

CITY OF SAN MATEO
Sustainability & Infrastructure
Commission
January 12, 2022
7:00 PM



COMMISSION MEMBERS
Adam Loraine, Chair
Kimiko Narita, Vice Chair
Clifford Robbins
Rafael Reyes
Susan Rowinski

Remote Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - This meeting was held pursuant to authorization from Government Code 54943(b)(3) / AB361 (2021) in which Brown Act regulations are relaxed to allow members to participate virtually due to the Covid-19 health emergency.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Remote: Chair Loraine, Commissioners Robbins, Narita, Reyes and Rowinski.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Minutes - Approval

Motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2021. Motion passed 5-0

Moved: Robbins, Seconded: Rowinski

Ayes: 5 - Robbins, Narita, Rowinski, Reyes, and Loraine

Noes: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Hedges stated that he spoke last month about the status of the flood wall and commented with appreciation for the quick response from Chair Loraine and Director Mitch with an update on the project timeline. Further stating that Public Works and the Police Department create a secure and safe environment for the citizens of San Mateo.

Raayan echoed the comments by Mr. Hedges. He also stated concern on lack of dedicated source of revenue for active transportation projects, ie. parking in lieu fees go to parking improvements. Asked how the city can expand revenue sources to transportation.

Persons wishing to comment on any item not appearing on the agenda may submit to the Recording Secretary a "Request to Speak" form. State law prevents the commission from taking action on any matter not on this agenda. Your comments may be referred to staff for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Update

Sue-Ellen Atkinson, Principal Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on updates to the bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Commissioners asked questions of staff.

Public Comment. Doug Handerson, Raayan, Drew, and Laurie Watanuki spoke to the item.

No motion needed for this information update but commissioner and staff comments included: downtown parking and mobility issues can be reported to publicworks@cityofsanmateo.org or directly to Sue-Ellen Atkinson; data on incidents with bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles can be found on the website at www.cityofsanmateo/safestreetssanmateo; general support for better coordination with neighboring jurisdictions, suggesting opportunity to coordinate with C/CAG on alternative mobility; bike lanes are vastly critical but want to know how the city is proactively helping those most burdened; suggestion for presentation on sharing of ideas and coordinating with other cities on upcoming projects, ie. bicycle/pedestrian bridge; parking options in North Central does not include striping on the street; look at opportunity to re-evaluate usage of parking in lieu fees.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COMMISSIONER AND STAFF

- Director Mitch reminded the commission that Blue Sky will be held virtually on January 29 with additional information found at <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=15509>; there is also a Complete Streets Webinar on January 25 at 4:00 PM with information found at: <https://www.smcta.com/whats happening/Meetings>; the State of the City will be on January 26 - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NC8anbSXQnKeogGxZbbU2A.
- Commissioner Reyes asked about future agenda items – Maintenance Update/Asset Management and an update from California Water Service on their Climate Action Plan (Director Mitch will follow up with California Water).
- Discussion between staff and commissioners on process for getting items on the Crystal Ball. Director Mitch informed the commissioners that recommendations can be made but it must be voted on and requires a majority vote. The item can be placed on the Crystal Ball but dependent on staff compacity, will be reviewed and a decision will be made on when and if it is brought to the commission.
- Chair Loraine received an email from a resident on the status of trees in San Mateo. After discussion with staff and commissioners, staff will respond directly so commissioners are not in violation of the Brown Act. (Director Mitch will respond to the resident and forward the email to the Parks and Recreation Department.)
- Chair Loraine reminded folks to visit www.fossilfreebuildings.org for information about the Electric Home Ambassador Program. Another helpful site is www.peninsulacleanenergy.com. Acterra is an event that is happening January 14 from noon to 1:00 PM with a presentation on Code Red for Humanity: What Municipalities Can Do. More information can be found at www.acterra.org.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn: 8:45 pm

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