

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Roll Call: Album, Asselmeier, Callwood, Choi, Lofroos, Maunder*, Duiven, Vollmer,
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.

Eric

Phil

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- I. Sgt. Tim Lyons seeks committee input re: permanent Bike Safety Sign installation locations. – The Police Department received an OTS grant for \$5,500 to use for bike/ped safety. Forty “bikes keep right” signs are to be installed on the back of speed limit signs. Bernie recommended that the PD consider installing signs near intersections to avoid mid-block crossings. Possible locations: Petaluma Blvd, Washington, Ely, Lakeville, Western, D Street, Caulfield, and Corona. If anyone thinks of other locations, contact Tim.
- II. Adobe Creek Trail update by Mark Ferguson – The next portion of the Adobe Creek Trail that is slated for improvements is along the south side between Spyglass to Sartori. The trail was built by the Water Agency but other improvements that are needed include fencing, lighting, landscaping, etc. Mark presented the plan and cost estimate to the Parks Commission in February where it was approved to redevelop the area. It is on the Parks Dept’s CIP list but needs to be approved. Mark asked us to consider for the trail for TDA funds and would appreciate a letter of support from PBAC
- III. Petaluma Arts Council presentation re: Railroad Depot. - Bob Bailey, consultant hired by the Petaluma Arts Council, spoke about the proposed art center planned for the freight building. Petaluma Arts Center Feasibility Plan completed in August 2005 that recommends exhibits, small performances, art classes, offices, and a gift shop. SMART wants bicycle storage in the building but they feel it would be better in an auxiliary building if SMART felt the Council could stay in freight building. Five bike bollards are planned for the area. City allocated \$50K for engineering and \$400K for renovation in the CIP budget. Murray Rockowitz, chair of the Petaluma Arts Council, was under the impression that a new facility will be built to accommodate bikes in the area. Karen Hess and the Council see the freight building as a future “hub” of the arts trails.
- IV. Compliance and Safety – Claudia mentioned an instance in SLO where a bicyclist won a lawsuit against Caltrans because she was injured on what was a known hazard and

Caltrans didn't do anything about it. Perhaps Petaluma needs to seriously look at the safety of our streets, especially pavers and railroad tracks. Bernie noted that the bike loop in the left turn lane on Petaluma Blvd at Southpoint isn't working, nor is the bike button on the east side of McDowell at Lucchesi.

- V. Reports
 - A. SCBC – didn't meet in May; will meet next week. Bike Santa Rosa weekend in July. Mayor's ride (not in Petaluma) on July 4. Bernie would like to organize a Mayor's ride (with Council) sometime.
 - B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – Channel Drive trail paving in Santa Rosa. The bike safety campaign is in full-swing; every major department store selling bike (except Target) is distributing safety packets. Had an ad in the *Bohemian*, slides in movie theaters, reaching out to Boys & Girls Clubs, various newspapers, and trying to get a bike rodeo at Valley of the Moon.
 - C. Public Works – Scott may be the liaison. Once the GP is done, he'll be in Public Works.
- VI. Countywide Bicycle Plan Update--Committee vote on whether Petaluma should participate and, if so, to what extent? Petaluma's TDA Article 3 fund share can be anywhere from \$0 to \$23,674. – Petaluma's share reduced from \$23,000 to \$2,400. Dave was concerned that we didn't have a chance to discuss the allocation of public funds before deciding. Others noted that Public Works gets the final say and we are just voicing our preference. Bernie motioned, Dave seconded, and the resolution passed 7-0 that: "Resolved: that the Petaluma TDA Article 3 fund share contribution for the Countywide Bike Plan Update be no less than \$2,400 nor more than \$5,000."
- VII. Bike to Work Week debriefing – Bernie was very pleased with this year's participation: 603 participants, only 3 schools, 71 prizes/110 entries. Jared mentioned that the formula should be changed to determine winners in the school contest: use number of kids eligible to bike and not total students. Jared also noted that the timing of releasing information was good because it allowed enough time for the students/teachers/parents to prepare. He recommended that entry forms for schoolchildren be changed to ask only for name and their school (don't want to give out personal information). Bernie wants to give cash awards to all participating schools in the future. Jared volunteered to be on a BTWW subcommittee next year.
- VIII. Discussion re: ordering another batch of T-shirts for sale and distribution from Paragon Screenprinting, Inc. (792-2722). – Tom picked up information from the printer. 72 shirts printed on one side would cost \$595, double sided would be \$683. We decided to run the first batch with the One Less Car logo and once we sell them, we'll do the other design. Tom will check on the cost of women's cut shirts.
- IX. New Business
 - A. Bollards at the end of B Street – Joyce Clark and the Police Department are getting a lot of complaints: not reflectorized, unattractive, horse & carriage driver can't pick up there, prevents short-term parking. Dave recommended removing bollards and paint curb red. Sgt Lyons suggested pedestrian xing signs. Everyone should take a look at it, let Bernie know our opinion, and he'll contact Joyce.
 - B. General Plan – Scott will print red-line and clean copies of plan by July 14; map is almost done.
 - C. Aquatics Board – wants a member at their July meeting to discuss the East Washington Place (Regency) development.

ADJOURNMENT

June 28: Next meeting