



CITY OF NOVATO
PUBLIC WORKS

Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Teleconference Only

A. CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

In attendance: Chair Mark Vanderscoff, Vice Chair Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Luke Heslip, Mark Birnbaum, Nestor Schnasse

Absent: Burt Greenspan

Staff: Petr Skala, Kenny Jeong (Traffic Engineer)

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

M / S Birnbaum / Heslip: All in Favor 6-0-1 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Luke Heslip, Mark Birnbaum, Nestor Schnasse

Absent: Burt Greenspan

C. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES - March 10, 2021

M / S Gedney / Osthus: All in Favor 6-0-1 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Luke Heslip, Mark Birnbaum, Nestor Schnasse

Absent: Burt Greenspan

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Warren Wells asked about the recent accident that involved a pedestrian's death. He wanted to say that it should bring about change to the location. Petr did not have any details to provide about the incident.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

E.1. Adoption of the Addendum 1 – Receive Updates

Petr thanked the committee for their efforts in bringing this to completion. We have received authorization to publish the document for public review and comments utilizing the city's website. Joakim asked what the plan is for evaluating public comments. Petr stated that we need to wait and see if there are any comments as well as the nature of the comments. We may need to consider edits in anticipation of the comments and could possibly call another meeting if necessary. We will try to include the item on the agenda for the city council adoption at the November meeting.

E.2. Commissioner (*Mark Birnbaum*) Requested Discussion Concerning New Developments: Marriott Residence Inn and Park-A-Pup Dog Boarding on Redwood Boulevard.

Mark wanted to discuss his concerns about the bike path that starts at the San Marin Smart station and the new development in the area, that is still in the planning stages. He was concerned that there are no plans to extend the path; he feels there is enough space behind

the buildings. Petr commented that his concerns are more of a building/planning issue since these are private developments, not CIP projects. Petr will provide planning manager, Steve Marshall's information so Mark can follow up with him directly.

E.3. City Traffic Engineer - Receive Updates (*Kenny Jeong - W-Trans*).

Kenny provided traffic engineering updates which included an overview and breakdown of his open cases as well as the vicinity / locations. He reviewed the process of how speed limits are set and responded to questions from the committee and public.

Pat Eklund asked if city council can set an ordinance related to speed around senior centers. Kenny will investigate.

Warren Wells - commented on the survey results and how it relates to speed limits. He also had a question about what the lowest speed limit could be on a street.

E.4. CIP Projects - Receive Updates (*Petr Skala – City of Novato*).

Petr provided a brief overview of current and upcoming projects.

- San Marin Dr. - Contract 2 included the micro surfacing and restriping is complete.
- Grant Ave Bridge - is scheduled for construction in 2022.
- DeLong at Diablo – Field review and design to start - coming up soon.
- Novato Blvd. Widening - Moving along, not much new to report.
- Rowland Blvd Imp-Project Is on hold pending litigation.
- Retaining Wall Pioneer Park - Will go out to bid soon, construction to start shortly thereafter, probably by end of October.

E.5. COVID-19 Vaccine Verification Requirements for all City Staff, Board Members and Contractors - Receive Updates (*Petr Skala*)

There were changes with the requirements and we are obligated to comply with Marin health official's requests. A self-certification form was sent out to the committee previously and a new form was recently provided. Petr reminded the committee to complete the form if they had not already done so, and to make sure it submitted to the city's HR department.

F. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Joakim provided a brief update of the recent Safe Routes to School meeting. A topic at the meeting was the safety at the intersection of Bel Marin Keyes and the 101. There is a consultant working on that study, which was funded by TAM.

F.1. Consider Future Topics

Petr asked the members to e-mail him with topics to be added to the agenda.

F.2. Next Meeting Date (*November 10, 2021*)

Meeting date was confirmed for November 10, at 5:30 PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT (7:00 PM – TIME APPROXIMATE)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04

Motion to adjourn M / S Birnbaum / Heslip: All in Favor 6-0-1 Mark Vanderscoff, Joakim Osthus, Jack Gedney, Luke Heslip, Mark Birnbaum, Nestor Schnasse

Absent: Burt Greenspan