

CITY OF CALISTOGA
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2019 at 1 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair John Gleazer, Vice Chair David Hagberg, Erika Pusey, Brad Suhr. Staff members present: Senior Planner Zach Tusinger, Senior Engineer Hamid Heidary, City Manager Mike Kirn

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Holm and other Grant Street residents comment on the process and other associated concerns relating to the proposed reconstruction of Grant Street including the planned multi-use path. They were surprised to see the Grant Street pathway on the ATAC meeting agenda after having had months go by with no communication with the City. They are not happy with the process and feel there should be better communication. Being treated with respect is important and believes there needs to be more dialog and input.

Senior Engineer Hamid Heidary provides additional information regarding the upcoming Mayor's Forum. Committee member Pusey and Chair Gleazer indicate that ATAC has had limited involvement in this project but that speeding and traffic are issues on city streets that need to be addressed. In response to a question, Committee member Suhr indicates he does not regularly recommend people bicycle down Myrtle Dale (or Silverado Trail). Paul Holm indicates that there are major safety concerns related to the proposed plans.

City Manager Mike Kirn offers to go outside and talk with the concerned property owners, They exit the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 6, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider recommending that the City pursue adding bike lanes on Washington Street from 3rd Street to North Oak

Chair Gleazer introduce this item. Staff member Tusinger notes the email from Diana Meehan regarding this topic. Senior Engineer Heidary presents his findings and recommendations regarding the feasibility of a project. Estimating over \$400,000 additional for construction costs. This is on top of the planned \$1.3 million overlay project. One of the cost drivers is the removal of the underlying concrete base. Committee member Suhr asks if there are any benefits to removing the

concrete. Senior Engineer Heidary indicates that there are, but that it wasn't planned at this time as there was not a lot of need to do utility work underneath Washington.

Committee member Pusey asks what the life of the overlay would be. Senior Engineer Heidary indicates 20-30 years.

Chair Gleazer expresses concern with concept of having bicyclists cross Washington Street at the approach to Logvy Park. Believes there should be a consistent configuration. Senior Engineer Heidary indicates there are a number of different options.

Chair Gleazer indicates that parking on south side of Washington is not as important.

Patrick Band and Carlotta Sainato from the Napa County Bicycle Coalition offer their opinion based on their research and observations. Believes that based on circumstances a Class III option (with sharrows) is warranted, and this strikes a balance that improves the bicycling facilities and safety as well as maintaining most of the on-street parking. Additionally recommends traffic calming measures at the Lake Street intersection. Indicates that the Class III option would be less than 1/6 of the cost of adding bike lanes, but would still get 90% of the benefit.

Chair Gleazer believes that bicyclists sharing the road is no different than the current situation. Mr. Band indicates that new sharrows, additional signage, traffic calming measures, etc. are a good middle ground and are within the realm of what is feasible.

Vice Chair Hagberg is concerned about the ramifications of the loss of parking. He supports the Class III option in the spirit of compromise.

Committee member Suhr in response to a comment from Chari Gleazer about speeding, asks about Calistoga's position on speedbumps. Staff member Tusinger relates that the municipal code prohibits speed bumps in the city due to possible impacts to public safety vehicles.

Committee member Suhr indicates that he thinks pressing for the bike lanes at this time is an overreach. Believes we should get as much as we can out of the overlay and Class III option. Vice Chair Suhr indicates he'd like to see a vote on this matter by the committee.

In response to Chair Gleazer's comment about ATAC being an advocacy group, and that the parking issue is exaggerated, Committee member Suhr indicates City should seek feedback on proposal from residents of the area. Committee member Suhr moves to table the item until the next meeting. Vice Chair Hagberg seconds.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider reaffirming support for the priority of Logvy Park Pedestrian Bridge over the Napa River

Chair Gleazer skips this item and moves to Item 6B (which is discussed in the context of this possible reaffirmation).

B. Discussion: Providing advice to the City Council

Chair Gleazer suggests a physical form/template for advisories from the ATAC to the City Council. Chair Gleazer distributes a draft resolution he has prepared. In response to questions, Staff member Tusinger notes that the usual approach to relaying advice to the Council when warranted is through staff in the form of a staff report. The ATAC agrees to table this idea to allow staff time to look into.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS & REQUESTS

Vice Chair Hagberg raises the idea of bikeshare program in Calistoga. Committee member Suhr indicates that it had been looked at previously but didn't go anywhere. There had also been concerns about scooters. Patrick Band offers that there are liability concerns associated with them, and the consensus in Calistoga was that there wasn't a demand.

Committee member Pusey asks if there can be a traffic discussion at the next meeting. Staff indicates that they will follow up and agendize if possible.

Chair Gleazer indicates he has a concern at Fair Way & Oak regarding slippery striping. Senior Engineer Heidary will look into.

8. STAFF UPDATE

Next meeting is planned for Wednesday December 4, 2019

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 2:35 p.m.

Zach Tusinger, Senior Planner