

PIEDMONT PLANNING COMMISSION

Special Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 30, 2013

A Special Session of the Piedmont Planning Commission was held October 30, 2013 in the Piedmont Community Hall at 711 Highland Avenue. In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) the agenda for this special meeting was posted for public inspection on October 28, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop started at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Ode, Tom Zhang and Alternate Commissioner Louise Simpson
Absent: Phil Chase, David Hobstetter and Tony Theophilos

Staff: City Planner Kate Black, Planning Technicians Janet Chang and Jennifer Feeley

Consultants: Niko Letunic and Barry Miller

City Council Liaison: Councilmember Garrett Keating

SPECIAL SESSION

Niko Letunic, the consultant for Piedmont's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, gave an introductory presentation to approximately 35 members of the public. He explained the different elements of the project work scope and highlighted the findings in the existing conditions briefing report and map. He then explained that after his presentation, members of the public would be divided into three different groups to discuss three topics: pedestrian improvements, bicycle improvements and network, and programs and policies; the groups would rotate so that all members of the public could have an opportunity to give input on all three topics. He gave examples of various types of pedestrian and bicycle improvements and posed questions that members of the public could think about during the group discussions. He ended the presentation with the project's immediate next steps and an overall timeline of the project to its completion.

The public asked questions regarding Piedmont's existing bikeway network and the City's existing and future Measure B Bike/Ped pass-through funds.

Members of the public broke out into three groups, which then rotated among three facilitated "discussion stations." Each session was approximately 20 minutes long and members of the public discussed Piedmont's needs related to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure as well as programs/policies to promote and improve walking and biking. Large-scale maps of Piedmont and flipcharts were provided for members of the public to mark, write, and draw on.

Commissioner Tom Zhang arrived during the group discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop ended at 8:45 p.m.