



**Final**

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

5:30 PM, Monday, February 27, 2023  
Rohnert Park City Hall, City Council Chambers  
130 Avram Avenue, Rohnert Park, California

**Members Present:** Tim Hensel X Steve Keith X  
Shirley Johnson X Gary Gutierrez X Jan Ogren X

**Non-Voting Participants:** Marcela Piedra (City Manager), Ashley Cotter (Management Analyst, City of Rohnert Park), Jason Sampietro (Traffic Engineer, City of Rohnert Park), Lindsay Hutchins (Rohnert Park resident), Emily Shartin (Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition).

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Tim Hensel called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

**2. Introductions**

Chair Hensel commenced self-introductions.

**3. Oath of Office**

Ms. Cotter administered the Oath of Office to Steve Keith, officially inducting him as a BPAC member.

**4. Public Comments**

Ms. Hutchins commented that the overall state of the sidewalks in Rohnert Park needed to be addressed for pedestrian use - there are large cracks and tree roots erupting out of the sidewalk. Ms. Hutchins noted that she walked a lot at night time. The lack of lighting and the state of the sidewalks makes getting around a nighttime difficult. Ms. Hutchins also noted that there is an area of homelessness at the roundabout. Mr. Hensel noted that the crosswalk from the bike path to the roundabout is in Cotati's jurisdiction. Ms. Hutchins also noted that there is a lot of trash, which could conceivably be problematic in the event a fight broke out, and a dangerous piece of trash was utilized as a weapon. She also noted that there is a lot of trash at A Park around 4pm.

Mx. Ogren responded that BPAC members did just conclude an audit of the bike paths, and that included observing the amount of trash. Mr. Hensel also commented that Ms. Hutchins did bring up some valid points regarding lighting along the bike paths, and could be discussed as an agenda item in the future.

Ms. Johnson commented that for any issues Ms. Hutchins might find, to take a photo and use the app GovRequest, which is a great app for communicating with City staff about issues that residents report. Mr. Keith responded that the app is for both Apple and Android users, the request goes to City staff, and staff address the issue at hand. Ms. Hutchins replied that she would try it out.

**5. Election of Office**

Mr. Gutierrez and Mx. Ogren were nominated for chair and vice chair, respectively. BPAC members voted:

Mr. Gutierrez (Chair): 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Mx. Ogren (Vice-Chair): 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Mr. Gutierrez and Mx. Ogren will be the new Chair and Vice Chair for the next two years.

#### **6. Proposed Hinebaugh Creek Path (K Section to Snyder Lane) Rehabilitation and Snyder Lane Crossing**

Mr. Sampietro presented on Rohnert Park Multi Use Path Improvements – proposed Hinebaugh Creek Path (K Section to Snyder Lane) Rehabilitation and Snyder Lane Crossing. Mr. Sampietro reviewed the proposed new features, to include: bulb outs and curb extensions, pedestrian refuge, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, “stop” signs and bars where pathways meet sidewalk, advanced “yield here to pedestrian signs”, “shark teeth” advanced striping, and “no parking” signage.

Mx. Ogren commented that the K Section pathway was great, and it would be great to extend it. Mr. Sampietro noted that there is a possibility that the project could grow, and the path could get extended to Golf Course Dr.

Mx. Ogren asked about the section of path from Snyder to Five Creek. Mr. Sampietro responded that that section is not currently within the scope of work right now. Mx. Ogren noted that BPAC members had just completed bike path audits, and that while conducting the audit, many people would say that they actively avoided that bike path area. Mr. Keith added that it is used by trucks, which create ruts. Mx. Ogren responded that it would be great to have that section rehabilitated, especially if K Section to Snyder was improved, because then there would be a continuous bike path throughout a whole neighborhood section. Mr. Keith also noted that when the Friday night markets are hosted, a lot of people walk through that area to get to the Public Safety Main parking lot. Mr. Keith and Mx. Ogren continued discussing the map provided on Mr. Sampietro’s presentation. Mx. Ogren commented the Hinebaugh Creek path from Country Club to the Golf Course is not used as much since it dead ends at the golf course – while the path from Five Creek to Snyder is in bad shape and would be used more especially when the K Section to Snyder is improved.

Mr. Gutierrez asked if the trees themselves had been looked at on these paths. Mr. Sampietro responded that he had been in communication with arborists, and that there are two trees that they don’t want to remove, specifically: redwoods and oaks. Mr. Gutierrez asked if a tree assessment had been done, to which Mr. Sampietro replied that it had been. Mr. Sampietro continued on his presentation, which included a graph showing the PCI ranking of all the paths in the City. Ms. Johnson inquired what PCI stood for. Mr. Sampietro responded that it’s an acronym for Pavement Condition Index.

Mr. Sampietro reviewed the diagrams provided to show the proposed crosswalk design at Snyder and Hinebaugh Creek. Mr. Sampietro explained that this would be a 70 ft. crossing. Mr. Hensel asked if this area would be entirely curbed. Mr. Sampietro replied that if someone is crossing, they are going to have curbs on both sides. Mx. Ogren asked if this plan would mean rerouting bikes from the bike lane. Mr. Sampietro responded that this would be more of a gradual shift over. Mx. Ogren asked if this would result in a loss of parking. Mr. Sampietro

responded that there is not a lot of parking in that area right now as is. Mr. Keith commented that school is in and out, so there are a lot of people on that road at pick up and drop off times. Mr. Keith reviewed the proposed and alternative options for the crosswalk, and commented that he proposed has more room on the path itself than the alternative. Mr. Hensel asked if the south crossing near the school was also 70 ft, in which case that crossing would be more similar to the proposed version of the new crosswalk. Mr. Sampietro was unsure of the measurement of the other crosswalk. Mr. Keith commented that Snyder goes through a lot of changes. Mr. Hensel responded that where this proposed crosswalk is going is a problem, so it's good it's being addressed. Mr. Keith noted that the distance is a bit of a jaunt across walking across without the crosswalk. Mr. Hensel replied that he had done it many times. Mr. Gutierrez asked about bicyclists, would they move through similar to a car? Mr. Sampietro responded yes. Mx. Ogren noted that the proposed crosswalk had a wide bike lane, but the alternative would provide more protection for cyclists on the road. Mr. Sampietro commented that the intent overall was to separate bike lanes from the sidewalk. Mr. Hensel asked if both the proposed and alternative crosswalks cost about the same, Mr. Sampietro said they were about the same cost.

Mr. Gutierrez inquired about turning radius. Mr. Sampietro replied that there is about 10ft of space to provide room for that, which is pretty standard. Mr. Gutierrez asked about other features in the area that needed to be addressed, such as storm drains. Mr. Sampietro indicated that there are no additional factors that needed to be taken into consideration at this time. Mx. Ogren asked about repaving, as some of the areas are bumpy. Mr. Sampietro explained that there is a plan in the works to widen Snyder Ln from G Section to RPX, but the timeline is fluid, it could take 3-7 years, it depends. Mr. Hensel commented that the alternative proposal includes striping for a bike lane, which would be helpful in directing people to the right area. Mr. Sampietro noted that striping is an element of both proposals. Ms. Shartin asked about the future of the bike lanes after this project is completed. Mr. Sampietro indicated that things would continue on as is. Ms. Shartin also asked about whether or not people can park there currently. Mr. Sampietro noted that it is currently used that way, and that the City would need to utilize red paint to increase visibility, as that's a known improvement. Mr. Gutierrez asked about traffic lights going up in that area. Mr. Sampietro replied that the current plan is to implement Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), but that the project still needed to go to design so there has been no official decision on that yet. Mr. Keith asked about management of water runoff as it tends to collect, which could be an area of concern. Mr. Sampietro replied that ideally it would be built with a slope so it would drain to a storm drain – after building one it usually takes usage of over 10 years before ponding starts to become an issue. Mr. Gutierrez commented that he liked both proposals, that they would have a calming effect on traffic. Mr. Hensel agreed, either proposal is 100% improvement. Mx. Ogren commented that these two sections were the worst, and asked about the timeline for this project. Mr. Sampietro indicated that if everything goes according to plan, they'd hope to start in the fall or winter when it dries.

## **7. New Matters for Future Consideration**

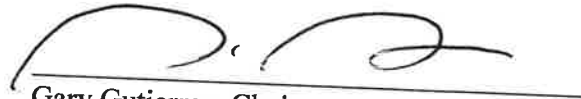
Mr. Hensel noted that Ms. Tacata has a list of to discuss – questions that we want from public safety, storm/drainage issues, curbs. Mr. Gutierrez commented that at the next meeting BPAC members should review the list. Mr. Hensel also brought up the bike path audits for review at the next meeting. Mx. Ogren commented that the improvement of the path from K Section to Snyder was something that BPAC members had discussed at a previous meeting, so it is very exciting to see that change being implemented.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr. Hensel moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Gutierrez seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.



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Rohnert Park Bicycle and  
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Gary Gutierrez, Chair  
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