

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 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*, 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.

Richard Squaglia (763-7391) – Because streets are in poor condition and drivers are insane, he would prefer more trails instead of bike lanes. He would rather ride on sidewalks than in bike lanes. In general, sidewalks aren't wide enough for pedestrians, bicyclists, landscaping, and street furniture.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- I. Compliance and Safety
 - A. Staff Traffic Safety Advisory Group report from 1-19-06: This is a staff-level group so Frank will be our representative now. Frank is looking into initiating a neighborhood traffic calming program using a citizen-based approach to address traffic (neighborhood has to work together with City to find solutions). All-way stop signs will be installed on three intersections on Prospect.
 - B. SRJC Transportation Workshop report from 1-17-06: SRJC agreed to install a temporary trail until construction is over and will then install the permanent trail. Bernie suggested that we follow-up with Doug on details of the trail (bridge, materials, alignment) and we should review the plans. Bernie thought that they said that trail would go in this spring and be ready by the start of the school year.
 - C. Sonoma County Bicycle Safety Campaign: Bernie will be meeting with the County on Friday about Bike to Work Week. He has a meeting on Monday with Vince (co-chair) and Steven Schmitz about budget (\$10,000) for the safety campaign. Bernie wants the big push during Bike to Work Week and wants SCBC to declare BTWW also as Bike Safety Week. Michael Gross at Green Waste is going to help get bags. Bernie wants to prepare separate bags for children to be distributed through Boys & Girls Clubs (with bells), adults, and youth (6-7 grade). Bernie is still trying to figure out the best information to include in the bags and how many bags to make. A guy is making sandwich boards for bike safety messages.
- II. Grants/Funding – Frank reported that we are still in the running for the BTA grant (Petaluma Blvd North bike lanes) but just need to submit a summary of our new draft

bike/pedestrian plan to prove that we addressed the requirements in the CA Streets and Highway Code. This will be on the February 6 Council agenda. OTS grants are being written for pedestrian safety enhancements (especially in-pavement lighting). TLC (Transportation for Livable Communities) grant, distributed through the SCTA, will also include pedestrian enhancements (Pet Blvd N between Washington and Lakeville: bulb outs, crossings, enhanced transit stops). All these grants are due February 1-9.

III. Reports

A. SCBC – Bernie was elected to the Board.

B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – There is a fundraiser on Saturday for youth bike racing scholarships. The Committee is going to revise countywide bike/pedestrian plan; draft due next year.

IV. Discussion of Committee ideas, observations, wish lists, and goals for 2006 – Dave noticed markings warning pedestrians of bad sidewalks at B St/6th St and thought that City should do this if sidewalks can't get fixed. Sidewalk repairs, however, are the responsibility of the property owner. Kit commented that the A/6th/Liberty intersection needs work and Frank said that they are reviewing it; may narrow the intersection and use edge striping.

V. New Business – Frank will work with Community Development to see if circulation plans can be required of all projects. Bernie reported that the Denman Reach trail that was underwater was destroyed and noticed crews repairing it last week.

ADJOURNMENT

Feb 2 – 7 pm Analy Auditorium, Transportation Forum with Joan Marx (Gunn HS in Palo Alto)

Feb 4 – 8:45 am Community Center – Bike Skills Class

Feb 8 – 6 pm PBAC meeting

Feb 14 – 8:30 am SRJC Transportation Mtg at 131 Bertolini Hall

Feb 19 – Bike rodeo in Santa Rosa

Feb 20 – Amgen Tour of CA 1st stage finish downtown SR (Martin Clinton needs more volunteers)

March 4 – 2-5 pm school traffic workshop, Sebastopol Veterans Hall

March 4 – 5:30-9 pm, environmental awards dinner (in Sebastopol) with workshop about transportation safety

March 10 – Final Butter & Egg parade entry deadline (Becky do application)

April 29 – **Butter & Egg Day Parade** – Bernie thinks we should have a table and hand out helmets and safety information. Karen said that we need to talk to the Downtown Association about setting up a booth somewhere (maybe a City booth – Frank will ask)

May 18 – Bike to Work Day

May 29 – Two Rock Ride