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CITY OF ROHNERT PARK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: Rohnert Park City Council Chambers, Rohnert Park City Hall,
130 Avram Avenue, Rohnert Park, California**

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MEETING ITEMS

1. Call To Order/Roll-Call:

Jan Ogren (Chair) ___ Steve Keith (Vice-Chair) ___ Gary Gutierrez ___ Tim Hensel ___ Shirley Johnson ___

2. Introductions

3. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement

"The City of Rohnert Park acknowledges Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the land. Let it be acknowledged that the City of Rohnert Park is located within the traditional homelands of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, comprised of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples."

4. Public Comments (on items not on the Agenda)

5. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2024 Meeting (Action)

6. Bike Path Audits and Earth Day 2024 Event (Discussion)

7. Parks and Paths Map – Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item (Discussion)

8. Project Updates (Information)

- Hinebaugh Creek Path Improvements
- Camino Colegio Bike/Ped Facilities improvements
- Countywide and Rohnert Park Active Transportation Plan Update

9. New Matters for Future Consideration (Discussion)

10. Adjournment (Action)

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA: I, Eydie Tacata, Senior Public Works Analyst for the City of Rohnert Park, declare that the foregoing agenda for the February 26, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Rohnert Park Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was posted and available for review on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at Rohnert Park City Hall, Community and Senior Centers, Public Safety Main Building. The agenda is also available on the City web site at www.rpcity.org.

Executed this 22nd day of February, 2024, at Rohnert Park, California. Eydie Tacata, Senior Public Works Analyst



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**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes**

5:30 PM, Monday, January 22, 2024
Rohnert Park City Hall, City Council Chambers
130 Avram Avenue, Rohnert Park, California

Members Present: Jan Ogren (Chair) 0 Steve Keith 0
Gary Gutierrez X Tim Hensel X Shirley Johnson X

Non-Voting Participants: Eydie Tacata (Senior Public Works Analyst, City of Rohnert Park); Jason Sampietro (Associate Engineer, City of Rohnert Park); Jim Barrios (BPAC Liaison, Rohnert Park Parks & Recreation Commission); Emily Shartin (Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition)

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Gary Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Introductions

Acting Chair Gutierrez commenced self-introductions.

3. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement

Tim Hensel, BPAC Member, read the Land Acknowledgement as shown on the Meeting Agenda.

4. Public Comments

Ralph Beltz, resident, read a statement that the residents of Adrian Drive strongly oppose a protected bike lane on the street. He listed reasons for the opposition, including: disputes among neighbors competing for limited parking spaces; visibility or obstructed view while pulling out of driveways if there is a parking-protected bike lane; placement of garbage cans in the bike lane; damage to cars from bicyclists if there is a parking-protected bike lane; and difficulty maneuvering RVs in between the vertical elements used for bike lanes. Mr. Beltz said that the roundabouts proposed at the December 11th community meeting were a good compromise.

Melissa, resident, said she did not understand why the BPAC was still considering adding bike lanes: She thought the matter was settled at the meeting. Jason Sampietro, Associate Engineer, clarified that the roundabouts were the agreed-upon traffic calming solution; bike lanes would not be installed at this point. Melissa said she appreciated focusing on traffic. She said that the street isn't a bike route and bike lanes are not a solution.

Jeremy, resident, said that as a UPS driver, he sees that there would be a problem if he were delivering on a street with parking-protected bike lanes: While making a delivery, there would be nowhere for him to park his truck, except the middle of the street.

Three other residents (names not taken) expressed agreement with Mr. Beltz.

Acting Chair Gutierrez thanked them for their comments and invited the commenters may want to stay for the "Project Updates" section of the meeting, when City staff would give an update on what is planned for Adrian Drive instead of bike lanes.

Shirley Johnson, BPAC Member, mentioned the correspondence from the principal of John Reed Elementary School that was sent to the BPAC and City staff. Ms. Johnson requested that it be attached to the January 22, 2024 meeting minutes for the record. (See attachment.)

5. Project Updates

Adrian Drive Traffic Calming

Mr. Sampietro said that at the December 2023 meeting, it was agreed to try mini-roundabouts at intersections on Adrian Drive to slow down traffic. He said that a mini-roundabout pilot project will be installed at the Arlen Drive/Almond Street intersection to test its effectiveness. Melissa, resident, asked if there was a potential for bike lanes to be installed in the future. Mr. Sampietro replied that the survey about improvements on Adrian Drive indicated a strong desire to calm traffic and slow car speeds, so there should be continuous discussion about what measures work. While bike lanes will not be installed at this time, it could be considered later. Mr. Beltz asked how the residents could be updated about such developments. Mr. Sampietro said that residents can contact him directly.

Golf Course Drive Crosswalk Improvements

Mr. Sampietro reported that the pedestrian safety improvement project for the intersection of Golf Course Drive and Halcyon Place and the crosswalk between Mountain Shadows Plaza and Hacienda Way is out to bid, closing on January 25th. The project includes installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons and median pedestrian refuges. Ms. Johnson asked if there were “shark’s teeth” pavement markings; Mr. Sampietro responded “yes.”

Hinebaugh Creek Bike Path Rehabilitation

Mr. Sampietro reported that the tree removal portion of the path rehabilitation project is being prepared to go to bid shortly. Trees along the path have damaged the existing path and their roots will shorten the life of the new path. He and the City Arborist have identified trees for removal based on their potential to damage the new path, non-native status, diseased/poor health/dead tree, potential to cause damage (e.g. propensity for “deadfall”, to drop branches), or location. Ms. Johnson asked how many trees would be removed. Mr. Sampietro said as many as 150 were identified, but 38 are prioritized for removal and included in the project to be bid.

Parks and Paths Map

Eydie Tacata, staff to the BPAC, reported that at the January 8, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, a “Parks and Paths Map” item was added to their February 2024 meeting agenda. At that meeting, Cindy Bagley, Community Services Director, asked Jim Barrios, Parks & Recreation Commission BPAC Liaison, to clarify what staff should prepare for the item. Mr. Barrios explained that the BPAC wants to ask the Parks and Recreation Commission to explore the idea of a Parks and Paths Map, including how to create one (whether an app or paper/PDF), how fund it, and who could do it (i.e. City staff or consultant hired by City). Ms. Bagley requested that Mr. Barrios and a BPAC Member give a presentation at the meeting.

Acting Chair Gutierrez asked Mr. Barrios to move the Parks and Paths agenda item at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting from the February meeting to March, as the BPAC members who are working on this matter are not at this January meeting to know about this yet.

6. Consideration of Approval of Minutes for 12/13/2023 meeting

Ms. Johnson moved to approve the meeting minutes; Chair Gutierrez seconded. The meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of 3-0-2-0.

7. List of Matters for Future Consideration

The BPAC members reviewed the list of matters for future agenda items.

Emily Shartin, Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator (Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition), asked about the opening of the multi-use path on Camino Colegio near SOMO Village. Mr. Sampietro said that he would clarify the status of the path availability adjacent to SOMO Village. There was additional discussion among the group about the bicycle facilities along Camino Colegio between Bodway Parkway and East Cotati Avenue. Acting Chair Gutierrez suggested that this topic be a future agenda item.

The BPAC concurred on the following items for the February 2024 meeting: Update on Camino Colegio improvements, Bike Path Audits, and Parks and Paths Map.

Chair Gutierrez suggested that “bike parking” be an agenda item for the March 2024 meeting.

Mr. Hensel mentioned the recent pedestrian fatality that occurred on Rohnert Park Expressway and asked if the BPAC should have a discussion after this kind of incident, in particular to identify any issues that the BPAC could address in their purview. Acting Chair Gutierrez said that this is a good point, and bringing it up could help identify hotspots or a need for a project.

8. 2024 BPAC Meeting Calendar

The BPAC members reviewed the calendar and concurred with the meeting dates shown.

9. Adjournment

Acting Chair Gutierrez moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hensel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Eydie Tacata, Recording Secretary
Rohnert Park Bicycle and
Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Gary Gutierrez, Acting Chair
Rohnert Park Bicycle and
Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Tacata, Eydie

From: Anna Maria Young <annamaria_young@crpusd.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 3:37 PM
To: Tacata, Eydie
Subject: adrian drive improvements

January 5, 2024

Dear Eydie Tacata,

Even though I was unable to attend the Community meeting on December 11th regarding potential improvements on Adrian Drive, as the Principal of John Reed Elementary School, I wanted to take the time to express my strong support for improvements in infrastructure that would enable our students and their families to safely bicycle and/or walk to school.

Over 360 students are enrolled at John Reed Elementary. According to the student arrival/departure tallies we conducted in the Fall of 2023, as part of our Safe Routes to School Program, an average of 30% of our students walk to school on a regular basis, and about 5% bicycle to school. However, according to the Student Address Study mapped developed by SRTS, 54% of our students live within ½ mile of the school, 82% live within 1 mile, and 94% of our students live within 2 miles of the school. It would be wonderful to see even more of our families walking and bicycling to school, but in the parent survey that the Safe Routes to School program conducted last Spring, close to 60% of parents in the Cotati-Rohnert Park School District stated that concerns about vehicle traffic (busy roads, unsafe crossings, speeding, inattentive drivers, etc) are a significant concern/barrier to active transportation. 65% of parents in our District stated that lack of bicycle lanes/separated bike paths are a barrier to bicycling to school.

I was very excited to learn that the city is interested in slowing traffic along Adrian drive, including potentially installing new bicycle infrastructure. I was able to review the proposed projects with our Safe Routes to School Site Coordinator, and I am in favor of the proposal to build protected bicycle lanes on both sides of Adrian Drive. Protected bicycle lanes on both sides would enable students and their parents to bicycle to and from school and in the neighborhood safely, with the least potential for conflict with drivers and other road users. If John Reed families felt more comfortable walking and bicycling to school, I imagine more would do so, given that the vast majority of our families live within easy walking or biking distance from school.

John Reed Elementary School is enrolled and actively participating in the Sonoma County Safe Routes to School program. We encourage walking and bicycling to school, hold monthly walk/roll events, and participate in the SRTS bicycle/pedestrian safety education programming. This Spring, we are hoping to launch a Walking School Bus meet-up spot at the corner of Southwest Blvd & Adrian drive. Our Boys and Girls Club program already leads a walking school bus from John Reed to the Boys and Girls Club every day that anywhere from 12-18 students participate in. I've noticed that students that normally walk on their own, join the walkers going to the Boys and Girls Club. I would be thrilled to see even more students walking and bicycling to school, and hope the city of Rohnert Park will prioritize infrastructure that will enable and encourage them to do so safely and confidently!

Thank you for considering my support for the potential infrastructure changes.

Sincerely,

AnnaMaria Young

Principal John Reed Elementary School

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Memorandum

FROM: Eydie Tacata, Senior Public Works Analyst
MEETING DATE: February 26, 2024
AGENDA ITEM: #6
SUBJECT: Bike Path Audits and Earth Day 2024 Event

ISSUE:

At the December 18, 2023 meeting, the BPAC discussed conducting another round of the Bike Path Audit. Staff reported that the City's Sustainability Manager, Dustin De Matteo, sees the potential to connect a spring season bike path audit with an "Earth Day" event in April 2024. Mr. De Matteo is attending the February 26, 2024 BPAC meeting to share ideas with the BPAC.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the BPAC was shown bike path pavement condition index (PCI) ratings from an assessment of Rohnert Park's off-street paths. PCI ratings help City staff plan path rehabilitation projects. The BPAC asked that path usage – including types of users, volume, how the path is used – also be considered when prioritizing path rehabilitations. Shortly after, the BPAC and City staff developed a Bike Path Audit form to collect data about observed path usage, general conditions and impressions of segments of the off-street path network. In Fall 2022 and Fall 2023, the BPAC members tested the Bike Path Audit form, collecting information about most of the segments on the 2018 path PCI list.

The BPAC wants to further the Bike Path Audit, including refining data collection and methodology; collecting more data in different seasons and times of day; and engaging more community members.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Services Department is planning an Earth Day Celebration at Alicia Park on Saturday, April 20, 2024. The event is tentatively planned as a family-oriented festival with activities, demonstrations, exhibits and informational tables. The Sustainability Manager suggests that the Bike Path Audit can be promoted or otherwise launched at the Earth Day Celebration, including:

- Sharing an informational table with the Sustainability Program and recruiting volunteers to conduct Bike Path Audits individually, or at an organized event a later date
- Conducting a path walk and training on how to use the Bike Path Audit form

The Sustainability Manager has also created a [draft Google Form of the Bike Path Audit](#), which could be further developed and distributed for use. He also has ideas about tapping his network of student groups and other organizations who might have interest in participating in the Bike Path Audit.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the BPAC members discuss the potential of an Earth Day launch of the Bike Path Audit and options for the next Bike Path Audit, including:

- Focused Bike Path Audit (i.e. conducted as a group over a set time) vs. dispersed (i.e. individuals collect and submit data on their own time)
- Earth Day Celebration table: Recruit volunteers?
- Use of an online form (or testing the online form)
- Engaging interested, organized groups (e.g. SSU clubs, etc.)

Bike Path Audit Form for City of Rohnert Park

Instructions: Thank you for participating in our bike path audit for the city of Rohnert Park. Your feedback is valuable for improving our pathways. Please fill out this form to the best of your ability. Your responses will remain anonymous, unless otherwise stated.

eydieptacata@gmail.com [Switch account](#)



Not shared

Section 1: General Information

Date of Audit

Date

mm/dd/yyyy

What time did you start observing? (Start time of audit)

Time

: AM ▼



How long were you observing? (Duration of audit)

Hrs Min Sec

: :

Location of Audit (Specific Pathway/Intersection)

Your answer

What were the weather conditions like?

- ☐ Sunny
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Rainy

Section 2: Qualitative Assessment

Safety Level

- ☐ Very Safe
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unsafe
- ☐ Very Unsafe



Accessibility

- ☐ Very Accessible
- ☐ Accessible
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Inaccessible
- ☐ Very Inaccessible

Condition of Pathway

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Accessible
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very Poor

Aesthetics of Pathway

- ☐ Very Pleasant
- ☐ Pleasant
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unpleasant
- ☐ Very Unpleasant



Comfort Level

- ☐ Very Comfortable
- ☐ Comfortable
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Uncomfortable
- ☐ Very Uncomfortable

User-Friendliness

- ☐ Very User-Friendly
- ☐ User-Friendly
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unfriendly
- ☐ Very Unfriendly

Section 3: Quantitative Assessment (Individual vs. Group Users)

How often do you use the bike path individually?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Multiple times per week
- ☐ Once per week
- ☐ Once per month
- ☐ Rarely/Never



How often do you use the bike path in a group (with friends, family, etc.)?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Multiple times per week
- ☐ Once per week
- ☐ Once per month
- ☐ Rarely/Never

On average, how many individuals do you encounter using the bike path/pathway during your individual rides?

Your answer

On average, how many groups do you encounter using the bike path during your individual rides?

Your answer

Additional Comments (Optional, but very helpful to better understand your observations and also improve on this feedback form)

Your answer

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