

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

ROLL CALL: Album, Arras, Choi*, Lofroos, Tarr, Penry, Webster

* Chairperson

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Becky Winslow & Wendy Z. – Wendy described how she broke her arm on Water Street: she was coming off the Balshaw Bridge and somehow hit the pavers (in center circle) in such a way as to cause her to hit the wall of Water Street Bistro. She feels this area is extremely unsafe for bicyclists and there should be a sign posted to warn bicyclists of the danger. Becky wrote two articles for the Argus (when trying to get a column of her own) that involved PBAC; one described the dangers of the Water Street paving treatments. [Both documents submitted to PBAC]. Becky and Wendy are fully documenting what happened and will be approaching Risk Assessment and whomever else in the City they need to in order to bring to light the real dangers of these pavers.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

We welcomed Chris Arras as our new Planning Commission Representative.

I. Compliance and Safety –


- A. Bernie noted that the entire (asphalt) Lynch Creek Trail needs to be overlaid or reconstructed as the cracks reappear annually and are getting bigger. Bernie also noticed that the bike rack near Washington Mutual in the Washington Square shopping center has been removed. He also spoke with a manager at In & Out Burger about moving the bike racks from the rear of the building closer to the doors so the public would know that parking was available. Frank advised that we ask the planner to follow-up on these issues.
- B. Dave mentioned that the sign warning bicyclists to walk their bikes over the railroad tracks on Lakeville is missing.
- C. Chris asked if anyone was aware of the “bike hazard” sign a resident on Bodega Avenue (right before Webster) posted in their yard and when that section of Bodega was slated for resurfacing.
- D. Claudia said that there are still no bike lanes on Frates at Southgate.

II. Reports

- A. SCBC – “Take Back the Streets” will be held on October 3 in Santa Rosa. Bernie reported that parking on sidewalks (CVC violation) and trash cans left in shoulders on popular bike commuting routes was a topic at a recent meeting.
- B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – Bernie and other members of the public are working to persuade the County to add bike lanes to Western Avenue, at least from Benjamin to Bantam (for PJHS).

- C. Recreation, Music, & Parks – Marja reported that the committee will be revising the Parks section of the General Plan. Anyone with suggestions to make the chapter more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly should let hew know before their October 4th meeting.
 - D. Countywide BPAC - W-Trans was selected to write the countywide plan.
 - E. Public Works – Frank showed the PBAC the “bikes ride right” signs that the Police Department had fabricated. Frank also wanted to let us know that the left turn pockets on Ely at Caulfield were not installed in the resurfacing project in order to allow a pedestrian refuge area in this very wide corridor.
- III. Walk & Roll to School Day Update – Banners and packets were delivered to elementary and junior high schools. Dave volunteered to remove the banners; Becky volunteered to work with Tim Gonzalez (SafeKids Sonoma) to distribute materials to participating schools (Meadow, Bernard Eldredge, Miwok, Kenilworth).
- IV. Bike Parking Subcommittee Update – Bernie, Kit, and Becky met with Jeanne Miché on September 15. The subcommittee helped to identify locations for bike bollards downtown (Boulevard and Kentucky between Washington and B Street). The subcommittee also asked Jeanne about the possibility of consolidated parking. Jeanne said that a U-rack had been designed and that maybe it could be modified for such a purpose, but she would need to work with Irene Borba on details. Kit volunteered to walk the downtown with Jeanne to identify exact placement of the 20 bollards. The subcommittee needs to meet with Evelyn Onderdonk to discuss bike parking in the Theatre District.
- V. New Business
- A. Bike/ped counts – All locations except one (McDowell at PVH) have been completed.
 - B. Kenilworth bike parking – Bernie and Toni Beal (Kenilworth principal) discussed the lack of adequate bike parking at Kenilworth JHS. Bernie has asked potential donors if they would be interested in donating money or racks to the school, and Bernie may know of someone who can fabricate racks. Bernie and Becky have drawn up designs for the two bike cages to get an estimate of how many racks would be needed.

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