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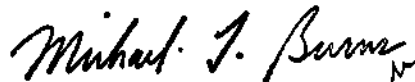
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BOARD MEMORANDUM

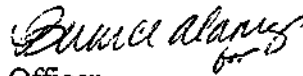
ACTION X DISCUSSION INFO

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

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager



FROM: Carolyn M. Gonot
Chief Development Officer



SUBJECT: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointments and Reappointment

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the following new appointments and reappointment to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the term ending June 30, 2008:

New Appointment

- Bruce Entin, Town of Los Gatos
- Anna Brunzell, Town of Los Altos Hills

Reappointment

- John Sullivan, City of Santa Clara

BACKGROUND:

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a 16-member committee that advises the Board of Directors on planning and funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects and issues. The BPAC bylaws specify that each Member Agency appoint one representative to the BPAC, 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. Committee members 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 interested in bicycle or pedestrian issues that lives or works

in the local jurisdiction. 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 Member Agency of the vacancy or approaching term expiration. They also provide current membership requirements and advise of the standing of the Member Agencies current representative. The Member Agency then appoints one member for the designated membership position. For vacancies occurring mid-term, the bylaws specify that they be filled for the remainder of the term by the Member Agency that made the original appointment. In both cases, the Board of Directors must ratify the appointment.

DISCUSSION:

The previous term for BPAC members expired on June 30, 2006. In February 2006, staff notified Members Agencies of the upcoming term expiration, advised them of their current representative's standing, provided information on the appointment process and requested that they appoint their BPAC representative for the new term.

In response, the City of Santa Clara reappointed John Sullivan for the term starting July 1, 2006. Since this individual is a current BPAC member in good standing and has served the Committee well, staff recommends that the VTA Board ratify his reappointment.

In the case of Los Gatos, it has appointed a new member to BPAC for the new term: Bruce Entin. Mr. Entin has lived in Los Gatos for 11 years and in Santa Clara County for 26 years. He has been an executive in the electronics industry for the past 26 years, both with LSI Logic and Siliquent Technologies. Prior to that, he was a business reporter and columnist for the San Jose Mercury News and still writes occasionally for the Los Gatos Weekly. Mr. Entin's community involvement includes serving as a board member of both the San Jose Museum of Art and the Interstitial Cystitis Foundation. He is currently a member of the Los Gatos Transportation and Parking Commission and is the chairperson of Los Gatos' Bicycle Advisory Committee. Due to his qualifications and knowledge of bicycle and pedestrian issues, staff recommends that the Board of Directors ratify his appointment.

Los Altos Hills also has appointed a new BPAC member for the new term: Anna Brunzell. Ms. Brunzell has lived in Los Altos Hills for two years and in Santa Clara County for almost seven years with her family. She has been a member of Los Altos Hills' Pathways Standing Committee for almost two years (Los Altos Hills does not have a bicycle/pedestrian advisory committee equivalent). Her educational and professional background is in the engineering sciences, where she holds a Masters of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Technology in Lulea, Sweden and a Diploma of Engineering from the Ecole des Mines, France. She has an avid interest in and regularly participates in bicycling and pedestrian activities including hiking, running and orienteering (a type of cross-country race in which each participant uses a map and a compass to navigate between checkpoints along an unfamiliar course). Ms. Brunzell is also active in several community charitable organizations. Due to her qualifications and knowledge of bicycle, pedestrian and trails issues, staff recommends that the Board ratify her appointment.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternative recommendations. The Committee may make other recommendations to the VTA Board.

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