



CASTRO VALLEY

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COUNCIL

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**Monday, May 18, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Council Members present: Ken Carbone, Chair, Ted Riche, Vice-Chair, Sheila Cunha, Chuck Moore, Shannon Killebrew, Dolly Adams

Summary Action Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ken Carbone, Chair.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Carbone, Riche, Cunha, Moore, Killebrew, Adams

IV. Public Comment

Christian Carr would like assistance and support with placing flags on poles to honor the 2020 graduates from the schools in the area, from San Miguel to Redwood Road. It is proposed that the flags be installed on the weekend of May 23rd and remain until the virtual commencement ceremonies have taken place. Mr. Carr has been working with County staff. Tona Henninger, Chief of Staff, Office of Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4, will follow up on this project as it is time sensitive.

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sheila Cunha and seconded by Ted Riche to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020.

Ayes: Carbone, Cunha, Riche, Killebrew Adams

Noes:

Abstention: Moore

Motion passed 5/0

VI. Castro Valley Logo Survey results for Eden Area Way Finding Signage Plan - Action Item

This plan includes signage for Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview and San Lorenzo. Construction and installation of signage will occur in stages, as construction funds are identified.

[Attachment](#)

Jaimie Orfanos and Kristen Perrault, Economic and Civic Development Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Castro Valley Logo Survey Results for Eden Area Way Finding Signage Plan.

In 2017, a survey for Castro Valley residents was made available electronically and at the Castro Valley Library to choose between a hawk icon or alternative. The results were 49% for the hawk and County staff was asked to develop other designs to be considered.

Subsequently other designs for the way finding signs were submitted and another survey was completed. The design depicting Lake Chabot was preferred among survey takers.

County staff requests that the Castro Valley MAC confirm Lake Chabot as the preferred iconic symbol, and staff will pursue Lake Chabot icon options in addition to developing a Castro Valley MAC subcommittee for design development.

A motion was made by Dolly Adams and seconded by Sheila Cunha to make Lake Chabot the iconic symbol of Castro Valley and pursue Lake Chabot icon options with PGA designs in addition to forming a subcommittee for design development.

Ayes: Carbone, Riche, Cunha, Moore, Killebrew, Adams
Noes:

Motion passed 6/0

VII. Update on Safe Routes to School (Including recent changes along Crow Canyon Road) – Informational Item
[Attachment](#)

Edric Kwan, Deputy Director, Engineering Department, and Art Carrera, Deputy Director, Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Safe Routes to School update, including recent changes along Crow Canyon Road.

The presentation included short term traffic calming and pedestrian markings measures, projects under construction as well as completed projects funded by the Safe Routes to School Program, a grant from the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Program. The program aims to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the vicinity of schools. All schools in the unincorporated Alameda County are included.

Recent improvements on Crow Canyon Road

- Established school zone
- Leading pedestrian interval
- High visibility crosswalk markings
- Additional safety signage

The Safe Routes to School Program also includes an educational component for education and training for the following: 1) Student bicycle and pedestrian safety workshops; 2) Safe Routes to School Kits and 3) Train the Trainer Workshops in addition to safety videos and public safety announcements at schools.

Speakers

Joanne Lauer, Castro Valley resident, stated that bikes may use the full lane, white lines should be installed to delineate between parking and pedestrian right-of-way, when is the new time for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Rebecca Stanek-Rycoff, request PWA to release the full safety audits for the schools, Castro Valley needs more traffic calming measures, shift money to adding sidewalks; some of the Safe Routes to School Programs are great, however more investment is needed in the infrastructure

Bruce Dughi thanked the Council for AB 2363 support, leading lights at the intersection could possibly put pedestrians in more danger. Public Works Agency blames pedestrians and cyclists for traffic problems that aren't necessarily true. The Visions Zero strategy is something the PWA should look into.

Parvin Ahmadi, Superintendent, Castro Valley Unified School District spoke about the traffic death of Lana Carlos, who was struck and killed while crossing Crow Canyon Road in February. Several measures have been put in place; however, the district has requested several more safety measures. Ms. Ahmadi thanked Supervisor Miley and the Public Works Agency and others for the new improvements to Crow Canyon Road and Safe Routes to School Program.

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, thanked the Castro Valley MAC for listening to the presentation, and affirmed that the Public Works Agency will continue to work with the community and school district to keep students and other pedestrians safe.

This item was informational only however Councilmember discussion on this item included the following:

Shannon Killebrew reported that the crosswalk alert sign that was installed at James Ave and Redwood Rd. was knocked down twice within 24 hours. The dangerous activity is from cars not pedestrians.

Dolly Adams and Chuck Moore are on the subcommittee for Safe Routes to School and have been in meetings with Bill Quirk about the program. In addition, Councilmember Adams hopes that the County will support AB 2363, related to traffic safety and to assist with lowering of speed limits in certain areas.

Ken Carbone requested an update from Public Works on the following Castro Valley projects: Burger Island (design is underway), future projects for sidewalk installation. Mr. Carbone complimented the Public Works Agency on the additional striping in the roadways and other improvements.

Sheila Cunha asked if Crow Canyon Road can be closed in one direction while improvements are going on. (Will be brought back to the MAC)

VIII. Chair's Report/Council/Staff Comments

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned to June 15, 2020.