GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Marc Crawford; Chair, Cheryl Miraglia; Vice Chair, Dave Sadoff
Sheila Cunha, Chuck Moore

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

Summary Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Everson excused.

I. Approval of Minutes - September 2015 minutes

A motion was made by Cheryl Miraglia and seconded by Chuck Moore that the minutes of September 15, 2015 be accepted as submitted.

Motion passed 4/1 - Councilmember Sadoff abstained

II. Update on Proctor Road Improvements and Enforcement – Public Works Agency
Art Carrera, Assistant Agency Director, Public Works Agency, presented a list of Proctor Road Improvements and Safety Enforcements.

The Public Works Agency has implemented several measures to improve traffic safety in the vicinity of Proctor Elementary School. Traffic safety measures include:

- Reduced travel lanes along Redwood Road from 4 lanes to 2 lanes
- Placed crossing guards at Redwood Road and Buti Park Drive
- Installed high visibility striping within crosswalk on Redwood Road and Buti Park Drive
- Installed No U-turn signs on Redwood Road at Proctor Road on both approaches
- Installed five (5) speed humps along Proctor Road
- Landscape encroachments – sent notice to residents to remove overgrowth from right of way (may require County removal of overgrowth)
• Submitted funding grant request for design of sidewalks along Proctor Road

• Safety education: Worked with District 4, CHP, Sheriff’s and School Districts on the “Don’t Rush Safety Campaign”. Included Proctor Elementary in walk to school week.

Sergeant Tom Rodriguez, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, stated that the Sheriff’s Office spent sixty days from August 16th to October 16th 2015, evaluating drivers and speeds on Proctor Road. The highest speed was 37 miles per hour, 45 citations were written for illegal parking on unimproved sidewalks, parking on the wrong side of the road and other illegal parking. The conclusion was that speeding is not a significant problem in the area.

Lieutenant Dan Jackowitz, California Highway Patrol, stated that there were no citations written by the CHP for speeding in the area of Proctor, however there were citations for not yielding and illegal U-turns in the area. In addition, Lieutenant Jackowitz suggested the Council review the CHP’s public service announcement video which lists common violations.

Speakers

Dorothea Beringer, Proctor Elementary School PTA, thanked the Public Works Agency and the CHP for their traffic enforcement. However, there is overgrowth that needs to be cleared for four feet of walkable space from the curb; in addition to traffic signs in the middle of the walk way that should also be moved.

Joanne Lauer thanked the Council, Public Works, the Sheriff’s Office and the CHP for the traffic enforcement and traffic safety measures and suggested to implement the enforcement around all of the schools.

Matt Turner would like to work with the “Don’t Rush Safety Campaign” to encourage traffic safety around the other schools.

Bruce Dugy, Bike-Walk Castro Valley, suggested to create asphalt curbs where there are no sidewalks, to discourage parking on asphalt walkways. Berdina Street in Castro Valley is a good reference for the asphalt curbs.

Danny Zavala suggested synchronizing the traffic lights for traffic safety.

Cheryl Miraglia asked why bus drivers are not being educated on safety. The majority of bus drivers do not use the STOP arm and do not use their flashing lights.

Recommendation from MAC:

The Council recommended the Public Works Agency return to the council in five months to give an update on the following:

• Install U-turn signs in front of crosswalks
• Install flashing signs for pedestrian safety
• Move traffic signs from the middle of the walkway
• Comparison and projected costs for concrete versus asphalt sidewalks
• Clearing overgrowth – Public Works Agency MAY suggest to homeowners to install gravel in the right of way

III. Better BART – Bay Area Rapid Transit
Luna Salaver, Program Manager, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and Brett Birdell, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Better Bart Bay Area Program.
BART has plans for improving BART trains and stations, including adding new BART cars and modernizing the Train Control System.

The presentation included several accomplishments, including installing bike stations, launching BART security app, award of TSA security grant and the new BART connector to the Oakland Airport.

Ms. Salaver and Mr. Birdwell distributed comment cards to submit suggestions to improve BART service system wide.

**Speaker**

Rebecca Stanek-Rycoff suggested that BART increase the frequency of trains in the East Bay.

**Councilmembers**

Councilmembers gave the following feedback to BART representatives:

The Castro Valley BART parking will likely need a parking structure in the future.

The noise level on the Castro Valley BART platform is extremely high since the sound walls were installed; what can be done about sound protection?

BART to Livermore, San Jose is long overdue

BART representatives will come back and give an update at a future meeting. This item was informational only and required no Council action.

**IV. Eden Township Healthcare District Proposed Parcel Tax**

Dev Mahadevan, Chief Executive Officer, Eden Township Healthcare District, submitted a notice to the Council to request support for a proposed parcel tax to support health care facilities in the Eden Township Healthcare District.

Supervisor Richard Valle, District 2, requested the Council’s support to place a property tax on the November 2015 ballot to support health care facilities in the Eden Township Healthcare District.

The Eden Township Healthcare District requests a member of the MAC to meet with other parties to complete exploratory analysis of a parcel tax for the district. The District will need approval from the State of California

The Council thanked Mr. Mahadevan and Supervisor Valle for the information and will review the information for further action.

**V. Council & Staff Comments**

Matt Tuner, District 4, would like to present the “Don’t Rush Safety Campaign” for traffic safety to the Castro Valley MAC. The campaign is in collaboration with the Sheriff’s Office, California Highway Patrol and the School Districts.