
CITY OF NEWARK PLANNING COMMISSION

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City Administration Building
7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:32 p.m., Chairperson Nillo called the meeting to order. All Planning Commissioners were present except Commissioner Aguilar (personal).

B. MINUTES

B.1 Approval of Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Commissioner Otterstetter moved, Vice-Chairperson Bridges seconded, to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2017. The motion passed 4 AYES.

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 Review and recommend approval of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

Assistant City Manager Grindall gave the staff report via a Power Point Presentation.

Answering Vice-Chairperson Bridges, ACM Grindall produced the slide showing the Top 5 Priority Projects that were identified and stated no funding is currently in place but several pavement rehabilitation projects are scheduled.

Answering Commissioner Bridges, ACM Grindall confirmed signal detection systems at the High School and Junior High Schools had been identified in the PBMP.

Answering Commissioner Otterstetter, ACM Grindall stated the priorities list was established later in the Master Plan process due to low staffing levels.

Answering Chairperson Nillo, ACM Grindall stated the Master Plan envisions bicycle travel lanes on both sides of roadways.

Newark resident Richard Slagel stated, in his experience, the most dangerous bicycle route is on Cherry Street between the Junior High School and Auto Mall. Mr. Slagel suggested installing a traffic button on Thornton Avenue by Gateway Boulevard.

Newark resident Angela Eldridge agreed with Mr. Slagel on the need of a traffic button on Gateway and stated it was also difficult to cross without a signal at the intersection of Central Avenue and Cedar Boulevard.

ACM Grindall stated these issues were identified and addressed in the PBMP.

Answering Commissioner Fitts, ACM Grindall stated the Public Works Department had already implemented interim improvements on the roadway by SR84/Thornton Avenue/Gateway Boulevard.

Answering Commissioner Fitts, ACM Grindall stated striping on Willow Street by Enterprise Drive and Thornton Avenue would be completed along with the new Development project that is being built.

ACM Grindall stated that the City was not eligible for County Funds from Measures B and BB because they did not have a PBMP in place, but will be applying for a Grant once the PBMP is adopted.

Answering Commissioner Fitts, ACM Grindall stated our Public Works Department will be working with the Federal Government to properly provide access to the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge from the Cargill site.

Motion made by Commissioner Fitts, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Bridges to approve the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. Motion passed 4 AYES.

This item will be heard at the February 23, 2017 City Council Meeting.

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

G.1 Report on City Council actions.

None.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Fitts wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Vice-Chairperson Bridges mentioned Mirabeau Park needed maintenance of the overgrown plants.

Answering Vice-Chairperson Bridges, ACM Grindall confirmed Sprouts Grocery Store will be opening up in Newark.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., Chairperson Nillo adjourned the regular Planning Commission meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



TERRENCE GRINDALL

Secretary