

City of Santa Clara

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Policy Guidelines

The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) was established by the Santa Clara City Council on May 28, 1991. On March 25, 2014 the Bicycle Advisory Committee was changed to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) by the Santa Clara City Council.

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose and responsibilities of the BPAC are established in Section 2.120.160 of the City Code. It is intended that the BPAC shall be an advisory committee to the City Council and nothing herein contained shall be construed as a limitation on the power of the City Council or the administrative staff of the City in their supervision or authority over property or personnel, which are under their jurisdictions.

Section 2. Membership

Members shall be 18 years of age or older and must live or work in the City.

The BPAC is comprised of seven (7) members, which consists of six (6) regular members and one (1) Chairperson or alternate that is the Mayor or Councilperson designated by City Council. Representatives from Mission College, the Santa Clara Unified School District, and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition are encouraged to be members.

The City of Santa Clara adopted a Code of Ethics and Values to promote and maintain the highest standards of personal and professional conduct in the City's government. All members are required to subscribe to this Code, understand how it applies to their specific responsibilities, and practice its core values in their work.

Section 3. Term of Office, Vacancies, and Removal

Members shall serve for a term of four years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. The maximum time a member may serve is two consecutive full terms. If an individual is appointed to fill a partial term, they may still serve two additional full terms of office. After a lapse of at least two years, an individual is eligible to reapply to serve on the committee and the same application process would apply as for individuals who have never served.

The application process for membership shall be in accordance with the City of Santa Clara Guide for Board, Commissions, and Committee Applicants.

To allow for staggered terms, 2 members are appointed by City Council in June of each fiscal year.

Any vacancies from whatever cause arising shall be filled by appointment by the City Council. Upon a vacancy occurring leaving an unexpired portion of a term, any appointment to fill such vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of such term.

The members shall be appointed, and shall be subject to removal, by motion of the City Council adopted by at least four affirmative votes.

Section 4. Meetings

A majority of the members of the BPAC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The affirmative or negative vote of a majority of the entire membership shall be necessary for it to take action.

The BPAC shall hold meetings on the fourth Monday in January, March, June, August and October at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. The actual date of meeting may be changed. Additional meetings may be recommended by a quorum of the committee and approved by the City Manager. All meetings shall be open to the public and notices and agendas shall be posted at City Hall as required by law.

Section 5. Assistance of Staff

The BPAC may utilize City personnel as described in Section 2.120.040 of the City Code. The BPAC's requests may from time to time be prioritized subject to staff limitations. The City Manager has appointed the Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police or their designees to staff the BPAC.

Section 6. Amendments

Amendments to the guidelines may be recommended by a quorum of the BPAC membership at any legal BPAC meeting, subject to approval by City Council.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee this ____ day of [MONTH, YEAR].

ADOPTED by the Santa Clara City Council this ____ day of [MONTH, YEAR].