

CITY OF SAN MATEO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016, 7:30 p.m. **AMENDED 4/13/2016**
CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Laurie Watanuki led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL. Members present were, Chair, Laurie Watanuki; Vice Chair, Kara Cox, Garrett Rice, and Clifford Robbins. Anna Kuhre was absent and excused. Staff in attendance included Gary DeJesus, Deputy Director; Gary Heap, Engineering Manager; Otis Chan, Senior Engineer; Tracy Scramaglia, Senior Engineer; Mario Ung, Associate Engineer; Aaron Lam, Associate Engineer; Jesse Khatkar, Engineering Technician; and Jay Witherspoon, Program Management Advisor from CH2M, for Cathi Zammit, Engineering Manager.

3. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. The February 2016 regular meeting minutes were amended *to show motion to approve the January 2016 regular meeting minutes passed 4-0-0 (with new Commissioner, Cliff Robbins abstaining)*. Motion passed **4-0**.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Greg St. Clair voiced concerns that the process to collect information from all neighborhoods is taking too long. Fiesta Garden neighborhood is in need of immediate solutions. The neighborhood gave suggestions to the City, such as painting curbs, signage, etc. but the neighborhood needs help with coming up with solutions now because Fiesta Gardens only has two exits out of the neighborhood. The increased cut-thru traffic is causing back-ups on local streets.
- Dino Antoniazzi spoke regarding proposed Highway 92 interchange, specifically the Ivy Street side and the removal of trees and foliage and proposed low retaining wall. Suggested preserving oak trees, planting additional trees and installing higher **14'** barrier or sound wall.
- Thomas Arnold is concerned about low height of proposed wall. The removal of foliage and trees will change the feel of the neighborhood, in addition to increased noise from trucks travelling on Highway 92 toward Safeway. Would like the tree line to remain, or something similar installed to mitigate sound from large trucks. Mr. Arnold would also like more clarity on the height of sound walls and retaining walls. Also asked if project time can be reduced to one and half years instead of two years. *(Mr. Heap will bring up these concerns to Caltrans and will talk offline with Mr. Arnold regarding sound mitigation and removal of trees.)*
- Brian Haverty wanted following corrections noted regarding the recent traffic forum; 1) staff report noted 45 attendees but there were actually 72 residents in attendance; 2) Parrot Park is not part of the Baywood HOA. *(Ms. Scramaglia noted that the count was incorrectly tallied at 45 instead of 72. Parrot Park does not have a HOA and Mr. Haverty was designated as the point of contact)*, Mr. Haverty also had concerns about vehicles rolling through the stop sign at Notre Dame and Maple in addition to the speeding on Maple, and has complained about this for 18 years. Implement speed humps, with notches for emergency vehicles. Electronic surveillance are solutions that can be imposed today and will reduce the speed of the vehicles racing down Maple Street.

5. NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC FORUMS UPDATE. Tracy Scramaglia, Senior Engineer, presented the report and asked the Commissioners to receive an update on the Neighborhood Traffic Forums.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment as follows:

- Steve Carlson stated that Traffic Forum #3 only had 3 attendees from the San Mateo Heights area but there are approximately 5500 residents in this area. Staff needs to get information out to these neighborhoods that do not have HOA's, which amounts to about 10,000 residents. These meetings are not forums but venting sessions but hopefully will become forums. Mr. Carlson disagrees with staff regarding regional traffic issues. The City can work with legislators, MPC, CCAG, etc.
- Ben Toy supports staff but traffic issues need to be fast tracked because of increased volume in neighborhoods with cut-thru traffic. There needs to be funding.
- Greg St. Clair suggested making eastbound Bermuda one way. Drive-times that used to take 9 minutes now take 45 minutes. Fiesta Gardens needs help now.
- Brian Haverty had suggestions for the next traffic forums; the registration area should have someone behind the table making sure residents sign in so there is an accurate count; South Barneson area only had one person represented which shows that the area was not well informed.

Commissioners discussed the item, comments included:

- At the City Council Goal Setting there was support from Mayor Goethals, Councilmember Freschett and City Manager, Larry Patterson to fast track traffic calming.

- Would like staff to get an update from Larry Patterson on funding and a timeline so neighborhoods don't have to wait until 2018. Staff will report back to the Commissioners at the next Public Works Commission.
- The spreadsheet needs to be updated showing priorities and solutions so citizens can look at City website and see what is being done.
- Need accurate counts on attendance.
- Suggestion to use yard signs posting upcoming meetings; give out flyers to neighborhoods. *(Mr. Heap said we can give flyers to established HOA's to pass out, but challenge is areas that do not have HOA's so have to depend on Next Door, City's website, social media, tweeting and press releases.)*

No motion was needed for this item.

6. **NORTH SAN MATEO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE STREET – PROJECT UPDATE.** Mario Ung, Associate Engineer, presented the report and asked that the Public Works Commissioners receive a project update and provide feedback on the North San Mateo Drive Sustainable Street Project.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment as follows:

- Steve Carlson supported additional lighting and traffic signal but concerned it may increase traffic on Bellevue. Suggested putting in 4-way stop at Bellevue/Highland and increased lighting on Highland. Also concerned about impact of losing ten parking spaces on already congested street. *(Mr. Heap will look into the suggestion for 4-way stop and additional lighting. The impact on reduced street parking will be minimal since staff will try and utilize some red zone areas.)*
- Adam Loraine, as a bicyclist, was pleased with extra lighting. Thanked staff for seeking the funding for this project and hoped new improvements, with reduced street parking, will not create a problem for residents.

No motion needed for this item.

7. **UPDATE – HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALK STRIPING PATTERN.** Aaron Lam, Associate Engineer, presented the report and asked that the Public Works Commissioners receive an update regarding the implementation of triple four striping pattern as the City's preferred high visibility crosswalk.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment. No public comment.

No motion needed for this informational item.

8. **PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE.** Jay Witherspoon, Program Management Advisor from CH2M, presented the report for Cathi Zammit, Engineering Manager, and asked that the Public Works Commissioners receive an update on the Clean Water Program.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment. No public comment.

No motion needed for this informational item.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Deputy Director DeJesus gave an update on tentative April agenda items; 3rd Quarter Bicycle/Pedestrian Update, Neighborhood Traffic Forum Update; Capital Improvement Project Update and Rail Corridor Plan – Annual TMA Report.
- Will follow up with Mr. Patterson on the traffic calming funding timeline.

10. OTHER BUSINESS. No other business.

11. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


COOKIE KAPLAN
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT