

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

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

* 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 – Eric asked when the transit mall is going in and if PBAC can give input into the design. Frank said that plans have been approved and construction to start this year. It is very basic - 4 stops, shelters, bike parking - not much there because most of land is SMART. Bernie assured Eric that PBAC looked at the plans a few years ago.

Steve, Adam, Wyatt from *People's Bike Petaluma* – They are collecting bikes (12 so far, need more) for free use around town, starting soon. They would like to have a place to park them downtown (rack) as a base. Each gold bike will have a sign attached to the frame to advertise it. They will be talking to an attorney about liability issues and Frank advised them to speak with Risk Management since these bikes will be placed in the city ROW. Tom advised them to speak during public comment at a City Council meeting to ask for direction. Dave suggested that they talk to COTS because they may be a partner.

They also reported that the PD stopped them during the last Critical Mass to make them aware of a City ordinance that requires bicyclists to ride single file. They would like to change it. Police told them to talk to PBAC. Bernie said that he will try to set up a meeting with them and Tim Lyons to see how to make Critical Mass work.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

I. Compliance and Safety

- A. Analy Transportation Forum – Tom attended. A statistics class at Analy developed a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at school by 20% by June. This forum included a number of experts giving them advice as to how to go about reducing automobile dependence with the high school crowd. Approximately 100 people attended and Tom found it to be very informative. Bernie mentioned that Jim Smith from Air Quality Resource Team will be meeting with a science class at Casa next month to discuss similar issues.

- B. Sonoma County Bicycle Safety Campaign – Bernie sent outline to PBAC members and will discuss with County PBAC at Thursday’s meeting. He is proposing different bags for target groups (kids, Spanish-speaking, bike commuting, general bike safety) at three times during the year.
 - C. Bike Skills Class feedback – Good report back - energizing; confident. 22 attendees. More classes are scheduled in Santa Rosa during the upcoming months.
- II. Grants/Funding – City Council approved summary of new Bike/Ped Plan and was sent to MTC for approval to keep our hopes alive for the BTA grant (Petaluma Blvd N bike lanes). Caltrans is meeting in March to determine recipients.
- III. Reports
- A. SCBC – next meeting is Wednesday
 - B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – meets tomorrow
 - C. Planning Commission – Redwood Technology center owner asked to parcelize property (4-7 lots) for finance purposes.
- IV. Bike to Work Week Planning – Bernie received \$500 from Basin Street properties and sent donation requests to other businesses.
- V. New Business
- A. Butter & Egg Parade – Bernie wants a table to distribute info and helmets. Tom to contact Marie at PDA about a free table. We’ll need to contact other city departments to see if they have info they want distributed, too.
 - B. Frank met with Scott Duiven & the planning department about bike/ped plan. We need to be very clear on our policies, especially when it comes to what we expect from developers. Frank mentioned that in addition to fine-tuning the Plan, our COAs (“Comments” actually) go to Frank, he’ll add his comments, and then they will all be directed to the planner. The Planning Department (G. White) would like to meet with us at the February 22 meeting to discuss their comments.
 - C. Grant Elementary School wants to close campus with cyclone fence due to a near abduction. They are holding a meeting on February 16; Jared will attend.
 - D. Bernie asked Frank about developing guidelines for construction cones/signs – hazard to bicyclists and need a safe route and/or clear signage to direct bicyclists through construction zones.
 - E. ADA - Bernie noticed that parking spaces between Eastside Cyclery and Chunkies are blocking curb ramps. Frank was not sure if he had jurisdiction over private lots.

ADJOURNMENT

Feb 9 – SPARC 3 PM (Lomas)

Feb 14 – 8:30 AM SRJC Transportation Meeting at 131 Bertolini

Feb 15 – 4-5:30 PM SR2S mtg at Corona Creek ES

Feb 19 – Bike Rodeo 10-1 at Santa Rosa City Hall

Feb 20 – AMGEN Tour of CA (1st stage finish downtown Santa Rosa)

Feb 21 – 10 AM Air Quality Resource team mtg at 445 Orchard in SR

Feb 22 – PBAC with special report by Matt Stevens from SMART (?? may be moved if Planning Dept coming)

March 4 – 2-5 PM School traffic workshop at Sebastopol Vets

March 4 – 5:30 PM Environmental Awards Dinner at Sebastopol Vets

April 29 – Butter & Eggs Day Parade

May 18 – Bike to Work Day

May 29 – Two Rock Ride – leaves from old Agilent campus in Rohnert Park