

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Roll Call: Album, Callwood, Choi, Lofroos, Maunder*, Tilton, 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.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

I. Reports

- A. SCBC (Bernie) – Bernie reported that the Coalition is concerned about proposed bike lanes in Cotati between the curb and angled parking and will be talking to the planner about this design. The Coalition has been very involved in the Santa Rosa and County bike plan revisions.
- B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (Bernie) – Bernie reported that Western Avenue improvements continue to be postponed (now scheduled for 2008-09). The CPBAC thinks that, at a minimum, improvements should be done at the trouble spots near Windsor. Bernie thinks the City should pressure the County to do it (esp. between Windsor and Benjamin). Allan advised us to talk to Petaluma Jr. High to see how many kids use that road to get to school. Bernie thinks that PBAC should send letter to City Council and/or Mike Kerns to urge the County to do the project. Also, the County wants to hire a consultant to do the countywide bike plan (county and cities), and is considering asking the cities pay for their portion for the plan. Bernie didn't think that Petaluma should (or would) contribute since our bike/ped plan revision is so far along. Allan suggested that we use our money to publish our plan instead.
- C. Public Works – Allan reported that the City was awarded a \$485,000 TLC (Transportation for Livable Communities) grant for pedestrian improvements along Petaluma Blvd North (crosswalks, bulb-outs, ADA-related improvements). He is working to get the E. Washington Street/urban separator crossing installed; new designs include a corral. A tunnel under the river (as opposed to a bridge) is getting interest for Caulfield extension.

- II. Butter & Egg Days--Parade, Table, T-Shirts – Dave to turn in table application (on Friday). Parade participants should wear bike/ped-related t-shirts in parade, either past PBAC shirts or Bernie can get some SCBC shirts. We will need to get volunteers to man the information table on B Street, maybe past PBAC members if necessary. Becky will ask Pamela Tuft if we can have the bike map there and solicit input. Bruce should have new maps ready by then that we can sell.

- III. City Council Liaison—follow-up to Pamela Asselmeier’s request for PBAC liaison. – Pamela asked Karen Nau to ask the City Council for a liaison; Pamela hasn’t heard back from Karen. Claudia said that CC might appreciate hearing input regarding bike/ped issues from one of their own. Allan said that Petaluma is unique in that CC is assigned to committees. The PBAC agreed that we should write a letter to the Council requesting a representative.
- IV. Centex Homes—do we have recommendations to improve traffic conditions in the vicinity of Casa Grande High School? – The plan was denied as submitted. More park space was requested and the neighborhood is concerned about traffic on adjacent streets. Pamela said that we should think of solutions for other streets.
- V. Political Candidates—individual support must not imply PBAC endorsement. -
- VI. FPPC Form 700 due April 3, 2006.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Bike to Work Week (Bernie) - \$630 so far but haven’t received money from some of the “regulars.” Allan mentioned that we might want to look into OTS mini grants.
 - B. Safety Campaign – Bernie needs volunteers to contact churches about making safety announcements, put out board signs about bikes riding right/lights (Dave), contact Parks & Rec about putting safety info in class schedule (costs, how to do it, deadlines)(Claudia), contact for SRJC catalog (Claudia), someone should talk to SRJC about promoting BTWW (Claudia), and someone to talk to schools (Bernie talks to CGHS Leadership Class, Tom with KJHS).
 - C. Should invite George or a planner come to a meeting to debrief us on the site plan process and when we should submit general vs detailed comments.

ADJOURNMENT

March 23 – 3 pm SPARC – Water St North Condos and Streetscape plan, Redwood Technology Center
 March 25 – 10 am-2 pm Bike Rodeo at Roseland ES in Santa Rosa
 March 31 – 6 pm Critical Mass SF
 April 3 – FPPC Form 700 due to City Clerk
 April 12 – Next PBAC mtg (3 wk)
 April 29 – Butter & Egg parade
 May 18 – Bike to Work/School Day
 May 27 – Two Rock Ride