## CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

# BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE <br> REGULAR MEETING AGENDA <br> Monday, June 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m. <br> 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 Gary Gutierrez (Chair) __Jan Ogren (vice chair) __Shirley Johnson __Steve Keith__Tim Hensel__
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 for $5 / 22 / 2023$ meeting
6. Trail to Crane Canyon Presentation by Project Engineer (Presentation and Discussion)
7. Questions for Public Safety Representative (Discussion)
8. New Matters for Future Consideration and Review of Future Agenda Items List (Discussion)
9. Adjournment (Action)

## CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA:

I, Ashley Cotter, Management Analyst for the City of Rohnert Park, declare that the foregoing agenda for the June 26, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Rohnert Park Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was posted and available for review on Thursday, June 22, 2023, 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 June, 2023, at Rohnert Park, California.
Ashley Cotter, Management Analyst

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

5:30 PM, Monday, May, 22, 2023
Rohnert Park City Hall, City Council Chambers
130 Avram Avenue, Rohnert Park, California

## Members Present: Gary Gutierrez (chair) $\underline{X}$ Jan Ogren (vice chair) $\underline{X} \quad$ Tim Hensel $\underline{X}$ Steve Keith $\underline{X}$ Shirley Johnson $\underline{0}$

Non-Voting Participants: Ashley Cotter (Management Analyst, City of Rohnert Park), Jim Barrios (Parks and Recreation Commissioner), Jason Sampietro (Assistant Engineer, City of Rohnert Park)

## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Introductions

Chair Gutierrez commenced self-introductions.

## 3. Public Comments

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jim Barrios was present at the meeting. He introduced himself to BPAC members, and relayed that if there are any issues that BPAC members felt would be relevant to discuss at Parks and Recreation meetings, they could coordinate with him. Mx. Ogren noted that it was great to have him here, and asked if he could provide an overview of what the commission does for parks and recreation in Rohnert Park. Mr. Barrios provided a brief overview of the Parks and Recreation Committee meetings.

## 4. Consideration of Approval of Minutes for $\mathbf{4 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 3}$ meeting

Mr. Gutierrez corrected the start time, the minutes had listed 5:00 start time, and the meeting was called to order at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$.
Mx. Ogren motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, Mr. Keith seconded. The 4/24/23 meeting minutes are approved - 3 ayes -1 abstention (Mr. Hensel), 1 absence (Ms. Johnson).

## 5. Camino Collegio Presentation with Jason Sampietro

Mr. Sampietro presented some background on Camino Collegio. Camino Collegio is a north-south major collector from Southwest Blvd to Bodway Parkway. Mr. Sampietro provided an overview of the various bike facilities on this roadway (chart below):

| Section of Camino Collegio | Bike/Pedestrian facilities |
| :--- | :--- |
| From Southwest Blvd to East Cotati Ave | • 1 through lane in each direction |
|  | - 1 Class Two bike lane in each direction <br>  <br> $\quad$Street parking on the west side of the <br> road |


| From East Cotati to Magnolia Ave | - 2 through lanes in each direction <br> - 1 Class Four multidirectional bike lane <br> on the west side protected by an asphalt <br> dike |
| :--- | :--- |
| - 1 Class Two bike lane on the east side |  |$|$|  | - 2 through lanes in each direction <br> - 1 multi use pathway on the west and <br> south side |
| :--- | :--- |
| From Magnolia Ave to Bodway Parkway | Parking on the east/north side of the <br> road |

From Mx. Ogren commented that she was aware of the multidirectional bike lane, but wasn't aware of the multidirectional bike facility on the east side section of Camino Collegio. Mr. Keith commented that the multidirectional bike facility didn't start until further down the section of Camino Collegio. Mr. Sampietro commented that the bike lane goes through all parking on the side of the street, and that the class two bike lane on East Cotati to Magnolia Ave was warn through and needed restriping. Mx. Ogren mentioned that this segment reminded tem of Golf Course. Mr. Sampietro clarified if tey meant the section by Honeybee Park. Mx. Ogren confirmed, and commented that the solid line on that section was there for parking. Mr. Sampietro responded that this section was originally designed as a bike lane as well. Mx. Ogren noted that tey recalled seeing a "no parking" sign in the area. Mr. Sampietro responded that that section has a wide parking lane, almost eight feet wide, which is why cars park there. After Ms. Cotter pulled the section up on Google Earth, BPAC members discovered that it was a street sweeping sign. Mr. Sampietro noted that this area is often in competition for parking with residents from the numerous apartment complexes, Honeybee park users, and crowds from swim meets. Mr. Sampietro also explained that it is illegal to park in the bike lane, with or without signage. Mr. Gutierrez asked about repainting the bike lane, to which Mr. Sampietro responded that he'd cover that later on in the presentation. BPAC members questioned enforcement, Mr. Sampietro responded that enforcement is a Public Safety question. Ms. Cotter noted that she would include that question in BPAC's list of questions for Public Safety.
Mr. Sampietro continued on his presentation, noting recent improvements to Camino Collegio:

| Road Section | $\underline{\text { Improvements made }}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Intersection of Southwest Blvd and Camino <br> Collegio | Pedestrian Scramble |
| Magnolia Ave to SOMO Campus | New 8 ft wide concrete pathway |
| Bodway Parkway and Camino Collegio <br> Crosswalk | New Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon <br> (RRFB) |

Mr. Sampietro commented that Bodway is a fast road, and crossing can be dangerous, so the new RRFB has helped. Mx. Ogren commented that the new pathway from Magnolia to Bodway is very
nice, but there is no signage. Mr. Sampietro confirmed that it was newly done. Mr. Hensel commented that he noticed a lot of RRFBs going in throughout the City, and was very impressed. Mr. Sampietro responded that they are part of a recent pedestrian improvement project, about 6-7 sets are going in. Mr. Gutierrez commented that the lights are awesome and make a big difference - cars are stopping and waiting for pedestrians to get to the other side before proceeding.
Mr. Sampietro continued his presentation, noting potential issues along Camino Collegio:

- Parking in the bike lane;
- Worn out striping;
- Non-continuous bicycle features;
- Confusion for cyclists new to the area.

Mr. Gutierrez asked about enforcement actions for the various features. Mr. Sampietro responded that the laws differ between each feature. Mr. Keith commented that in San Francisco, there's a 10 ft rule - the pedestrian is 10 ft away from the vehicle, with the goal being that the pedestrian is on the curb before the vehicle proceeds. Mr. Sampietro responded that pedestrian refuges and the laws that accompany them vary. Mr. Keith noted that Mr. Sampietro's work lays a base for enforcement.

BPAC members continued discussing bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Camino Collegio. Mr. Keith noted that on the section between Southwest and East Cotati it goes through a number of transitions, including the median line disappearing which causes confusion for both drivers and cyclists. Mr. Sampietro responded that that is actually a feature for traffic cooling, and is a proven traffic safety measure. Mr. Keith voiced his confusion, noting that drivers could drift into the bike lane, posing a safety concern. Mr. Sampietro responded that nervous drivers are slow drivers, which is why it is so effective. Mr. Keith noted that perhaps the risk of a driver drifting into the bike lane and not leaving enough room for cyclists on that stretch of road was an unintended consequence of this traffic cooling feature. Mr. Keith continued that the overall goal is to make biking safer and more comfortable, so these unintended consequences don't necessarily support that. Mx. Ogren asked Mr. Keith if he was suggesting a line down the road in this section. Mr. Keith responded that it would be good to look into alternatives to see if there is an achievable compromise. Mr. Sampietro responded that this is a pretty narrow section of road, so the alternative would mean getting rid of street parking. Mr . Hensel noted that about six years ago BPAC held a meeting to discuss eliminating parking on Camino Collegio to make room for bike facilities, and it was a very heated meeting with multiple members of the public attending because they did not want to lose the street parking. Mr. Gutierrez responded that these issues can become very heated, and that striking a balance to balance safety while encouraging biking is important. Mr. Sampietro pulled up the County's Vision Zero Dashboard on SCTA, which showed only 2 vehicular accidents, neither of which involved pedestrians or cyclists in six years. Mr. Hensel noted that he saw lots of kids biking to and from on Southwest to East Cotati. Mr. Gutierrez replied that the data does not support the statement that this is an unsafe area. Mr. Sampietro noted that the data we are observing is only reported data.

Mr. Sampietro concluded his presentation with proposed improvements:

- Pathway extension by SOMO Village to Bodway Parkway;
- Pathway extension by City to East Cotati Ave;
- Addition of signage indicating multi use pathway;
- Restriping bike lanes.

Mr. Sampietro commented that the Public Works crew is scheduled to be out next week painting over bike lanes as a hold over until the thermoplastic striping can be completed. Mr. Gutierrez confirmed with Mr. Sampietro that the proposed improvements were in progress. Mr. Gutierrez thanked Mr. Sampietro for his time and presentation, and asked the BPAC if there were any additional questions.
Mx. Ogren detailed next steps - asking Public Safety about various cars parking in the bike lane. Mr. Sampietro responded that there are three dedicated employees to look at car parking enforcement, so he will make a note to address it with them. Mr. Hensel noted that some of the cars had been there for an extended period of time. Commissioner Barrios asked about the different classes of bike lanes. Mr . Sampietro responded with the following:

- Class 1: separate bike way/path that is removed from the roadway (bike path)
- Class 2: striped along a roadway, not protected
- Class 3: shared lane marking
- Class 4: separated bike way - a class 2 bike lane with some sort of separation, or could be multi directional.
Mx. Ogren commented that there are no class three bike lanes in Rohnert Park, which Mr. Sampietro confirmed.

Regarding the in-progress improvements, Mr. Gutierrez asked Mr. Sampietro if he'd be willing to come back and provide an update after improvements were concluded - Mr. Sampietro estimated that they would be complete in August/September.

## 6. Bicycle/Pedestrian Access to Sunrise Park off of San Francisco Way

Mx. Ogren had provided a picture of Sunrise Park at San Francisco Way prior to the meeting for discussion. Mx. Ogren pointed out that from this point of entry there is no bicycle/ADA access to get to trails. Mx. Ogren also noted that Sunrise is a very popular park, so San Francisco Way is often a street that people park on when there is no parking in the parking lot. Mr. Sampietro asked if Mx. Ogren was requesting a curb cut. Mr. Hensel added that the other entrance on San Francisco Way does not have accessibility, there are three entrances to Sunrise Park in total. Mr. Keith noted that the only ramp was in the parking lot. Mr. Sampietro clarified that the group was requesting a curb ramp. Commissioner Barrios commented that it would be best to do a curb cut, and not create a ramp that's not going anywhere (i.e, access to a crosswalk), and creating a ramp to go into the road way will result in a hazard. Mr. Sampietro told the group he would bring it up, but could make no promises on actionable results for this request at this time as it is not a true public safety hazard. Mx. Ogren noted that there are only two handicapped spaces next to the curb access, people are requesting more spaces, especially as the space is used more for community events. Mx. Ogren asked how suggestions get moved through. Mr. Sampietro responded that one way is to go to Council, different suggestions will have different responses depending on severity and funding available. Mr. Sampietro reiterated that he would check on the feasibility of this. Mr. Gutierrez thanked Mr. Sampietro and Mr. Barrios for the information and education.

## 7. New Matters for Future Consideration and Review of Future Agenda Items

Ms. Cotter provided a list of new matters for future consideration that BPAC members reviewed and commented on. Mr. Keith mentioned a discussion regarding riding bikes - at Evergreen Elementary, signage was added and the curb was reconfigured. Mr. Sampietro responded that the City doesn't make those calls, the school district has an easement and can ask for permission but it's not
necessarily under the City's purview. Mx. Ogren commented that the loading zone looks friendly. Mr. Keith reiterated that the changes to Evergreen Elementary regarding parking seems to be encouraging students not to walk or bike, but if BPAC members felt it has been sufficiently covered, then it doesn't necessarily need to be agendized and discussed again. Mx. Ogren asked if the City had maps of the bike and pedestrian pathways. Mr. Sampietro noted that there was a county-wide map, but nothing specific to Rohnert Park. Mx. Ogren and Mr. Keith agreed that the Sonoma County map was too broad. Mr. Gutierrez addressed the topic of bicycle parking. Mr. Hensel noted that BPAC members had taken inventory. Mr. Gutierrez suggested that we review previous minutes. Mr. Gutierrez also noted that there were five sections of audit that were not done.

## 8. Adjournment

Mx. Ogren moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Hensel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Ashley Cotter, Recording Secretary<br>Rohnert Park Bicycle and<br>Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Gary Gutierrez, Chair<br>Rohnert Park Bicycle and<br>Pedestrian Advisory Committee



## Copeland Creek Trail to Crane Creek Regional Park Project

City of Rohnert Park Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

## Project Details

- Extend Copeland Creek Trail From SSU to Crane Creek Regional Park
- ~7,500 ft. of New Class 1 Trail
- 3 New Bridges
- Use of Existing Tank Access Road ( $\sim 2,600 \mathrm{ft}$.)
- New Culvert crossings, New Fencing, Rock Wall Protection
- New Traffic Signal
- SSU Trail Link



## Project History

- City Acquired land (2016)
- 128 Acres, University District DA
- Water Tanks to be Constructed
- Trail Project Created \& Applied for County Grant Funding (2020)
- Collaborative Effort: County Regional Parks, Ag \& Open Space, SSU, City
- CEQA Compliance (2020)
- Trail Design Completed (2022)
- Construction (To Begin Fall 2023) - Est. \$2.6 Million
- Estimated Completion - Fall 2024


## Project Benefits

- Provide Outdoor Recreational Experience to Community with Westward Expansion to Crane Creek Regional Park
- Encourage Use and Appreciation for Park Resources
- Improve non-vehicle access to Crane Creek Regional Park.
- Broaden Natural, Cultural, and Historical understanding of Sonoma County Area


## Project Location



## Copeland Creek Trail Extension

## COPELAND CREEK TRAIL/ CRANE CREEK TRAIL TOTAL LENGTH: ~5 MILES



Trail Alignment - City Property


## Trail Alignment - City Property



## Trail Design



## Trail Design

- Class 1 Trail
- Designed Per U.S. Access Board Accessibility Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas.

2. THE TRAIL RUNNING SLOPES AND LENGTHS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

| MAXIMUM RUNNING SLOPE AND SEGMENT LENGTH |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TRAIL SEGMENT RUNNING SLOPE |  | MAXIMUM LENGTH OF |
| SEGMENT |  |  |

3. CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL RESTING ZONES (RZ) AT REQUIRED INTERVALS PER UNITED STATES ACCESS BOARD TRAIL GUIDELINES; PROFILE CURRENTLY SHOWS ALL RESTING ZONES WITH O\% SLOPE, HOWEVER, AT CONTRACTOR'S DISCRETION, RESTING ZONES MAY VERY BENGTH, AND MAY VARY, BUT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 5' IN LENGTH.
4. CONTRACTOR IS ENCOURAGED TO ADJUST HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT TO MINIMIZE CUT SLOPE HEIGHT AND/OR RETAINING STRUCTURES; MINIMIZE CUT SLOPE HEIGHT AND/OR RETAINING STRUCTURES;
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5. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BUILD THE STRUCTURAL SECTION OF THE TRAIL IN A FULL-BENCH CUT.
6. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF $25^{\prime}$ ' CURVE LENGTH FOR ALL VERTICAL CURVES; CURVES SHOWN ARE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN FULL-BENCH CUTS AS MUCH AS PRACTICABLE.
7. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN MINIMUM OF 6 " COVER OVER ALL STORM DRAIN FEATURES; CHANNEL PROFILE MAY REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM DEPTH OF COVER AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS included in the work.



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## Trail Material



## Trail Design



## Trail Design




## Thank you.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Memorandum

FROM:
Ashley Cotter, Management Analyst
MEETING DATE: June 26, 2023
AGENDA ITEM: \#8
SUBJECT: BPAC Agenda Items List

## ISSUE:

At the April 24, 2023 meeting, BPAC members requested that this potential future agenda item list be a recurring item to evaluate prioritization and review potential agenda items, as discussed in previous meetings.

## POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS LIST:

Table 1 contains topics that were brought up by BPAC Members during the "New Matters for Future Consideration" agenda item since July 2021, listed for the BPAC to review, updated as of June, 2023.

Table 1: Topics List from September 2022 Meeting, Status of Topic

| Topic | Stauts of <br> Inclusion on <br> BPAC Agenda | Priority |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Maintaining and refreshing pavement markings and <br> striping | Covered | 1 |
| Bus stop amenities and maintenance (e.g. garbage <br> receptacles, general cleanliness) | Covered | 2 |
| Intersection of Rohnert Park Expressway and <br> Commerce, pedestrian crossing timing. | Covered | 3 |
| Bicycle parking, including: <br> - Bike rack standards <br> - Inadequate or non-existent bike racks at City <br> facilities and key destinations <br> - Bike parking inventory/count and condition <br> assessment <br> - Bicycle security | Not yet covered at <br> a meeting | Prioritize bike <br> parking <br> inventory/count <br> and condition <br> assessment |
| Bicycle/pedestrian access to Sunrise Park off San <br> Francisco Way | Covered |  |
| Boulders in landscape strip on Country Club Drive: <br> - Potential hazards for sidewalk users? <br> - Landscape strip ownership, maintenance <br> responsibility and liability | Not yet covered at <br> a meeting | 3 |
| Storm drain inlets: | Not yet covered at <br> a meeting | 7 |


| - Location in bike lanes and at path intersections <br> (i.e. causing a potential hazard) <br> - Disrepair and missing storm drain "Drains to <br> Creek" labels |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Visit by Public Safety representative - suggestion: <br> agendize this prior to meeting to come up with <br> questions, etc. to sent to Public Safety Representative | Not yet covered at <br> a meeting | 1 |
| Camino Collegio overview | Covered |  |
| Bike Share/Scooter Rental status in Rohnert Park | Not yet covered at <br> a meeting | No priority <br> given |
| SRTS Task Force | Not yet covered at <br> a meeting | No priority <br> given |
| Map of Rohnert Park Bike and Pedestrian Pathways | Not yet covered at <br> a meeting | No priority <br> given |

Table 2: In-Progress or Ongoing Topics/BPAC agenda items

| Topic | Status | Anticipated meeting |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Bike Path Audits | Covered -5 trails left, <br> discuss possibility of <br> secondary audit | Continuing |
| Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan <br> Projects List Review | Compilation of BPAC <br> project reviews in draft | Continuing |
| Trail to Crane Creek - Project Engineer <br> to Present | In progress | June BPAC meeting |

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the BPAC:

- Review the list with City staff at the meeting
- Clarify the proposed agenda item topic that is to be presented/discussed
- Determine whether the topic is still wanted (or within the BPAC's purview) for a future agenda item
- Determine if any non-prioritized items would like to be prioritized for future meetings

