

Amend Beverly Ordinance Chapter 15, Article II Specific Multiple-Member Bodies to add a new Section 15-50: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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A. Composition; terms of office.

- (1) There shall be a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee consisting of seven members, five of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council and two of whom shall be appointed by the City Council. The members first appointed shall serve staggered terms, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each.
- (2) The members of the Committee shall be people who take an active interest in bicycle and pedestrian issues and shall, so far as practicable, be so selected as to provide broad representation of the city's Wards and population demographic characteristics including age, gender, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. Members may be removed in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.
- (3) The Mayor shall designate a city employee with expertise in Planning, Engineering, Public Services, Sustainability, or other relevant field as ex officio advisor to the Committee, to act as resource person and liaison to City government.

B. Authority and responsibilities.

- (1) The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall act in an advisory and consulting capacity to the Mayor, City Council, and other interested departments, boards, commissions or committees and to the residents of Beverly relative to any and all matters concerning conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians in the City of Beverly.
- (2) The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's functions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Promote and inform strategic planning for city infrastructure that facilitates safe and effective use by bicyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users for transportation, commuting and recreation.
 - (b) Monitor and update as needed the Beverly Bicycle Infrastructure Plan in the PlanBeverly Master Plan. Proactively review and provide input to the roadway and paving and construction planning as well as current year plan.
 - (c) Promote connectivity for on- and off-road bicycle infrastructure and improved bicycle parking.
 - (d) Evaluate and propose policies and programs to improve safety and access for vulnerable road users, including infrastructure, education, and regional cooperation.
 - (e) Identify, propose, and support city staff in pursuing grant funding, outreach, and community partnerships related to improving conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians.
 - (f) Promote improved bicycle parking at businesses, multi-occupancy buildings, stores, shopping areas and recreation facilities.
 - (g) Partner with related municipal and advocacy groups and related entities.

- (3) The Committee shall appear before the City Council at least once each year to present a verbal or written annual report on its activities and recommendations.

- C. Meetings; chairperson. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall meet no less than four times per year. The Committee may elect such other officers, adopt procedural rules and regulations and establish any subcommittee(s) as it deems appropriate.

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