

**MILL VALLEY BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**December 12, 2012  
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Upstairs Conference Room  
MILL VALLEY CITY HALL  
26 Corte Madera Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941**

**Committee Members: David Griffis (Chair), Bob Gordon (Vice Chair),  
Elisabeth Thomas-Matej, Carl Weissensee, and  
Tricia Sataka**

**Also Present: Public Works Director Jill Barnes, Senior Civil Engineer Dan Hughes,  
Associate Engineer Cecilia Zamora, Parks Operations  
Superintendent Rick Misuraca, Police Chief Angel Bernal,  
Transportation Consultant David Parisi, and Marin County Bicycle  
Coalition Member Alisha Oloughlin.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**Committee Member Gordon opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. JUNE 26, 2012 MEETING MINUTES approved 5/0**
- 2. AUGUST 8, 2012 MEETING MINUTES approved 5/0**

**D. PUBLIC OPEN TIME**

**Tricia Sataka, mother of children attending Mill Valley High School and Middle School, and part-owner of TAM Bikes, introduced herself as a new Committee Member.**

**Alisha Oloughlin, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, provided brief summary of the process of the Working Group and the Advisory Committee to the 2040 General Plan Update. They have drafted suggestions, edits and additions to the language of the Mobility Document, specifically with regard to the automobile environment. They have a good working draft and it's going back to GPAC on January 25, 2013. Alisha Oloughlin made a plea to Committee Members to watch for the draft and keep an eye on it. She thanked Elisabeth for her hard work on it.**

**E. Old Business**

**Associate Engineer Zamora provided a staff report follow-up from the meeting with Elisabeth Thomas-Matej, Christina Torresan), County of Marin, Chief Ranger Robert Ruiz**

and herself on September 12, 2012 regarding the Sausalito/Mill Valley multi-use path at the end of Sycamore Avenue. They covered sign pollution and pavement markings. The County is still working on the kiosk prototype and funding. However, as of two days ago, Christina Torresan reported that the site has been chosen as a location to receive a County kiosk and the City of Mill Valley will probably have use of one of the two sides to display information. The County requested that Mill Valley kiosk project be put on hold until summer. County kiosk design will be ready in mid-April. At that time, BPAC could share what BPAC committee would like to see on the kiosk.

Committee Member Thomas-Matej asked about the location at Almonte. Associate Engineer Zamora stated that the County is considering this location as an additional site but not as an installation prior to summer. However, if permission would be granted, the kiosk would be installed temporarily because of ADA and flooding concerns.

Public Works Director Barnes inquired about the two-sided kiosk and wanted to know if we contributed some funding, would we be able to obtain two sides of a three-sided kiosk. Associate Engineer Zamora stated she would propose the idea to Christina Torresan.

Public Works Director Barnes also wanted to know about the other previously suggested locations in Mill Valley, which are out of County jurisdiction, as possible installation sites such as E Blithedale/Lomita, the Depot, Sycamore turn-around, etc.

Committee Member Thomas-Matej pointed out that getting riders coming from SF redirecting to safer routes as early as possible, should be a priority as many of these riders are families with young children. Committee Member Thomas-Matej surmised after meeting with Christina Torresan, that the County has a different agenda than the City. They are focused on branding their County Parks and Open Space.

Committee Member Thomas-Matej presented Christina Torresan with a list of 12 user conflicts that the Committee identified. Committee Member Thomas-Matej learned that County Parks and Open Space is not doing pavement work and that any pavement markings would have to be included under the County's capital improvement project for repaving. Committee Member Thomas-Matej reported that Christina Torresan said the County is working with a sign maker but the signs will be ready in three years.

Public Works Director Barnes suggested getting in contact with Stephanie Moulton-Peters before next meeting to see where she left off with Blazing Saddles and the idea of providing them with a better user map for their bicycle rentals.

Public Works Director Barnes suggested that she and Rick Misuraca could contact the County to see if BPAC could make a contribution toward the kiosk effort.

Parks Operations Superintendent Misuraca recommended the bench area next to the old railroad right-of-way (next to the multi-use path) at Bay Front Park which is City owned, as an alternative kiosk location. He concurred that the County is prioritizing their branding message, creating a conflict of interest.

Associate Engineer Zamora said there is a survey of the Almonte location which can be reviewed more closely to see if there would be any City property available as an alternative location.

Committee Member Thomas-Matej asked for an update on the pavement markings of the multi-use path. Public Works Director Barnes said she and Parks Operations Superintendent Misuraca could discuss the pavement markings and repaving with the County.

A man proposed meeting with Parks Operations Superintendent Misuraca at the Bay Front/Sycamore location and work in tandem.

#### **F. New Business**

Item 1: Postponed.

Item 2, a: Associate Engineer Zamora handed-out copies of the 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to each board member.

Item 2, b: Transportation Consultant Parisi gave a slide presentation on innovative bicycle designs including bikeway designs and features, one-way and two-way cycle tracks, school bike routes, bike boxes, signs, markings and parking corrals. The slide presentation was shown to California Legislators last September and is available at [www.nacto.org](http://www.nacto.org).

Discussion ensued among Committee Members about a possible downtown bike corral location. Public Works Director Barnes suggested that the BPAC involve input from the Chamber of Commerce. The Committee asked Transportation Consultant Parisi to develop a plan for a downtown bike corral. Transportation Consultant Parisi agreed to bring tools to build a plan, outlining Committee Member responsibilities, to the next meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Item 2, c: Transportation Consultant Parisi discussed all-way pedestrian crossing at Camino Alto/Sycamore Ave. His recommendation is that the intersection is not ideal for this type of application. A leading pedestrian light application would serve this intersection better.

Item 3: Parks Operations Superintendent Misuraca presented a proposal to relocate Prioritized SLPs #222 and #227. The relocation and development received a lot of support from neighbors both through positive feedback and through financial pledges. Parks Operations Superintendent Misuraca asked for approval of the relocation and development of the two priority SLPs.

M/s by Thomas-Matej/Sataka, Motion Approved unanimously 5/0

Parks Operations Superintendent Misuraca presented a proposal to develop a new SLP in Blithedale Park. Eagle Scout Steven Peters would supply tools, labor and know-how.

Senior Civil Engineer Hughes asked if this is a recommendation that would go before City Council.

Public Works Director Barnes stated that BPAC needs to make a recommendation to City Council to amend the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan to revise the two SLP Items: Revise the first SLP in the first report and add the second SLP from the second report.

Public Works Director Barnes noted that the recommendation to approve the new SLP needs to take recommendation to City Council to add the new SLP to the SLP Plan.

M/s to Approve Recommendation by Thomas-Matej/Sataka, Motion Approved unanimously 5/0

#### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Committee Discussion about Public Education Outreach for Cyclists and Non-Cyclists regarding Laws, Safety and Etiquette

Committee Member Thomas-Matej discussed an appendix regarding public education that would be emailed with live link attachments to all BPAC Members for review and comments.

Senior Civil Engineer Hughes asked if Committee Member Thomas-Matej wanted to include this item on a future agenda.

Committee Member Thomas-Matej asked for this as a future agenda item. She also asked to include law enforcement to be included in the discussion regarding the links.

Police Chief Angel Bernal suggested viewing the CA DMV You Tube video for good information

Committee Member Gordon introduced last category and asked Police Chief Bernal to address group

Police Chief Bernal asked if anyone needed clarification or wanted any items added to future agenda.

Alisha Oloughlin, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, wanted to organize some sort of training for all law enforcement regarding rules of the road for bicyclists.

Police Chief Bernal offered a presentation spot at one of the monthly County Chief of Police meetings.

Public Works Director Barnes suggested removing bullet items from the Requests for Information for Future Discussion to a holding place until the items are ready to be addressed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was M/s Thomas-Matej/ David Griffis to adjourn the public hearing at 8:48 pm.