

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Roll Call: Album, Callwood, Choi, Lofroos, Maunder*, Tarr, Penry, Vollmer

* Chairperson

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Committee will hear public comments only on matters over which it has jurisdiction. There will be no Committee discussion or action. The Chairperson will allot no more than five minutes to any individual. If more than three persons wish to speak, their time will be allotted so that the total amount of time allocated to this agenda item will be 15 minutes.

Eric – participated in Marin SR2S event last weekend

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- I. Grants/Funding – Tom was at a meeting of the Countywide PBAC where it was mentioned that applications were being accepted for the regional TLC grant (through MTC). Frank reminded us that grants require a matching grant, so the City prefers to go after grants for projects that are already in the works. Frank mentioned that Sue Lackie is about maxed out right now because of FEMA grants. Downtown Phase II (Keller, Liberty, Western to Howard) would be a possible candidate for the TLC grant. Petaluma applied for a grant for the roundabout at Baywood / McDowell. The County is administering contracts for a number of transit malls, including Petaluma's. Transit mall went out to bid, should approve contract on May 6, and start work the following week.
- II. Reports
 - A. SCBC – Bernie & Chris Culver spoke with 50 County employees yesterday about BTWW and the safety campaign. There are several events/volunteer opportunities coming up: need people to stuff BTWW bags on May 13 at SCBC office, bike-in movie on May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Rialto, Joe Rodota Trail and Prince Memorial Greenway dedication on May 17, bike swap on May 21 from 10-4, Wine County Century on May 6.
 - B. Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Planning a countywide bicycle plan, and Santa Rosa is being nit-picky about RFP. Frank said that we only need to go to Council to get money for this plan but don't have to do anything if we want to opt out. Frank has sent emails to Janet Spilman that we want to opt out of contributing funds towards the plan but are very willing to share our information.
 - C. Planning Commission – met last night and reviewed Centex. Frank said that staff requested an enhanced pedestrian crossing (in-pavement lights and corral) on Casa Grande at Crinella, and was asked to contribute to intersection improvements Casa Grande/McDowell. Project was approved. Goes to SPARC next, then Parks, then CC.

- III. Bike to Work Day Event Planning – Bernie handed out packets for promoting event. On day of event, some might be needed at 2 energizer stations (Redwood Hwy, Pet Blvd/D) to direct people to Energizer Stations and count cyclists. Volunteers are also needed to put out/pick up safety signs during every day of Bike to Work week (Howard/Washington, Washington/McDowell). Bernie also recruited people to help ask for and retrieve food for energizer stations.
- IV. Butter & Egg Parade Event Planning
 - A. Marching orders – 11:30 at Wickersham, step off at 12:50 (#78)
 - B. Volunteer staffing for information table (10 A.M. to 4 P.M.)
 - Set-up at 9: Bernie, Tom, Becky
 - 10-12: Claudia, Kit
 - 12-2: Tom, Becky (after parade)
 - 2-4: Becky, Jared
- V. Review and report on individual areas of expertise – Tom has been doing more bike rodeos throughout the county.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Discussion regarding PBAC meeting format and frequency – Because the number of project reviews has been declining, we will begin canceling the 2nd meeting each month starting in May.
 - B. Municipal Code and Zoning Code update—Should PBAC help expedite this process and, if so, how? – Frank is working with City Attorney to codify Code from the 2000 bike plan. We should start researching particular areas (showers, bike parking) so we are ready when Community Development begins the process.
 - C. Bernie, Tom, and Becky met with Pat Landrum about BTWW and the difficulty we are having with the Petaluma School District. Pat is trying to find ways to work with Petaluma School District – start with parents to help promote (via PTAs), suggested we work with Dave Rose, and eventually go to school board to ask for a policy change. Claudia suggested sending a letter to Greta first (cc Steve Bowman, Marilyn Stratford, **Sue Olds**, and anyone else that could be involved) and school board as a last resort. Marja suggested talking to supportive school board members to plant the seeds.
 - D. Bernie talked with John (Matland??) with the County who said that there are no plans to ever widen I Street in the county. Frank said that the COAs for Pinnacles are being written and will request Class II rather than planned Class I.
 - E. Kit talked to Yuri – REI *gave* them the GPS units

ADJOURNMENT

May 10 – next mtg

May 27 – Breathe Easy ride (Tom & Claudia volunteering)