

MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2019 AT 7:00 PM AT THE LOS ALTOS CITY  
HALL-COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,  
CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Wes Brinsfield, Stacy Banerjee, Randy Kriegh, Paul Van Hoorickx,  
Jaime Rodriguez (Interim Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: Nadim Maluf (Chair), Suzanne Ambiel (Vice-Chair), One Vacancy

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Commissioner Kriegh amended Minutes of January 23, 2019 Complete Streets Commission meeting, correct item number 3 to accurately reflect recommendation made set forth to the City Council. Commissioner Banerjee amended Minutes of January 23, 2019 Complete Streets Commission meeting, wrong Commissioner's name for a comment, correction on public comments not on the agenda section, missing inputs from Commissioners and residents regarding bicycle needs and school route needs on item number 2.

Upon motion by Commissioner Banerjee, seconded by Commissioner Kriegh, the Commission approved the minutes of regular meeting on January 23, 2019, by the following vote:  
AYES:4, NOES: 0. ABSTAIN: 0. ABSENT: 0. Passed 4-0

2. 999 Fremont Avenue – New Mixed Use Building

Consideration of a design review application for a new 1,614 square-foot two story building with three condominium units on the second floor, commercial space on the first floor, and grade level parking with mechanical lift parking system.

Planning Services Manager Zach Dahl presented the application and answered Commissioner questions. Interim Staff Liaison Jaime Rodriguez answered additional question from the Commissioners regarding traffic impact and off-site improvements.

Applicant representative Gregg Bunker presented the project and answered questions from the Commission.

Comments from the Commission:

- Questions regarding mechanical lift parking system functionality and clearance.
- Adequacy of bicycle parking and storage on site.

- Sidewalk width on Miramonte Avenue.
- Intersection safety at A Street and Miramonte Avenue.

Public comments at the meeting:

- Good project, don't foresee any traffic issue rising.
- Bring attention to Loyola Corner Specific Plan regarding business impact on neighbors.
- Concerned with Miramonte Avenue as dangerous street for bikers and children.
- Concerned with driveway exit on Miramonte Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Kriegh, seconded by Commissioner Van Hoorickx, the Commission recommended approval of the project to be presented to Planning Commission and City Council with the following recommendations:

- City to look into widening the width of sidewalk along the west side of Miramonte Avenue.
- Additional class II bicycle parking on site adjacent to Fremont Avenue.

Commissioner Banerjee amended motion for intersection safety improvement at A Street and Miramonte Avenue. Amendment retracted after discussion.

Passed 4-0

3. 425 First Street – New Multi-Family Residential Building

Consideration of a design review application for a new 11,894 square-foot three story residential building with 20 condominium units and underground parking garage.

Planning Services Manager Zach Dahl presented the application and answered Commissioner's questions.

Applicant representative Jeff Warmoth presented the application and answered questions from the Commission. Hexagon's Traffic Engineer representative Michelle Hunt answered additional question related to the Traffic Impact Analysis. The use of mechanical lift system for the parking structure is still under consideration.

Public comments at the meeting:

- Question to the City regarding future plan for Alley. Possibility to widen the street from the current 16-ft width. Traffic is blocked when delivery service trucks are stopped in the alley.

Comments from the Commission:

- Main and 1<sup>st</sup> Street not included in the Traffic Impact Analysis intersection study.
- Study was completed while school was out of session.
- Foothill expressway classified as bikeway in study.
- Questioning validity of some peak hour volume.

- Would like to see cumulative traffic impact study done in downtown.
- Alley to be turned into access street, widen from 16-ft to 20-ft.
- Would like City to work with applicant to widen sidewalk.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Banerjee, seconded by Commissioner Hoorickx, the Commission recommended approval of the development plan as presented. Commissioner Brinsfield amended motion recommending City staff to acquire 1-ft of easement from the applicant to widen the sidewalk.

Passed 4-0

4. VTA BPAC and Traffic Safe Communities Network

Commissioner Brinsfield seeks recommendation for a new VTA BPAC representative from the Los Altos Community. The Commission has recommended Jim Fenton, a former Complete Streets Commissioner. City staff will reach out to Jim Fenton requesting his attendance to VTA BPAC as Los Altos representative.

Commissioner Banerjee has volunteered to continue to attend Traffic Safe Communities Network meeting.

5. Homestead Road Safe Routes to School Project (County of Santa Clara Study)

Interim Staff Liaison Jaime Rodriguez provided updates to the Homestead Road Safe Routes to School Planning Phase project. The project focuses on finding near-term improvements opportunities for the pursuit of future grant funding opportunities for construction. The project is funded through County Supervisor Simitian's office and is being managed by the County of Santa Clara – Roads & Airports Department.

Staff presentation focused on Homestead Road-Vineyard Drive between Deodara Drive and Fallen Leaf Drive-Homestead Court. Concept plan line drawings presented by the County at the final community outreach meeting on 2-25-2019 were presented along with concept plan line drawings prepared by staff used to advise the count drawings. Staff presentation focused on:

- Vineyard Drive (Deodara Drive to Foothill Expressway)  
This section is not currently a formal element of the project. Staff is pursuing opportunities to include this section so funding for recommended sidewalks and traffic calming measures can be included in the project.
- Foothill Expressway & Homestead Road-Vineyard Drive  
This intersection will be a part of a future Foothill Expressway widening project between Homestead Road-Vineyard Drive and I-280 and is being funded by the 2016 Measure B half-cent sales tax. Concepts shown are for reference and inclusion in the future project and include the removal pork chop islands that allow free right turn movements and pedestrian-bicyclists enhancements.

- **Grant Road-Homestead Road Triangle**  
Project proposes extension of the Homestead Road multi-use path through the triangle and includes pedestrian-bicyclists pathway enhancements.
- **Homestead Road-El Sereno Avenue-Chevron Dwy**  
Staff is recommending that the project include a new northbound left turn lane for access into the Chevron driveway to help reduce queue impacts on northbound Homestead Road towards Foothill Expressway. This is not currently an element of the project but will be considered for inclusion in final city comments to the county on the project.
- **Green Bikeway Treatments**  
Project proposes separate pedestrian crosswalks and green bikeway pathways at each intersection along Homestead Road and green bikeway treatments in front of driveways.
- **Traffic Signal at Homestead Road & Fallen Leaf Drive-Homestead Court**  
The project currently proposes a new traffic signal at the intersection of Homestead Road & Fallen Leaf Drive-Homestead Court. In the interim before the traffic signal can be built, City staff will be pursuing authorization to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> flashing beacon sign at the intersection to supplement the existing two signs at the intersection for improved motorist visibility regarding pedestrian activity at the intersection.

A presentation to the City Council on this project is planned for April 9, 2019. No committee comments were provided as this was presented to the commission as an update item only.

Public comments at the meeting:

- Addressed significance for pedestrian and bicycling children safety for the project.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### 6. Monthly Staff Report

Interim Staff Liaison Jaime Rodriguez introduced Gaku Watanabe, new full-time staff in Engineering Division as an Assistant Civil Engineer.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kriegh and Commissioner Banerjee provided comments regarding previous meeting item at Los Altos Avenue and W. Portola Avenue.

### **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Annual work plan for year 2020
- Bike to work day
- Cumulative traffic impact study in Downtown and El Camino Real
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street streetscape
- VTA BPAC representative
- Cuesta Drive Traffic Calming

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Brinsfield adjourned the meeting at 10:02 PM