



Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM, Monday, March 23, 2015
Rohnert Park City Hall
130 Avram Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Members Present: Tim Hensel (Chair) X Terry Gault (Vice-Chair) X
Stephen Gold X Katie Musick X Carson Williams X

Non-Voting Participants:

X Jerry Griffin, Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison
X Eydie Tacata, Staff

1. Call to Order

Chair Hensel called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

2. Introductions

The BAC members present introduced themselves. Additional City staff present included Lieutenant Jeff Taylor and Sergeant Aaron Johnson of the City of Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety.

3. Oath of Office

New member Katherine Musick was administered the Oath of Office.

4. General Discussion with City of Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety

Chair Hensel introduced the item.

Lt. Taylor gave a brief overview of the Public Safety Department's approach to patrol, traffic, enforcement, and community presence; its history of bicycle patrol and change in resource availability toward that program; recent efforts to address creek area transient population and creek path safety.

Sgt. Johnson presented information on Rohnert Park's rankings in 2012 Office of Traffic Safety for bicycle and pedestrian injuries, collisions and arrests; the administrative citation process; successes in engineering solutions such as new bike lanes (for example Camino Colegio project between East Cotati Avenue and Southwest Boulevard), road diets, and green bike lanes. He also discussed enforcement challenges on issues such as sidewalk riding, including municipal code deficiencies and a general culture of vehicle law non-compliance among the student population in Rohnert Park.

There was also general discussion among the group on licenses, speed limits posting, and the role of the community's self-identity as a bicycling community or not.

5. City e-mail protocol

Ms. Tacata explained that a City e-mail account has been set up for each BAC member and should be used.

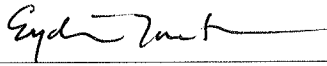
6. Public Comments

There was no member from the public present.

Board members mentioned future meeting agenda items, including: (1) SB 192, introduced by Senator Carol Liu and which would require mandatory bicycle helmet use, and (2) renaming of the BAC to be a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Gold moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion being seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 PM.



Eydie Tacata, Recording Secretary
Bicycle Advisory Committee



Timothy Hensel, Chair
Bicycle Advisory Committee