



Minutes

Safety and Parking Advisory Commission February 12, 2009

Commissioners Present: Dan Fenocchio (chair), Dan Barcellos, Theodore Parks, Tim Spangler

Commissioners Absent: Bill Bernheim

Staff: Roxanne Namazi, Senior Civil Engineer
Sgt. Ton Phan, Police Department

Chair: Commissioner Fenocchio called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda
Approved.

B.1 Public Communications
None.

B.2 Commission/Staff Comments
Staff:

- The Stage 1 Start for 2009 Amgen Tour of California Bicycle Race is starting in Davis on Sunday, February 15. The race will start at approximately 12 noon on C Street, adjacent to Central Park, make two loops through downtown Davis and head out of town west on Russell Boulevard. Street Smarts will participate in this event with the Blue and White Foundation (an informational/give away booth).
- Caltrans announced a call for projects for Cycle 8 State-legislated Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program with an application submittal deadline of 4/15/09. This is primarily a construction program and is intended to improve the safety of students who walk or bike to school. The maximum amount of SR2S funds will be \$900,000 with 10% matching funds.

- City’s Greenbelt Workshop meeting scheduled for February 12 at 7:00 at the VMC for public input on the Davis greenbelt systems, identify opportunities and explore possible connections to natural areas.

C. Consent Items

Approve and/or Correct Commission Minutes, Meeting of January 8, 2009.

Approved Minutes as submitted.

D. Discussion Items

D.1. Arroyo Avenue – Traffic Calming Request, Additional Data

Staff presented the background of the information. At the direction of the Commission at the January 8th meeting, staff collected additional speed and volume data near the curve (just to the south of the bike crossing) on Arroyo Avenue. The additional data was consistent with the data previously collected. Also at the direction of the Commission, staff provided for additional red curb at the bike crossing, and installed bike Yield signs at the bike path crossing Arroyo Avenue. Staff recommended against installing centerline raised pavement markers. After marking the centerline, it appeared that lanes are too narrow and it forces the drivers too close to the sidewalk. It would also be a concern when trash cans and yard refuse are placed in the gutter. Two residents spoke in favor of traffic calming and expressed concerns regarding speeds. They agreed with the staff on the concerns with the centerline striping. Commission was concerned that the speeders are the street residents and education would be more appropriate. The effectiveness of enforcement was discussed. Sgt. Phan said he has stepped up enforcement in the neighborhood and will continue with enforcement as much as possible. Residents were in favor of the additional enforcement in the neighborhood.

Action: Commission approved staff’s recommendation, unanimously. Commission also approved staff’s recommendation to not install the centerline striping around the curve.

D.2. Davis-Woodland Alternative Transportation Corridor - Update

Staff presented the background of the information. At the direction of the Council, staff in cooperation with the City of Woodland and Yolo County is pursuing a feasibility study to evaluate an alternative transportation corridor between Davis and Woodland (bikes and electric vehicles). The consultant, Bennett Engineering, will evaluate three alternatives. A community kick-off meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2009 to introduce the project and identify goals, project schedule and obtain public input. Future meetings are also planned with the stakeholders. Throughout the study, neighborhood meetings will be held to share the results of the public outreach/stakeholder meetings and present the findings of the study. Staff will present a recommendation to the Council in summer 2009.

Action: This was an Informational item and no action was necessary.

Next Meeting: Confirmed for March 5, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Chambers.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Namazi
Senior Civil Engineer