



THE CITY OF
NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 7:00PM
922 Machin Ave
Baget Conference Room-2nd Floor

A. Call to Order-7:02 PM

Committee: Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse, Jack Gedney, Joakim Osthus, Mark Vanderscoff
Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Nancy Wein
Staff: Petr Skala, Reza Pourfarhani (PD)

B. Approval of Final Agenda

M/S Greenspan/Gedney All in favor- 5-0-2- Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse, Jack Gedney, Joakim Osthus, Mark Vanderscoff
Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Nancy Wein

C. Public Comment

(Anyone wishing to speak on non-agenda items will be recognized at this time. These items can legally have no action as they are not on the agenda. There is a three minute time limit).

D. Committee Organizational Items

D-1-Approval of March 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

M/S Gedney/Greenspan All in favor-5-0-2-Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse, Jack Gedney, Joakim Osthus, Mark Vanderscoff
Absent: Mark Birnbaum, Nancy Wein

E. Committee Reports

F. Staff Reports-

G. F-1 – Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects Update

Petr updated the committee on the current status of the active CIP projects

F-2 – Project Information is Available at:

<http://novato.org/government/public-works/public-works-projects>

H. General Business

(Anyone wishing to speak on agenda items will be recognized after the Committee has concluded their initial discussions. There is a three minute time limit for public comment per item.)

<i>Approximate Time</i>	<i>Item/Attachments</i>	<i>Purpose and Actions</i>
30 minutes	G-1: City of Novato Police Department representative Traffic Officer Reza Pourfarhani to provide feedback on bicycle/pedestrian/motor vehicles issues and concerns. Initiated by City B/PAC liaison – Petr Skala	<i>Committee discussion. No Action.</i>

Guest speaker, Reza Pourfarhani, from PD, attended the meeting to discuss and answer any questions related to bike/pedestrian safety. Several questions were asked including- what are the most frequent infractions you see related from a bike and pedestrian standpoint? He said he sees people darting out in front of cars. As a motorcycle rider he has close calls a lot, also due to distracted driver and cell phone use. It was asked if there are many bicycle citations issued. He said they do not issue many. The committee asked for a copy of a report and/or some data and stats on locations where incidents have occurred. He said he would look into providing some detailed information. Reza stated that, overall, Novato has a low bike and pedestrian collision rate

Petr suggested an educational opportunity to get together and talk about safety issues. Ideally they could plan an event that will draw people on bicycles. Reza thought putting out a mailer with simple reminders would be an effective and low cost way to share information. Novato Bike and Pedestrian Safety month is August/September so it might be a good time to plan an event. Petr inquired if PD has any handouts as far as cycling safety, Reza said that OTS can probably provide that. Reza said he is agreeable to meet and discuss issues at any time there is a need. The committee will consider what type of event they can put together and will seek out the Public Works Directors feedback.

<p>10 minutes</p>	<p>G-2: Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Assessment. CIP Project No. 17-005 NCE a consulting engineering firm was contracted to complete sidewalk and curb ramp assessment using latest technology including GIS tools. Initiated by City B/PAC liaison – Petr Skala</p>	<p><i>Receive update. No Action.</i></p>
<p>The city has hired NCE to evaluate the city, using a GPS system, and entering the location coordinates which will ultimately result in the ability to take care of sidewalk tripping hazards, and to ensure wheelchair ramps are compliant as well as identifying sidewalk gaps. This undertaking will provide an inventory for future reference. This information will be accessible through our GIS system and we will have more material to work with as far as researching (pedestrian facilities).</p>		
<p>5 minutes</p>	<p>G-3: Confirm next meeting date. (Wednesday July 10, 2019).</p>	<p><i>Receive recommendation. Action.</i></p>
<p>Next meeting date of July 10, confirmed. M/S Greenspan/Vanderscoff All in favor- 5-0-2- Burt Greenspan, Nestor Schnasse, Jack Gedney, Joakim Osthus, Mark Vanderscoff</p>		

I. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm