

# PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Wednesday, July 12, 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\*, Tarr, Penry, Webster  
\* Chairperson

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Committee will hear public comment 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.

Greg (Aquatics Advisory Board) – The Board was primarily formed for the East Washington Place project. They are concerned that Regency is making an island out of the center by surrounding it by traffic which will create even poorer air quality. When the EIR is made available in the next 3-4 weeks and open for public comment, the Board would like us and the Public Arts Commission to be aware of each other's issues and speak out for all our concerns. Best case scenario – Regency build at the community center. If not moving, then they want to change some of the traffic flow and aesthetically incorporate the Swim Center into the development (wind breaks, berms). It is the only 50m pool in the area, so draws a lot of out-of-town users.

Eric – Commented about the incident at the end of Western Street (Police telling kids not to bike) – need to clarify where bikes are allowed downtown. Frank has been trying to get a hold of Tim Lyons. Eric would also like to have input on location of bike bollards.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- I. Scott Duiven – Scott delivered draft plans and maps for committee review ONLY and will move forward with the General Plan. The document will be released with EIR (early August?) and public workshops should start by early September. If we want to make changes, keep your copy marked up and we'll have a committee meeting at the end of the process to discuss revisions.
- II. Compliance and Safety – Dave commented that there are too many sandwich board signs downtown; new streetscaping takes up room and these are multiplying significantly and encroaching on the pedestrian space. Others on the committee expressed concern about ever-narrowing pedestrian clear way downtown. Frank said that they are not allowed but the Planning Dept doesn't have the manpower to enforce it right now. When Frank sees them attached to traffic devices or hydrants, he gives one warning and removes if seen later. The Planning Department is trying to get a code enforcement officer, so maybe something will happen in near future. Marja suggested that we should approach the Petaluma Downtown Association.
- III. Reports

- A. SCBC – July 4<sup>th</sup> “Bike Santa Rosa” event at Julliard Park in Santa Rosa included a bike ride with mayors and Council members . . . but none from Petaluma.
- B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – haven’t met
- C. Recreation, Music, & Parks – The Petaluma Bounty Initiative made a presentation about using McNear Peninsula for an urban farm and it was approved by the committee. PBI will be going to Council with it. They also pushed for the Swim Center to be included in the Regency EIR. Cost estimates: \$7 million to upgrade existing location, \$16 million for a deluxe facility at community center. Bernie commented that the Lynch Creek Trail needs to be resurfaced and Marja said that it is on the list.
- D. Countywide BPAC – probably won’t meet until after RFP is issued
- E. Public Works –
  - i. Petaluma Blvd – repaving parking aisle with more durable surface.
  - ii. Old Adobe Rd (Frates to Penngrove) is being overlaid by County and Claudia said that the shoulder seems narrow. Frank thought that roadway looked wider but wasn’t sure about the shoulder. If it is shown as a proposed Class II, then it should be included in this project.
  - iii. Timing on several repaving projects got pushed back to next season due to Federal funding requirements and the season started late due to rain. Ely and Caulfield are current projects, including installing or redesigning all curb ramps. McDowell (Wash to CG) is next project, then Bodega (Howard to Webster), Petaluma Blvd, Washington (Howard to Washington). Payran is in design (may include ped lighting, some new curbs, accessible driveways, bulb outs with trees in parking lane).
  - iv. Bike/Ped crossing – Frank talked to Fire Chief and it will be closed during demo and some weeds need to be mowed before opening. Regency’s temporary traffic control plan needs to include the crossing. If Frank can’t get it open, then we should speak at a Council meeting.
  - v. Circular granite pavers at end of Western near bridge – City trying to find a solution.
- IV. Review downtown streetscape locations for benches, bike racks, and bollards. – Jean could meet with us for a walk-through. Racks will be bolted downtown – can be moved. We will break up into small groups to walk the area, combine notes, and then ask Jean to come to the next meeting. We also discussed the idea of consolidated parking in key locations downtown – something that should be included in the bike/ped plan.
- V. Review accomplishments and unfinished business from previous year. (see below)
- VI. Priorities for the year ahead.
- VII. New Business
  - A. MTC Resolution # 3765
  - B. T-shirts have been ordered and check is in process so should be ready soon. Becky will handle selling them initially and perhaps The Mail Depot could help us out with selling the remaining inventory.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **YEAR IN REVIEW**

#### **Accomplishments:**

Completing Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan  
 Bike to Work/School Day  
 Safety Campaign

## Integration with Public Works

### **Significant Project Reviews:**

Park Square  
Riverfront  
East Washington Place  
Quarry Heights  
Water Street North  
Centex Casa Grande  
101 Casino  
Petaluma Golf & Country Club Estates  
Maria Commons  
Cedar Grove  
Rancho Veal

### **More Work Needed:**

Areas of Expertise  
Walk to School Day October 4  
School Outreach  
Compliance Follow-up

### **GOALS:**

Bike rack guidelines for planners and developers  
Invite George White to a PBAC meeting to explain the planning process.  
Make zoning ordinances more consistent with current best practices.