



UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Regular Time 5:30 PM

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

5:33 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL BY CHAIR: Andy Wiese

AW: Calls the meeting to order and calls the roll.

Roll Call:

Members present:

Andy Wiese (AW), Debby Knight (DK), Roger Cavanaugh (RC), Keith Jenne (KJ), George Lattimer (GL), Rebecca Robinson Wood (RRW), Katie Rodolico (KR), Joann Selleck (JS), Laurie Phillips (LP), Anu Delouri (AD), Jason Moorhead (JM), Petr Krysl (PK), Dinesh Martien (DiM), Melanie Cohn (MC), Kris Kopensky (KK), Abbey Reuter (UCSD Student Rep to CPUS), Veronica Ayesta (VA), Carol Uribe (CU)

Members not present:

Kristin Camper (KC)

City Staff:

Katie Witherspoon (KW) – University CPU Project Manager, Planning Department

Tanner French (TF) – Senior Traffic Engineer, Mobility Office

Claudia Brizuela (CB) – Associate Traffic Engineer, Mobility Office

Consultant Team:

Amy Jackson (AJ) – Project Engineer, Kimley Horn

Matt Horton (MH) – Transportation Planner, Kimley Horn

Steven Davidovas (SD) – Project Associate, MIG, Inc

Some members of the public are identified below as:

Andrew Barton	(AB)
Marina Dabel	(MD)
Meagan Beale	(MB)
Georgia Kay	(GK)
Kerry Santoro	(KS)
Jeff Dosick	(JD)
Isabelle Kay	(IK)
Karin Zirk	(KZ)
Griffen Dempsey	(GD)
Louis Rodolico	(LR)

Steven Davidovas (SD) to take minutes for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

January meeting minutes were offered for approval at this meeting.

KW: Rebecca requested an edit on the final page of the minutes, expanding on the view of mixed-use past the 1970s.

AW: Request approval of January meeting minutes with added comment.

Katie Rodolico (KR) motion to approve, Debby Knight (DK) second. Unanimous approval of minutes.

5:41 NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

DK: Open invitation to group to attend a Nature biodiversity Zoom call on March 4, 7:00 pm

LR: Comments regarding running for UCPG board, unsafe intersection with sensor issues related to trees, incomplete roads, and Governor and Genesee sewer pipe.

5:47 Information Item #1: Goal and Policy Creation Framework -- Katie Witherspoon and Claudia Brizuela

KW: Begins live editing of Mobility Goal #1 in Word document and opens floor to comments and discussion.

TF: This is the active-transportation goal.

AW: Comment about “puts people first” in goal and possible confusion about what mode of transit that person is using.

DK: Agree with AW.

AB: Would like transportation to connect people instead of dividing people. Would like language that should facilitate ease of movement in the network and minimize barriers to multi-modal traffic.

KR: Agree with AW, would like “safety first” to be incorporated in some way.

LP: Remove confusing language about movement of people.

MB: Comment about personal mobility having a connotation of vehicular traffic.

AD: May need to find a way to incorporate the word pedestrian.

GK: Get more at walkability and bikeability by adding that language.

TF: Emphasizing non-vehicular uses.

LP: Comment about increasing options for mobility outside of automobiles.

KS: Suggests prioritizing mass transit and pedestrian and bicycle connections.

KL: Would not like to de-emphasize cars and does not want to alienate some older members of the community that rely on automobiles.

JS: Comment on climate issue and meeting climate goals by encouraging other forms of transportation.

KZ: Comment about the climate action plan and not always putting the individual first regarding “put people first” language in goal.

AW: Would like to add climate.

AB: Cars certainly will not be going away, but the neighborhood would improve with expansion to non-vehicular mobility.

LP: Would like automobile efficiency and improvements to roads included in the language.

KW: Will move on to next goal and return to Mobility Goal #1 after editing Goals #2-3.

KW: Begins live editing of Mobility Goal #2 in Word document and opens floor to comments and discussion.

TF: This is the safety and environmental goal.

AW: Likes the goal.

GK: Comment from goal #1, change non-vehicular to active transportation.

KW: Begins live editing of Mobility Goal #3 in Word document and opens floor to comments and discussion.

TF: This is the transit goal.

KR: Likes the goal, but has concerns about MTS involvement in south area of UC and limited public transit options.

DK: Agree with KR.

JD: Comment about bike/MTS transit connectivity.

JS: Comment about connections not just in the neighborhood, but to other areas in the region as

well.

DK: Supports bikes and public transit, but has concerns about how difficult it could be take a bike on the bus. City could advocate for those modes of transportation more. Some may be able to ride a bike, but not lift it onto the bus rack.

JS: Challenges regarding wheelchairs and motorized wheelchairs at stations and on/off transit.

KW: Begins live editing of Mobility Goal #4 in Word document and opens floor to comments and discussion.

AW: Good place to speak to the future and at least two larger goals; Climate and Equity. Could add “meet regional climate action and equity goals”

PK: How is this addressed by a land use community plan?

KW: Recommendations in the mobility element to support these goals and surrounding land uses.

TF: There are recommendations that can be put in the plan which can incorporate future technologies and influence surrounding uses such as flex lanes.

IK: Would appreciate language about safety and prioritizing micro-mobility. Has concerns about mixing high volume vehicular traffic and bicycles. Specific concern about Nobel Drive sharrows and dangerous conditions for cyclists.

KR: Agree with IK, concerns about sharrows.

RC: Concerns about 5G and health, points to precedent in China and issues they are having with implementation of technology and high energy use associated with it.

DK: Comment about facial recognition technology and privacy concerns regarding smart technology in the community.

KW: Return to live editing of Mobility Goal #1 in Word document and opens floor to comments and discussion.

PK: What is active transportation?

TF: Any transportation not in a vehicle. This will be defined in the plan.

AW: Concerns about word “improves” and could

PK: Would like to state in goal to reduce single occupancy car use.

DK: Agree with PK.

PK: Add language “decrease dependence on single occupancy car use”

AR: Comment about UCSD students having difficulty moving around, many have or buy vehicles. Some students may not have means to buy a car, so they may struggle to move around the community.

IK: Keep in mind how electric vehicles still take up just as much space as gas-powered cars. Also has concerns about smaller cars mistaking dedicated bike paths for auto travel lanes.

AW: Comment about personal mobility and request to keep that in mind when revising the goals.

6:47 Information Item #2: Mobility Review and Concepts – Tanner French, Amy Jackson

JS: Where is the City with allocation of parking spaces per dense residential building? One of the major problems with the lessening of the required parking is parking problems on the street.

TF: By de-emphasizing single occupancy vehicle use, the idea is that this also can reduce the amount of vehicles that need to take up on-street parking spaces.

7:00 15 minute Break

7:15 Breakout Groups – Corridor Concepts

8:15 Breakout Groups – Reports Out to Overall Group

TF: Report out from Group 1.

AW: With executive pedestrian mall, hope is that the sidewalk easement is incorporated and enhanced that goes north to Eastgate from there.

AJ: Report out from Group 2.

KZ: Issue of delivery drivers parking in bike lanes.

GD: Cyclists rarely use La Jolla Village Dr but it is difficult to avoid riding it on short segments. That justifies bike improvements.

CB: Report out from Group 3.

KW: Everything from this meeting (presentation, corridor concept sheets, recording of presentation, and recording of breakout groups) will be online including comment cards and any additional feedback still being provided.

AW: Reiterate that a key theme of the meeting was safety and consistency as well as more physical separation for bicycles. Encourages everyone to comment on the comment cards and seeing additional feedback and reactions from the staff. Stay safe and stay well.

AW: Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.