

**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 20, 2002**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The San Luis Obispo Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2002, in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mary Lou Johnson (Chairperson), Jean Anderson, Chris Overby, and Mark Grayson

**Absent:** Kristen Kent

**Staff:** Terry Sanville, Principal Transportation Planner

Also present were: Mary Kopecky, Darren Brown, and Dixon Moore.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

City Staff Member, Mary Kopecky conducted the swearing in ceremony of Darren Brown and Dixon Moore.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Mark Grayson to accept the minutes of March 21, 2002, as presented. Seconded by Chris Overby. Motion Carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. MORRO STREET BICYCLE BOULEVARD.**

Terry Sanville discussed the background of the Morro Street Bicycle Boulevard project, recommending that the Bicycle Committee forward their approval of the project plan to the City's Architectural Review Commission (ARC), subject to revisions submitted. He introduced Peggy Mandeville who discussed the concept of a bicycle boulevard and the specifics of the issues affecting the design plan.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Gerry Montgomery, a resident of the Vista Grande Apartments on the corner of Pismo and Morro Streets, expressed concerns about bulb out installation because of the traffic traveling fast down Morro and Pismo Streets.

Mr. Stu Jenkins, residing at the corner of Pismo and Morro Streets expressed agreement with Mr. Montgomery concerning the speed of traffic. He suggested that a stop sign would be beneficial at the corner of Pismo and Morro Streets.

Committee member, Jean Anderson, agreed that some method of slowing traffic would be needed.

Ms. Mary Dukes, city resident, requested clarification of parking issues and whether bicycle lanes would be installed. It was explained that formal bicycle lanes would not be installed as there is parking allowed along Morro Street.

Ms. Katherine Poquette questioned the landscaping plan.

No further public comment.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Discussion by committee concerning landscape palette. Mary Lou Johnson suggested the use of Redwood trees instead of Palms. She also suggested signage for the boulevard be attached to light poles.

Discussion concerning lighting/signage.

Mark Grayson presented a motion to entertain other tree suggestions besides palms with consideration given to water consumption. Second by Darren Brown.

Discussion of motion. Motion recalled.

Mark Grayson presented a motion to recommend that the ARC approve the plan subject to the following conditions:

1. Consider alternate choices of trees in the landscape palette with water consumption a factor. Suggested choices: California Fan Palm and/or Redwood.
2. Install lighting at the southern end of the bicycle boulevard consistent with the railroad theme called for in the Railroad District Plan. Defer installation of the other pedestrian scale lighting along Morro Street pending City adoption of standards and installation policy for downtown lighting.
3. Include landscaping at the southern end of the bicycle boulevard, installed within the public right-of-way. Install landscaping at the Morro/Buchon intersection and the Morro/Pismo intersection, if the adjoining property owners enter into a perpetual maintenance agreement with the City.
4. Revise the pavement stencil to show the bold outline of a bicycle without text.
5. Combine signage with lighting standards.
6. Traffic calming measures introduced at the corner of Pismo and Morro streets.

Motion seconded by Darren Brown.

Discussion held concerning staff's conditions. General consensus to recommend approval and forward to the ARC.

**2. PHASE II OF THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE.**

Terry Sanville discussed the background of the Bicycle Transportation Plan and the current status; with the recommendations outlined in agenda.

Discussion of highlighted areas (last four issues addressed) and confirmation that staff support would be provided to the sub-committee.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Chris Overby asked about issue #2.

Discussion about the issues.

Mary Lou Johnson stated the desire to see a specific area to target – the Damon Garcia Sports Field bike connection – she would like to see added to issue #10.

Jean Anderson discussed the maintenance of bicycle facilities and expressed concern over “asphalt droppings”. She would like to reconstruct issue #4 to read: “ Financing policies and mechanisms for maintenance of all bicycle facilities and for constructing Priority 1 bikeway improvements (reference Appendix K of the BTP), including use of TDA funds.”

Chris Overby asked if issue #6 should be more specific. Terry Sanville replied that it was designed to be general.

Dixon Moore discussed issue #8 and discussed the lack of bicycle parking/bicycle racks. He indicated an interest in functional art bicycle racks.

Chris Overby requested clarification of what needed to be done with regard to issue #10.

Discussion concerning the history of the bike plan, including the long range vision, setting priorities, the continuity of applying for BTE grants, and changing the plan every 2-3 years.

Jean Anderson presented a motion to take the list as amended. Seconded by Chris Overby.

Discussion of staff recommendation #2. Discussion of volunteers. Dixon Moore volunteered for particular items. Chris Overby expressed ideas for issue #10.

Terry Sanville suggested that a subcommittee meets and discusses what needs to be done, using the summer to focus on available options.

Consensus that Jean Anderson, Dixon Moore and Chris Overby will be the subcommittee with Terry Sanville assisting as Staff.

### **3. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF REGULAR BAC MEETINGS.**

Jean Anderson discussed the issue of holding special meetings when items need to be addressed before a regularly scheduled meeting. There is a requirement that the meeting be “noticed” by placing information 10 days prior in the local paper.

Terry Sanville discussed staff recommendations and staff support.

Consensus to accept staff recommendations listed in the agenda.

### **4. ELECTING A BAC CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.**

The floor was opened for nominations.

Mark Grayson nominated Jean Anderson for BAC Chairperson. Second by Chris Overby.

Motion carried.

Jean Anderson nominated Chris Overby for Vice Chairperson. Second by Darren Brown.

Motion carried.

Floor closed to nominations.

Consensus to approve new positions.

## **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES:**

### **5. BIKE PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Terry Sanville reported that the update of the Bike Plan was approved by the City Council.

### **6. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Mary Lou Johnson discussed the status of educational fliers. She is waiting for updates from the City. Jean Anderson expressed the desire for another meeting of the subcommittee.

Terry Sanville suggested going through available materials, settling on content, and bringing a rough mock-up to the committee for endorsement on the content.

General consensus to be agendaized for the next meeting.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **7. POSSIBLE BYLAW AMENDMENT:**

Discussion about how to make bike parking a part of the architectural review process, integrating the vocabulary into the consciousness of the ARC and the Planning Commission, identifying the principles of bike parking and requirements already in place for numbers of bike parking required.

Mary Lou Johnson suggested creating a better interface between the Bicycle Committee and local schools.

Directions to staff – follow options and conduct outreach programs.

### **8. USE OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) BICYCLE FUNDS:**

Discussion led by Terry Sanville. If the subcommittee can focus on specific items/activities, then that information can be brought to the funding process.

Terry Sanville will place the issue on the calendar for the September meeting.

### **9. BICYCLE FACILITY MEMORIAL FOR BILL ROALMAN:**

Ms. Christine Mulholland introduced Amena Atta, widow of former Council member Bill Roalman; and discussed the four ideas listed in the agenda as a memorial for Bill.

Idea #4 would not work due to City Policy. Ms. Mulholland spoke about how Bill Roalman was known as “Mr. Downtown”, how he loved to bike around town, was instrumental in establishing the bike lanes on Marsh Street, and his push to create the position of Bike Coordinator. Mrs. Atta spoke about living only two blocks from Morro Street and she and Ms. Mulholland agreed that naming the Morro Street Bicycle Boulevard in Bill’s memory would be a fitting tribute.

Discussion about ideas 1, 2, and 3. Mark Grayson discussed his preference for idea # 1 and mentioned two other issues; (1) Artwork that is being created by Robert Denchham which could possibly be used on a memorial plaque and (2) Active effort for unique and functional bike racks being designed.

Committee consensus for idea # 1.

## **UPDATES/NETWORKING:**

Jean Anderson mentioned she is getting some great ideas from recent conferences she has attended.

Question was asked if a dedication ceremony is planned for the bicycle bridge? The answer was no.

Discussion about bicycle parking in the parking structures downtown.

Discussion about the plans for the bike path from the Railroad to Marsh Street.

No further discussions.

Motion presented by Chris Overby to adjourn the meeting.  
Second by Dixon Moore. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nora O'Donnell  
Recording Secretary