



**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and
2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson Hadaya, in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Stephen Blaylock	Member	Present
Clinton Brownley	Member	Present
Bena Chang	Member	Excused
Chris Elias	Member	Absent
Sharon Fredlund	Member	Present
William Hadaya	Chairperson	Present
Ray Hashimoto	Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	Member	Absent
Aaron Morrow	Member	Present
Charlotte Powers	Member	Present
Connie Rogers	Member	Present
Stephen Schmoll	Member	Absent
Martin Schuler	Member	Present
Noel Tebo	Member	Present
Herman Wadler	Vice Chairperson	Present

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Jim Lawson, Executive Policy Advisor & Director of Government Affairs, noted staff requested the following: 1) Defer **Agenda Item #4.**, Committee Staff Report, until the arrival of the General Manager; and 2) Remove **Agenda Item #14.**, Preliminary Discussion Draft of Updates to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Implementing SB 743 by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, from the Combined CAC and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee Consent Agendas to the beginning of the Citizens Advisory Committee Regular Agenda.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

5. **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Hadaya announced his involvement with a steering committee for a sales tax measure in Alameda County and shared several of their transportation ideas with the Committee.

6. **Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report**

There was no Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report.

7. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report**

Vice Chairperson Wadler commended the Santa Clara County (County) for addressing the safety issue on a bridge in South San Jose after a cyclist was injured. He noted the County's plan to create a cement bridge as a permanent solution to the problem.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

14. **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Implementing SB 743**

Robert Cunningham, Transportation Planner III, provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Member Schulter arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 4:11 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Member Morrow arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 4:16 pm.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) comparing and commenting on land use development projects; 2) impacts of local and federal requirements; and 3) urban sprawl.

On order of Chairperson Hadaya and there being no objection, the Committee received a staff presentation on the Preliminary Discussion Draft of Updates to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Implementing SB 743 by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

COMBINED CAC AND 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDAS

Member Tebo requested **Agenda Item #12.**, Receive the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report ending June 30, 2014, be removed from the Combined CAC and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee Consent Agendas and placed on the Citizens Advisory Committee Regular Agenda.

8. **Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2014**

M/S/C (Rogers/Tebo) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2014.

NOTE: M/S/C MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. **Valley Transportation Plan 2040**

M/S/C (Rogers/Tebo) to recommend the VTA Board of Directors approve the Valley Transportation Plan 2040 (VTP 2040) as Santa Clara County's long-range countywide transportation plan.

10. **VTA Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines**

M/S/C (Rogers/Tebo) to recommend the VTA Board of Directors adopt the updated VTA Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) Guidelines.

11. **Legislative Update Matrix**

M/S/C (Rogers/Tebo) to review the Legislative Update Matrix.

12. **(Removed from the Combined CAC and 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee Consent Agendas and placed on the Citizens Advisory Committee Regular Agenda)**

Receive the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report ending June 30, 2014.

13. **Regional Tolling Policies on Express Lanes**

M/S/C (Rogers/Tebo) to receive an update on Regional Tolling Policies on Express Lanes.

4. **Committee Staff Report**

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager, introduced John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development, who provided additional information on CEQA and how to address concerns.

Ms. Fernandez introduced Inez Evans, new VTA Chief of Staff. She thanked Acting Chief of Staff, Sandra Weymouth, for all of her hard work and wished her well on her retirement.

Ms. Evans thanked the Committee and expressed her eagerness to work together on items important to VTA and the community.

Member Hashimoto arrived and took his seat at 4:33 p.m.

Ms. Fernandez continued her report, noting the following: 1) increase in ridership; 2) update on Levi's Stadium Transit Plan; 3) creation of Board of Directors Ad-Hoc Committee on Envisioning Silicon Valley Committee; and 4) Public engagement and involvement for a potential transportation ballot measure.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

15. Potential Transportation Ballot Measure in 2016

Ms. Weymouth and Mr. Ristow provided a brief overview of the following: 1) current transportation network conditions in the County; 2) Board and Committee process for the potential ballot measure; and 3) reviewed the '30 in 15 Moving Silicon Valley Forward' handout.

Members of the Committee suggested the following: 1) inviting the members of the Ad-Hoc Financial Recovery Committee that was previously established and providing a list when it is finalized; 2) ensure information is given to the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) in a timely manner; and 3) increasing the light rail service area.

On order of Chairperson Hadaya and there being no objection, the Committee received a report regarding the potential of a transportation ballot measure in 2016.

4. Staff Report (Continued)

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) traffic congestion and increasing commute times; 2) development trends; 3) identifying issues and needs for the future; and 4) ensuring partners work together in the effort.

Ms. Fernandez noted staff will be looking at ways to build funding sources that will include existing state and federal grants, public and private partnerships, and the potential ballot measure.

Members of the Committee thanked Ms. Weymouth for her guidance and invaluable advice.

Public Comment

Omar Chatty, Interested Citizen, suggested the focus be on roads and safety and enticing people to get out of their cars.

On order of Chairperson Hadaya and there being no objection, the Committee received the Committee Staff Report.

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

There were no items for the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee Regular Agenda.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

12. 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report ending June 30, 2014

Mark Robinson, Director, Engineering and Construction, provided a brief overview of the staff report.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) Light rail express trains; 2) Phase II of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension; and 3) Caltrain electrification.

Mr. Robinson suggested adding an update on the Light Rail Efficiency Project to the Committee workplan.

Chairperson Hadaya announced Mr. Robinson's retirement and thanked him for his contributions to the Committee.

On order of Chairperson Hadaya and there being no objection, the Committee received the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program Semi-Annual Report ending June 30, 2014.

16. Amended and Restated Ordinance 98.1

Kathy Bradley, Manager, Real Estate and Mark Mahaffey, Operations Manager, Facilities Maintenance & Security, provided a brief overview of the staff report and a presentation entitled, "Amended and Restated Ordinance 98.1 First Reading," highlighting: 1) Background; 2) Amended and restated ordinance 98.1; 3) Reason for amendment; 4) Summary of key changes; and 5) Next steps.

The Committee discussed the following: 1) bypassing fare checkers and line jumping; 2) private shuttle operations; and 3) parking.

M/S/C (Schulter/Powers) to submit a recommendation to the Board of Directors to conduct the first reading of the Amended and Restated Ordinance 98.1, which updates references to relevant California statutes, updates references to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's name, and clarifies the conditions under which third parties may use transit vehicles, transit facilities and administrative facilities.

17. Board of Directors Governance Committee

Mr. Lawson provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee noted their support for establishing a Governance Committee.

M/S/C (Rogers/Brownley) to submit a recommendation to the Board of Directors to recommend that the Board of Directors establish a Governance Committee, with specific duties and membership, as a standing committee of the Board.

COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS

18. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans

Mr. Lawson noted there was a request to consider the addition of an update on the Light Rail Efficiency Plan and indicated that will be included in the upcoming workplan.

Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, indicated a tour of the BART and possibly other projects will be added to the workplan. Mr. Lawson suggested having the Board Secretary poll for dates.

Members of the Committee expressed interest in hearing creative approaches to handling large developments that are not in close proximity to existing transportation.

On order of Chairperson Hadaya and there being no objection, the Committee received the Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans.

OTHER

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Blaylock indicated he is working with Google on a two year pilot Community Bus project and has met with VTA staff to ensure the program compliments VTA service in the area.

21. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Hadaya and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Menominee L. McCarter, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary