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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *September 16, 2013*

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5. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
 - On-Road
 - Mountain Bike
 - Bike Education and Outreach
 - La Tierra Master Plan

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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J. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FÉ
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 16, 2013
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Bushee on this date at approximately 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Patti Bushee, Chair
Joseph Abbatacola
Frank Herdman
John Longworth
Alicia Martínez
Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

Gretchen Grogan
James Ronald Pacheco [excused]
Tomás Rivera

Staff Present:

Bob Siqueiros
Eric Martínez
Keith Wilson

Chair Bushee congratulated Mr. Siqueiros on achieving BFC Silver.

Mr. Siqueiros said Santa Fé was the only Silver BFC in New Mexico

Chair Bushee said they were going for Gold now. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Siqueiros noted one correction in the agenda. The minutes were from September 18, not September 16, 2013.

Chair Bushee asked to move item 4 to become the second item on the agenda.

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the BTAC minutes of September 18, 2013 as submitted. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote except Mr. Longworth abstained.

E. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Stephen Newhall, thanked Mr. Siqueiros for plowing out the bike path under the freeway. He said it would be nice to fix so it did not happen again. He also hoped what would come out of the new trails position would be a huge number of people involved in community activities like building trails. They could do something on their urban stuff for little or no cost using volunteer labor. He felt the new person could get people out there to do stuff.

Chair Bushee said if they didn't get an update this month BTAC needed a formal presentation on this position. She asked for Mr. Martínez to comment on this project.

Mr. Martínez said they were looking to get the contract awarded soon.

Chair Bushee asked if he could provide updates through Mr. Siqueiros. Mr. Martínez agreed.

Ms. Barb Hamit said they moved into Villa Alegre and noticed that there was a curb cut to Alameda but not to San Francisco Street. The mall was across from that and she could not get to the mall without going all the way around. Traffic does not know not to drive through the crossing when a wheelchair in the crosswalk. Cars cut in front of her. Her understanding was that it was a \$500 fine if a motorist entered a crosswalk when a wheelchair was out in it. She was concerned that there would be a wreck there before long. Originally when they moved in there, the entrance was an emergency only entrance. Now it was a pedestrian entrance and sidewalk to entrance. So that was a designated pedestrian entrance. They needed access to that entrance.

She attempted to get something done about this by contacting Joe Luján. He told her to contact Councilor Bushee. City Planning told her they wanted to wait until the trail project was approved and thought they could roll it all together. That was what was happening now. She was pleased with the design they were proposing.

Chair Bushee thanked her and asked her to stick around as the project was item 1 on Discussion and Action.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

There were no communications from other agencies.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Presentation, Public Hearing, Discussion and Action regarding the Las Mascaras Trail Improvement Project (Desirae Luján/Mr. Martínez)

Mr. Martínez said Ms. Luján was the project engineer on this project. They have been working with Ms. Hamit on this and came to address the accessibility of the project. There was a high curb at the vehicle bridge. He showed a photo on screen. They met with NMDOT engineers and proposed solutions for them. They reneged on it because the options were not in keeping with that kind of road. It was a difficult situation. They went back to drawing board with advice from Ms. Hamit and separated the project into two parts to deal with accessibility separately. In late July the bonds would be sold, making money availability to implement projects.

Chair Bushee thought the money was already there.

Mr. Martínez said the money would be available in July and \$90,000 was appropriated for this project. The intent was to treat the intersection and take the trail westward. Ms. Luján worked on the design. The drawings were shown. Clearly, they needed to get right of way or traffic calming. The quickest way was traffic calming to make it a safe crossing.

Chair Bushee announced this was a public hearing and opened it up for comments.

Public Hearing

Ms. Wendy Friedman introduced herself as a concerned citizen. She was excited to hear about installing speed bumps because people fly down West San Francisco Street. The intersection of Candelario and San Francisco was very chaotic. A 4-way stop would be helpful but installing speed bumps was a great idea.

Chair Bushee asked if she was worried about San Francisco Street. Ms. Friedman agreed.

Ms. Linda Jobe said she had lived in the area since the beginning of the project. The only way she could get to the corner was the long way. Paseo and St. Francis were terrible. They should have thought of this when the buildings were constructed.

Ms. Luján showed the neighborhood area on the screen.

Ms. Hamit asked the Committee to look at the fire hydrant they would have to move.

Chair Bushee understood Villa Alegre was not responsible to pay for any of this.

Mr. Martínez was not sure how that all got through the system.

Ms. Hamit said Villa Alegre was public housing and the ball was dropped by them.

Chair Bushee asked if they had received impact fees.

Mr. Martínez was not sure they had to pay any impact fees. He was not sure if that would qualify but the City did have funds.

Chair Bushee asked him to check. Mr. Siqueiros reminded the Committee that the City was not charging impact fees for residential construction at present.

Chair Bushee asked why they didn't have to have access and would like an answer to that. She assumed that traffic calming was not paying for the speed bumps but assumed the neighborhood was involved in the speed bumps process.

Ms. Luján said a couple of staff went through the neighborhood and dropped off flyers to notify them.

Chair Bushee asked if they did not have to meet criteria.

Mr. Martínez said they looked into the policy and did not find anything that would keep the City from moving forward.

Chair Bushee asked about the possibility for a 4-way stop sign.

Mr. Martínez said that would require a study. The policy was not to place stop signs as a traffic calming device because they would breed non-compliance. They wanted to be careful how they implemented traffic devices.

Mr. Herdman said he went through that intersection every day and the visibility was horrible. There was already a stop sign there but he thought having one on San Francisco would be beneficial. He asked where the money was coming from.

Chair Bushee said it would be from GO bonds.

Ms. Robinson asked in which phase of the master plan this was.

Mr. Martínez said it was in phase one.

Mr. Herdman said BTAC went through a prioritization on that and asked how this project would work with that.

Mr. Martínez said it was one of the projects earmarked for funding.

Mr. Herdman thought it looked like a very valuable project.

Ms. Hamit reported that Joe Luján did say that he had money in his budget to pay for a curb cut with ADA money. She was encouraging the departments to use that to save money for other projects.

Mr. Martínez noted that other ongoing complaints filed regarding ADA would probably use a big chunk of that money.

Chair Bushee thought that would have been required of any developer and asked why this was overlooked.

Mr. Martínez said he was not involved with it so he was not sure. He agreed to talk with Mr. O'Reilly about it.

Mr. Siqueiros thought the permit went through CID.

Chair Bushee thought it went through the City and asked to have him check it out. She also wanted to know if they contributed to open space fund trails or anything.

Mr. Martínez agreed to follow up.

Ms. Robinson felt this was a safety issue because no one stopped. As a safety issue it seemed to be a high priority. They moved ahead quickly on other safety issues and this was the same kind of thing.

Ms. Hamit said she also requested signage for drivers.

Chair Bushee asked if there were sidewalks there.

Ms. Jobe said they were at end of Jimenez where you were right at the bridge.

Chair Bushee asked if that wasn't that dirt.

Ms. Jobe didn't think so.

Mr. Herdman noted that at the end of Jimenez you have to make a left.

Mr. Martínez walked them through the roads by showing and pointing at the display on the screen. Traffic engineering went out and placed a sign to yield. This project would provide curb runs and other amenities.

Chair Bushee said she had asked for that bridge to be repainted.

Mr. Martínez said they would see how far the budget would get them.

Ms. Luján offered to speak to the access points but Chair Bushee said Mr. Abbatacola had to leave and they might lose a quorum so if she wanted BTAC to vote, it would need to be done before then.

Ms. Luján made a few brief comments and showed pictures on the screen.

Chair Bushee asked if they would make sure the project was ADA friendly.

Ms. Luján agreed and said it had been through the Mayors Committee on Disabilities.

Ms. Hamit asked if they considered installing a flashing light.

Ms. Luján said they felt visibility was sufficient without that but they would have signs indicating the crosswalk.

Mr. Martínez believed the traffic calming and signs would provide enough advance warning.

Ms. Robinson asked about flashing lights that could be triggered by movement.

Mr. Martínez said those were very expensive. He said staff appreciated the Committee's comments and would try to consider them in the project.

Ms. Robinson moved to approve the design as presented with consideration of a possible stop sign at the intersection. Mr. Herdman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Next Meeting Date Discussion

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros about Thanksgiving and asked if they could meet early on November 13th.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to check for that date.

Chair Bushee announced that she and Mr. Abbatacola had to leave and that would leave them with no quorum for action.

After a brief discussion on what to do with the rest of the agenda, the consensus was to postpone the remainder of agenda items.

Mr. Herdman moved to postpone the rest of the agenda. Mr. Longworth seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Discussion and Action Regarding the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Pedestrian and

Bicycle Traffic Counts along the Rail Trail, etc. (Keith Wilson)

This item was postponed.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti Bushee For ^{councilor} Patti Bushee

Submitted by:

Carl Boaz
Carl Boaz, Stenographer