

**SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/ PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmember Morris-Lopez led the pledge of allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmember Scott Freels
Mayor Pro Tem John Freeman
Councilmember Jackie Morris-Lopez
Councilmember EJ Sabathia
Mayor Leslie Q. Jordan

Planning Commissioner Jose Aranda
Planning Commissioner Tony Correia (*teleconference*)
Planning Commissioner David Medeiros (*teleconference*)

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Don Reynolds, City Manager
Robert Rathie, City Attorney
Brian Foucht, ACM, Community Development Director
Norma Alley, Regional Government Services
Elizabeth Soto, CMC, CPMC, Deputy City Clerk

1. WORKSHOP

A. CONDUCT A WORKSHOP REGARDING PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT OF THE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY PLAN

Don Reynolds, City Manager introduced Tony Hull, Blue Zones; Tony Leonard, CivicWell; Dan Burden, Doug Pike, City Engineer, and Jerry Sanguinetti, MNS Engineers. Tony Hull provided a project overview and presentation of the plan and fielded questions from the Council.

In 2018, the City Council appointed a Parks Master Plan Task Force to further the work of the previous Strategic Plan's "Arts, Recreation, Culture and Wellness Subcommittee." In the late summer of 2019, a draft Parks Master Plan was presented to the City Manager referencing a bike/De Anza Trail plan, and Cultural Walking Tour. Subsequently, in August 2020, the City Council accepted a State Department of Transportation (CAL TRANS) Sustainable

Transportation Planning Grant in the amount of \$188,596 (with a match of \$24,435, 11.47% of grant funds as City staff support) to develop the San Juan Bautista Active Transportation and Community Connectivity Plan (ATP).

Project Objectives:

- Focus on all ages and abilities
- Assess existing conditions
- Identify opportunities
- Multi-modal network focus
- Develop a prioritized implementation strategy
- Context appropriate solutions
- Align with other plans and projects
- Identify best practices
- Identify funding opportunities

Engagement Process:

- Project Advisory Group (PAG)
- Field Discovery Tour & Initial Assessment
- Project Website with Interactive Map
- Community Design Charrette
- Walking Audits
- Bicycling Tour
- Pop-up Tables
- Stakeholder & Focus Group Meetings
- Draft Recommendation Workshop
- Draft Plan Workshop

Engagement: What We Heard

During engagement activities, participants identified several opportunities for improvements and issues that should be addressed. Common themes and priorities that came up included:

- The need for improved bike and pedestrian facilities
- Safety concerns
- Opportunities to improve connectivity
- The benefits of a trail network
- Reduced traffic speeds within the city
- Better connections to schools
- To respect the history of San Juan Bautista
- To address universal design and accessibility challenges
- To address parking needs and event management

Participants also offered their suggestions about several opportunities they felt could be considered:

- Adding more bike lanes
- Increased access to the Anza Trail and open space
- A pedestrian bridge across SR-156
- Curb extensions at intersections
- Charging stations
- Improved Washington Street underpass
- Historical / cultural trail with connection to San Juan Elementary
- Improved maintenance of the Anzar High School Bike Trail
- Roundabouts
- Wider sidewalks at key locations
- Street alignment on 4th
- Angled parking where appropriate

Received public comment from the following members of the public:

Alice Reynold

Emily Renzel

Rosa Vivian Fernandez

Dan DeVries

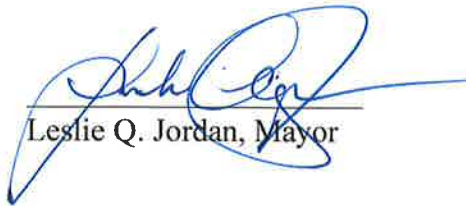
Sherry Gal

Cara Vonk

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jordan adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Leslie Q. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elizabeth Soto, Deputy City Clerk