

# PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 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\*, Nau, Tarr, 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.

#### PROJECTS

I. **MEADOWVIEW BUILDING** (Kit)

**Address:** 1335 Industrial Ave.

**File Number:** 05-SPC-0038-CR

**Description:** The applicant is proposing a tentative parcel map for an unspecified number of commercial office condo units. The proposed two story building will be 33,600 square feet and include parking for 114 cars. Site improvements include pedestrian and bike paths, a river terrace, and open space. The parcel is within the City's floodway and floodplain.

II. **BAYWOOD PUBLIC STORAGE** (Dave)

**Address:** 798 Baywood Dr.

**File Number:** 05-SPC-0758-CR

**Description:** Remodel and addition to existing public storage building.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

III. General Plan 2025 Draft introduction and discussion –Karen thought that it might go to Planning Commission in late February/March

IV. Compliance and Safety

A. Use of cobblestones downtown – Do they pose ADA conflict? Will intersections be striped? Should cobbles be prohibited in new Bike Plan? – Bernie has a friend in a motorized scooter who has commented on how painful it is to travel over the new pavers on Water Street. He doesn't want to see any more use of them.

Becky will add something about surfaces in the Bike/Pedestrian Plan revision.

Frank said that ladder striping will be added within all cobblestone crosswalks.

B. Proposed signal for Adobe Rd. and E. Washington St. – Bernie explained what he recalls of the history of this intersection and an agreement between the City and County to fund the signal years ago. Frank was not aware of such agreement and said that the County is paying for all improvements.

C. River Trail - Burglary and vandalism near the Edith St. trailhead. – Tom sent a letter to the Police Chief last month but hasn't heard anything. More cars were burglarized on December 28. Karen said that the Wilson Street residents near Clover were also experiencing vandalism. Frank said that the police are

patrolling homeless encampments (especially under Lakeville Street bridge) and trails.

- V. Grants/Funding – Frank reported that OTS will have more funds available for pedestrian safety so he is identifying more locations for in-pavement lights. The County (SCTA) is now administering TLC and HIP grants, which were previously handled by MTC. The deadline for these grants are in February. Frank and Allan will start to identify more pedestrian safety projects and will bring their initial list/map to the next PBAC meeting. Frank received a somewhat cryptic email regarding the BTA grant for Petaluma Boulevard North and seemed to indicate that we may receive the grant pending adoption of the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

VI. Reports

- A. SCBC – Bernie to run for SCBC Board, again, since he can't find a good replacement from Petaluma. The Board had a retreat on Saturday (Jan. 7) and Bernie is going to chair a countywide bike safety program aimed at adult bicyclists. The main projects he wants to focus on are safety information packets to be distributed at Christmas and May with bike sales, lights on bikes in October, and sandwich signs for Bike to Work day to encourage bicyclists to ride on the right side of the road. He will be looking for volunteers. Karen volunteered to ask Green Waste Recovery where they got their clear plastic bags for literature; Bernie wants them for the safety information. The bike skills class is coming up on Feb 4; register soon because space is limited (25).
- B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee - none
- C. Recreation, Music, & Parks – Marja said that they haven't had a meeting since November.
- D. City Council – Karen is still assigned to PBAC since no other Councilmembers were interested. She reported that we need to attend the SRJC meetings because the neighborhood will probably go to competing activities - the Kenilworth Jr High dedication and Valentine's Day.
- E. Planning Commission – last meeting was cancelled; will begin with General Plan
- F. Public Works – Frank reported on several upcoming projects:
- i. Roundabout at Magnolia/Elm is nearly completed
  - ii. crosswalk near Putnam Plaza will be inactive during a 2-day period when tree wells will be filled with concrete
  - iii. Flashing lights will be installed at Petaluma Blvd/C St. crosswalk
  - iv. Sidewalk will be bulbed-out between Gale's and Central Market as part of pedestrian plaza improvements
  - v. Keller Street will be two-way
  - vi. 2006 resurfacing projects (Ely, Caulfield) will include pedestrian improvements (curb ramps)

VII. New Business

- A. Bike to Work Day – Bernie reported that Camelback, Eastside Cycles, and Petaluma Wheelmen will sponsor energizer stations. Equity Office has donated \$600 for helmets for the Police Department. Bernie hopes to find other ways to distribute them to those that need them most – maybe coordinate with Butter and Egg Day, Boys and Girls Club, Mentor Me, Hispanic youth groups (St. Vincents). Bernie will be meeting with Basin Street soon to see if they'll donate towards BTWD, as well as other large companies that have been supportive in the past (Clover-Stornetta, Tellabs).
- B. Claudia looked into the Ed code and it said nothing about community schools facility use regarding rights of access when schools are not in use.

C. Tour de California – Feb 20 stage from Sausalito to Santa Rosa; Jared has signed up to volunteer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jan 12 – 3 pm SPARC Maria Commons

Jan 17 – 4 pm SRJC Transportation Workshop, 101 Jacobs

Jan 18 – 6:30 pm SCBC Annual Mtg., 345 Pacific, Santa Rosa (pizza provided)

Jan 25 – Next PBAC mtg

Feb 4 – 8:45 am Bike skills class, Community Center