

Date: January 7, 2008

Committee Meeting Date: January 17, 2008

Board Meeting Date: February 7, 2008

BOARD MEMORANDUM

ACTION ITEM

TO: Administration and Finance Committee
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

FROM: John H. Ristow
Chief CMA Officer

SUBJECT: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointment

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the appointment of Lane Parker to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee representing the City of San José for the term ending June 30, 2008.

BACKGROUND:

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) advises the VTA Board of Directors on planning and funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects and issues. The BPAC consists of 16 voting members, one appointed by each of VTA's 16 Member Agencies (the 15 cities in the county and the County of Santa Clara), and one non-voting member (the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition).

The BPAC bylaws specify that each Member Agency appoints one representative to the BPAC and that the SVBC appoints one representative and one alternate. The bylaws also specify that the appointment term is two years and that members may be appointed to successive terms. Committee members must live, work or both in Santa Clara County during their term. Voting members of the Committee must also be a representative of the Member Agency's local bicycle advisory committee or, for Member Agencies without a local bicycle advisory committee, their representative must be an individual who lives or works in the local jurisdiction and is interested in bicycle or pedestrian issues. BPAC members are also precluded from representing a Member Agency that is their employer.

In accordance with the bylaws, the process to fill BPAC vacancies is that staff notifies the appointing authority of the vacancy or approaching term expiration. They also provide current membership requirements and advise the appointing authority of the standing of its current representative. The appointing authority then appoints one member for the designated membership position. For vacancies occurring in mid-term, the bylaws specify that they be filled for the remainder of the term by the appointing authority. In both cases, the VTA Board must ratify the appointment.

DISCUSSION:

The BPAC position representing the City of San José recently became vacant due to the individual appointed to this position, Bart Thielges, reaching the maximum length of service allowed on San José's local bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee. Since Mr. Thielges is no longer a member of the local BPAC, per the bylaws he is no longer eligible to serve on VTA's BPAC.

To replace Mr. Thielges, the City of San José has appointed Lane Parker. Mr. Parker, a resident of San José for more than 20 years, is a business executive with Seagate Technology. He has served on San José's local BPAC for over a year and is an avid long-distance cyclist.

Since this vacancy occurred mid-term, this appointment is to complete the term that ends June 30, 2008. Due to the qualifications, experience and knowledge of bicycle, pedestrian and trails issues of this individual, staff recommends that the Board ratify the appointment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not ratify this appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

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