



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

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)/2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Wadler in Conference Room B-106, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	
Stephen Blaylock	Member	Present
Clinton Brownley	Member	Absent
Chris Elias	Member	Absent
Sharon Fredlund	Vice Chairperson	Present
William Hadaya	Member	Absent
Ray Hashimoto	Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	Member	Absent
John Melton	Member	Present
Aaron Morrow	Member	Present
Charlotte Powers	Member	Present
Lucas Ramirez	Member	Present
Connie Rogers	Member	Present
Stephen Schmoll	Member	Absent
Martin Schulter	Member	Absent
Noel Tebo	Member	Present
Herman Wadler	Chairperson	Present

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

The Agenda was taken out of order.

4. Committee Staff Report

Aaron Quigley, Senior Policy Analyst and Staff Liaison, Introduced Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager and CEO.

- **Report from the General Manager**

Ms. Fernandez introduced VTA’s new Chief of Staff, Angelique Gaeta.

Ms. Fernandez thanked Members for their service to the Committee.

Members Hashimoto and Powers arrived at the meeting, took their seats at 4:08 p.m. and a quorum was established.

6. Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report

Member Morrow reported on the Paratransit Request for Proposal (RFP), and expressed concerns regarding passenger information in the RFP.

Ms. Fernandez thanked Mr. Morrow for sharing information, noting no social security numbers were disclosed. She stated the information has been removed from the website, and staff is now looking closely at privacy quality to insure this type of incident does not happen in the future.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) queried about the best way to answer community concerns about 2000 Measure A projects that are not yet completed, and; 2) suggest a proactive campaign to educate the community about the status of 2000 Measure A projects.

Ms. Fernandez encouraged Committee Members to have community conversations to highlight 2000 Measure A funding allocations, note that projects were predicated on a forecast sales tax over 30 years, and that the recession has significantly reduced funding. She suggested members to direct concerned citizens to the VTA website which provides an update on all projects.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the Committee for Transit Accessibility (CTA) Report.

4. Committee Staff Report (Continued)

Mr. Quigley reported the VTA Board of Directors (Board) took the following actions at their October 6, 2016, meeting: 1) approved an additional \$177 million from 2000 Measure A funds to the Capitol Light Rail Extension to Eastridge project for a total 2000 Measure A commitment of \$247 million; 2) received a presentation on the Strategic Plan Update; 3) approved Third-Party Agreements of Voluntary Contributions and Programming of Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Funds to Transportation Improvement Projects; 4) approved up to a \$5.5 million advance of VRF Program funding to the City of Gilroy for the First Street repaving project; 5) received report on VTA Complete Streets Policy Development; 6) received 2016 Transportation Systems Monitoring Program Report, and 7) received Dynamic Transit Program – FLEX Pilot Project Update.

Mr. Quigley announced the following: 1) On September 28, 2016, VTA celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month; 2) Ocala BRT Station is planned to open on Monday, October 10, 2016; 3) Congress adopted a continuing Resolution on September 29, 2016, keeping the Federal Government operating through December 9, 2016. Congress is expected to return to Washington after the general election to discuss next steps in the appropriations process, and; 4) legislature convenes the 2017-18 Regular Session on December 5th. Governor Brown recently finished going through nearly 800 bills by the September 30, 2016, deadline.

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

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Wadler stated every bicycle rider should wear the following safety gear: 1) helmet; 2) sunglasses; 3) gloves, and; 4) sunblock.

Chairperson Wadler announced VTA's Historic Trolley will be in operation October 14 through November 19, 2016. Hours are Fridays 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturdays & Sundays 2:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

7. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report

There was no Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Report.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Chairperson Wadler noted the following changes to the agenda: **Agenda Item #13**, Election Process for 2017 Advisory Committee Leadership: Appoint Nomination Subcommittee, and **Agenda Item #14**, Review Current Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Structure, would be heard prior to **Agenda Item #12**, 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2016.

M/S/C (Ramirez/Hashimoto) to accept the Orders of the Day.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ramirez, Member
SECONDER:	Hashimoto, Member
AYES:	Blaylock, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Melton, Morrow, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Tebo, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Brownley, Elias, Hadaya, Hughan, Schmoll, Schuller

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

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8. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2016

M/S/C (Morrow/Ramirez) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2016.

9. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Quarterly Attendance Report

M/S/C (Morrow/Ramirez) to receive the Citizens Advisory Committee Quarterly Attendance Report.

10. Transit Operations Performance Report – FY2016

M/S/C (Morrow/Ramirez) to receive the FY2016 Annual Transit Operations Performance Report.

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

11. Final Legislative Update Matrix for 2016

M/S/C (Morrow/Ramirez) to review the Final Legislative Update Matrix for 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] <u>(Consent Agenda Items # 8-11)</u>
MOVER:	Morrow, Member
SECONDER:	Ramirez, Member
AYES:	Blaylock, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Melton, Morrow, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Tebo, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Brownley, Elias, Hadaya, Hughan, Schmoll, Schulter

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

13. Election Process for 2017 Advisory Committee Leadership: Appoint Nomination Subcommittee

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst and Advisory Committee Coordinator, provided an overview of the staff report.

M/S/C (Morrow/Fredlund) to appoint Members Hashimoto and Tebo as the nomination subcommittee to identify Committee members interested in serving as the chairperson or vice chairperson for 2017.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Morrow, Member
SECONDER:	Fredlund, Member
AYES:	Blaylock, Fredlund, Hashimoto, Melton, Morrow, Powers, Ramirez, Rogers, Tebo, Wadler
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Brownley, Elias, Hadaya, Hughan, Schmoll, Schulter

14. Review Current Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Structure

Member Tebo stated the Committee established the ad hoc Membership Structure Subcommittee to review the existing CAC membership structure to determine if it is optimally configured to best represent the Board and citizens of Santa Clara County. He noted the Committee's concern that there may be underrepresented groups such as post-secondary education, social services, motorists, and health and hospital workers.

Mr. Tebo queried if the Committee should encourage such groups to have a representative that could provide valuable feedback to the Committee and stakeholder groups. He stated this would mean converting some current city represented positions to specific interest constituencies.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) expressed support for reviewing the current CAC membership structure; 2) suggested membership structure would be better

served by being customer focused rather than geographically represented; 3) suggested geographical representation be eliminated through attrition and replaced with defined stakeholder groups; 4) consider term of office limits, and; 5) suggest reaching out to Eyedin Zonobi, Transportation Solutions Manager at San Jose State, who provides services to students.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed and discussed the current Citizens Advisory Committee membership structure.

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

12. 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2016

Dennis Ratcliffe, Interim Director of Engineering & Transportation Infrastructure, provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee discussed the following: 1) schedule as it relates to the Bart Fleet Replacement Program; 2) Mobilization and Implementation Plan for Capitol Expressway Light Rail Program; 3) Vasona Light Rail Extension Implementation Plan; 4) El Camino Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is in the planning phase, and 5) upcoming BART program tour.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee received the 2000 Measure A Semi-Annual Report Ending June 30, 2016.

Members Blaylock and Morrow left the meeting at 5:29 p.m., the quorum was lost and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA CONTINUED

15. Strategic Plan Report

Scott Haywood, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a presentation entitled “VTA Strategic Plan,” highlighting: 1) Overview; 2) Content; 3) Input; 4) Executives; 5) Employee Input; 6) Advisory Committees; 7) Mission; 8) Mission Statement; 9) Staff Recommendation; 10) Vision; 11) Vision Statement; 12) Staff Recommendation; 13) Values; 14) Proposed Values; 15) Action; 16) Create, Collaborate, Lead; 17) Operations of VTA; 18) Great People; 19) Great Products; 20) Business Lines; 21) Transit; 22) Development, Delivery & Services; 23) Transportation System Management; 24) Moving Forward; 25) Success; 26) Call to Action; 27) 2016 Milestones, and; 28) Are we on the right course?

Public Comment

Doug Muirhead, Interested Citizen, commented on the following: 1) success is great transportation, noting VTA is not able to provide transportation for everyone; 2) expressed concern that the goal is unrealistic; 3) suggested blending discussions of multiple projects and programs together when talking to the public, so there is a better understanding of the ultimate goal; 4) encouraged VTA to work closely with communities, and 5) expressed support for the Strategic Plan.

Eugene Bradley, Founder Silicon Valley Transit Users, commented on the following: 1) queried how the Vision Emission fits in with state and federal mandates for the Clean Air Act requiring a 20% reduction in greenhouse gases; 2) expressed concern with VTA handling highway and toll lane work suggesting a possible conflict, and; 3) queried if the Strategic Plan will do anything to reduce traffic gridlock.

Jim Landowski, Interested Citizen, made the following comments: 1) suggested VTA look at other countries as a model, noting a person only has to wait five to ten minutes for the next bus, and; 2) suggested competing with Uber and Lyft by converting current VTA Access vehicles.

Members of the Committee commented on the following: 1) expressed support for the Strategic Plan, noting it is an exciting opportunity; 2) suggested VTA consider affordability and accessibility to serve a wide variety of users; 3) noted the region should integrate land use planning and transportation planning, so it is more conducive to transit; 3) commented five year plans are more helpful when they are stated as numerical goals which are very specific and easily measured; 4) noted five year goals should drive the two year business plan; 5) expressed support for the term “customers,” noting VTA needs to be competitive as there are many options such as Uber, Lyft and personal vehicles, and; 6) suggested VTA to consider complementing current services, rather than competing with them.

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole received the Strategic Plan Update.

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16. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plan

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the Committee of the Whole reviewed the Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans.

OTHER

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

18. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Wadler and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita McGraw, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary