and children regarding rules of the road and safe operation of a bicycle.

The committee felt that there should be additional methods to inform the public about bicycle safety.

There was also discussion about retrofitting signalized intersections to detect bicyclists. Also, staff will visit all bicycle shops in Fullerton and leave Orange County bike maps which contain rules of the road, instructions to secure the bike to bike racks on buses, and bicycle safety information for customers.

STAFF/SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Member Rands asked for clarification regarding members who no longer attend meetings, and if the number for a quorum could be reduced. She also wanted to know if inactive members could be removed from the roster. Mr. Nguyen will find out that information and report back at the next meeting.

Vince Buck also questioned whether it was possible to remove the requirement to have a member of the Transportation & Circulation Commission on the BUSC. He also asked for the status of the Puente Bike Lane Connection. Mr. Nguyen reported that there would be no work until after April 2011, because of the rainy season. The plans are 95% complete and staff is still working out details regarding the easement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 20, 2010.

Becky Stevens Administrative Assistant