



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION JUNE 16, 2021

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M. by Sean Crumby, who also led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners Absent: Ferlita, Nguyen

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Cicerone, Gins, Michalski, Shepherd, and Tucker were in attendance.

Others Present: Sean Crumby, Director of Public Works
Chau Vu, Deputy Director of Public Works
Ken Dills, Administrative Services Manager
Tom Herbel, City Engineer
Chris Tanio, Principal Civil Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Bill Janusz, Principal Civil Engineer
Chris Slama, Director of Community & Library Services
Sarah Whitecotton, Administrative Aide

PRESENTATIONS

None.

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Cicerone, to approve the minutes of April 21, 2021 as presented.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Ferlita, Nguyen)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment from resident Steve Hunter regarding traffic safety concerns and potential bike lanes on Utica Avenue read by Ken Dills.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Gins nominated himself for Chair. Motion by Commissioner Tucker, second by Commissioner Shepherd, to appoint David Gins as Chair.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Ferlita, Nguyen)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Cicerone nominated Karla Tucker for Vice Chair. Commissioner Tucker accepted. Motion by Commissioner Cicerone, second by Commissioner Shepherd, to appoint Karla Tucker as Vice Chair.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Ferlita, Nguyen)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

INFORMATION ITEMS

Tom Herbel presented the active Capital Improvement Projects Update (attached).

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

21-269 Lake Park Improvements

Staff report presented by Farhad Bolourchi. To improve the existing facilities at Lake Park, the Community Services Department has elected to rehabilitate the clubhouse restrooms and picnic area located on the east side of Lake Park to improve accessibility and safety, as well as to comply with American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Improvements to the restroom area within the clubhouse building will create ADA compliant unisex facilities, trail pathways, and a ramp adjacent to the building.

Commissioner Tucker asked for clarification that just the restrooms of the clubhouse, not the clubhouse itself, were being addressed in the project. Farhad Bolourchi confirmed this is the case.

Motion by Gins and second by Shepherd, the Commission voted to recommend to the City Council the Lake Park Improvements, CC-1629, is in general conformance with the previously approved Capital Improvement Program.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 1 (Cicerone)
ABSENT: 2 (Ferlita, Nguyen)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

21-444 Utica Avenue Bicycle Boulevard Improvements from Main Street to Beach Boulevard

Staff report presented by Bill Janusz. Utica Avenue, from Main Street to Beach Boulevard, was identified for opportunities to obtain grant funding for bicycle boulevard improvements. The improvements include incorporating street features to achieve the goals of reducing motor vehicle traffic speeds to be more consistent with sharing the roadway with cyclists, creating an environment where motorists more readily recognize bicycle use of the street and accept them as "co-users", and to better accommodate pedestrians. The project is identified in the City Bicycle Master Plan as a recommended bicycle boulevard facility.

The proposed improvements include the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Utica Avenue and Lake Street, the installation of bicycle-only passageways between the back-to-back cul-de-sacs between Lake Street and Alabama Street along with enhanced bicycle signing and pavement markings.

Staff and commissioners discussed scope and cost of project.

Motion by Cicerone and second by Shepherd the Commission voted to recommend to the project for the Utica Avenue Bicycle Boulevard Improvements from Main Street to Beach Boulevard (CC-1499) and find that the project is in general conformance with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Ferlita, Nguyen)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

21-445 Construction of Railing at Bluff Top Park CC-1631

Staff report presented by Chris Tanio. The existing metal guardrail and the stairway metal railing at the Bluff Top Park area is deteriorated and in need of replacement due to the exposure to the marine environment. The Bluff Top Park area is on the ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway from 9th Street to Seapoint. The metal guardrail, located adjacent to the beach bikeway and pedestrian path will be replaced with a new wooden lodgepole guardrail. Additionally, the existing stairway railing within this span will be replaced with a new stainless steel

railing. These improvements are needed to maintain the safety and accessibility of beach path and stairway users.

Staff and commissioners discussed project and public outreach efforts regarding project.

Motion by Tucker and second by Gins the Commission voted to recommend to the Bluff Top Park Improvements, CC-1631, is in general conformance with the previously approved Capital Improvement Program.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 1 (Cicerone)
ABSENT: 2 (Ferlita, Nguyen)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Chair Michalski expressed appreciation for being able to serve on commission. Commissioner Cicerone applauded pursuit of grants for projects. Commissioner Tucker requested spreadsheet presentation of project costs instead of just plans and specifications.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Cicerone and second by Tucker to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on July 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the Utilities Yard.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Ferlita, Nguyen)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

James Michalski
Chairperson

Kenneth Dills
Administrative Services Manager