

GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING

Monday, October 20, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Marc Crawford-Chair, Dave Sadoff, Sheila Cunha, John Ryzanych, Matt Turner, Aileen Chong-Jeung

Location: Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94646

Summary Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marvin Disher, Knox Street resident, stated that a tree branch fell on his fence and demolished it. The tree was in the County right-of-way and after several months, the Public Works Agency replaced the fence. Mr. Disher suggested that other trees in the County right-of-way be addressed before something else happens.

Michelle Lovett-Fink, resident on Proctor Road spoke on behalf of Proctor Elementary School's PTA pedestrian safety campaign. Ms. Lovett-Fink stated that there are no sidewalks and no crosswalk on Redwood Road, where parents and children have to cross five lanes of traffic to cross the street. She and other concerned parents and residents would like to implement some pedestrian safety measures in the area of the school and on Redwood Road.

Dorothy Beringer stated that crosswalks are needed near Proctor Elementary School and other traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures need implementation, as it is unsafe for students to walk to school.

Erin Padavana stated that she is a parent of children at Proctor Elementary School and supports pedestrian safety near the school.

Tom Muller, Castro Valley resident, stated that his daughter was run over in Oakland, while in a crosswalk, on July 9th 2009. Mr. Muller supports pedestrian safety and stated that it is not safe for children and adults have to cross five lanes of traffic on Redwood Road.

I. Approval of Minutes - September 2014 minutes

A motion was made by Matt Turner and seconded by Sheila Cunha that the minutes of September 15, 2014 be accepted as corrected.

Motion passed 6/0 - Councilmember Miraglia excused.

II. Code Enforcement Update

Tona Henninger, Alameda County Community Development Agency, presented a written report of Code Enforcement activities from January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.

The report included 1,307 cases, 297 of those in Castro Valley. Of the 297 cases, 25 cases were in the commercial corridor. Violations range from over grown vegetation to signage and banners.

The Code Enforcement Department has worked on unattended Donation boxes, annual inspection of alcohol outlets, group living facilities and marijuana grow houses.

III. Anita Avenue Update

Art Carrera, Deputy Director, Alameda County Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on streets on Anita Avenue and Somerset Avenue.

The Public Works Agency has submitted Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding applications to start the design process for Anita and Somerset Avenues; however the funding was not approved.

Preliminary assessments for improvements have been completed on both roadways. Estimates to complete improvements are \$3.8 million for Anita Avenue and \$3-4 million for Somerset Avenue.

On Anita Avenue, the Public Works Agency has repainted crosswalks with ladder striping, installed upgraded crosswalk signs and provided Traffic Calming Petitions for speed humps. The street will be repaved in the summer of 2015.

The Agency continues to seek funding for design and construction for the roadways.

Speakers

Dot Theodore, parent of children at Castro Valley Elementary School, has been advocating for sidewalks on Anita Avenue. There is a petitioning for speed bumps on Anita Avenue. During the repaving process, put in a barrier so children can walk safely to and from school, as there are no sidewalks. The Agency can partner with health and wellness initiatives and incorporate it into the grant writing to receive funding for the projects.

Rebecca Stanek-Rykoff is advocating for sidewalks on Anita Avenue, especially for students traveling to and from school.

Linda Willis is advocating for sidewalks and bike paths on Anita Avenue. Biking and walking contribute to better health.

Lisa Arens has concerned about proposal for plans for Anita and Somerset Avenues. One-sided parking on Somerset Avenue would really impact residents on the street. Ms. Arens suggested creating a left turn lane from San Miguel to Somerset.

Bruce Dughi, Castro Valley resident agrees with placing sidewalks on Anita Avenue. There are funds from Measure B, part of local streets and roads and there is funding for sidewalks. Mr. Dughi read the California Vehicle Code, which states "...safe and convenient and pedestrian travel and access be provided to residents by the State."

IV. Informational Presentation on Somerset Avenue Traffic, Bike, and Pedestrian Safety Concerns

Rebecca Stanek-Rykoff, Castro Valley resident, member of Bike Walk CV, presented a PowerPoint presentation on a proposal to add bike lanes to Somerset Avenue.

The proposal to add bike lanes to Somerset Avenue would remove parking from one side of Somerset Avenue.

The proposal includes:

- Stripe Class II bike lanes on both sides of Somerset Avenue
- Remove Parking on one side of the street
- Create continuous sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Sergeant Tom Rodriguez stated that pedestrians, cars and bicycles have to share the road, and suggested the residents attend the Town Hall meeting on Wednesday October 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library to talk about pedestrian safety.

Sergeant Brittney Dresel, California Highway Patrol (CHP) encouraged residents to report complaints to the Castro Valley CHP office through their website. In addition, CHP has school resources officers working various areas of Castro Valley school areas.

Speakers

Several residents spoke for and against the proposal to add bike lanes to Somerset Avenue.

Mark Crawford, Chair, stated that this item was informational only and the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council would not take a position on this item tonight. Mr. Crawford encouraged the residents to attend the Town Hall Meeting to talk about sidewalk and bicycle safety. The meeting will be held at the Castro Valley Library on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.