

MINUTES
BICYCLE USERS SUBCOMMITTEE

City Hall -----Council Chamber Conference Room
Wednesday, June 17, 2009-----5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Hiegel, Chair
 Davis Barber, Vice Chair
 Kent Morris
 Jane Rands

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: James Donovan
 Edmundo Duvignau

STAFF PRESENT: Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer
 Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hiegel at 5:34 p.m.

CONSENT

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2009 MEETING

The Minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting were APPROVED as written.

REGULAR BUSINESS

BICYCLE ELEMENT

Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner, introduced Ryan Snyder, the consultant for the Bicycle Element of the General Plan. Mr. Snyder presented a PowerPoint presentation and explained his business, his credentials, and the process he would be going through as the Bicycle Element was developed.

Mr. St. Paul explained that staff would be working on the Goals, Policies, and Procedures, which would be brought to the BUSC for review. Staff anticipated having the draft document complete when they met with the GPAC in the fall. The BUSC would have an opportunity to review the draft document prior to its being presented to the GPAC.

A member commented that the BUSC had only one opportunity to review the field work that had been done, and there were some inaccuracies that needed correcting. Mr. St. Paul clarified that staff had the Committee's notes regarding changes needed, and also public comments, for Mr. Snyder's review.

A member suggested that Mr. Snyder be provided a copy of the map that showed existing and proposed bike routes, and Thuy Nguyen, Civil Engineer, stated he would provide a copy. A second map which had been prepared by the BUSC, but not approved by Council, would also be provided.

A member asked how detailed the element would be, and Mr. Snyder responded that he would, if the city desired, provide details as specific as what treatments should be used on what street. Mr. St. Paul clarified that at the General Plan level the Bicycle Element would be more general, i.e.

potential tools that could be used, but specific details as to what treatment on what street would be considered at the project level.

After general discussion, no action was taken by the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public commented that an item on the next Council agenda was approval of the General Plan Update outline, and asked if the Committee had any comments on the name change of the Bicycle Element. A member commented that the Committee had let staff know what they wanted to see in the General Plan, but he wanted to be sure that the Bicycle Element was done in a way that would allow the city to seek funding for some of the projects. Mr. St. Paul responded that he would speak with Mr. Snyder to get his opinion.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

A member asked about the new OCT parking structure project, and when they would be allowed to provide input. Mr. St. Paul stated he would let the planner know of their interest.

The Puente Bike Trail project is tentatively scheduled to go before Council at the August 4, 2009 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hiegel adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Janelle Pasillas
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