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PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 8, 2007

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

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**Roll Call** (a quorum of six members was present at 6:00pm):

**Committee:** Album, Arras, Asselmeier, Choi (absent), Lofroos (absent),  
Tacy (Chairperson), Tarr, Webster, Yetter

**Staff:** Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer

One member of the public was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Eric asked about the PBAC approaching businesses about their bicycle parking. The Kinko's shopping center and Petaluma Market were mentioned. Staff commented. Bicycle racks are coming to the downtown Peet's.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The proposed minutes of July 25, 2007 were unanimously approved by the six members then present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Safe Routes to School**

**Bernie Album, chair for Petition of Citizens for Walk and Bike Petaluma, will present before Petaluma School District Board of Trustees to support safe routes to school. Motion for recommendation to the City Council to support Safe Routes to School and work the PSD (Allen).**

Discussion was had concerning Safe Routes to School and the involvement of the School District, specifically with Walk and Roll to School Day on October 3, 2007. Allen made a motion concerning the Committee recommending that the School District be urged to allow individual school principals to decide about participation in Walk and Roll to School Day, and Bernie seconded it for the purposes of discussion. The motion was discussed, including but not limited to the issue of the proper role of the Committee and the most productive approach to this issue in terms of the Committee's involvement. The timing of such a recommendation or action by the Committee was also discussed in light of the upcoming School District Board meeting(s). The question was called and there was one Aye vote (Tacy); the motion did not pass. It was discussed that the motion could be revived and further discussed at the next Committee meeting.

2. **Proposed joint meeting with Transit Advisory Committee. Possible Agenda:**

- a. **Connectivity between bike/hike trails and transit**
- b. **Transit shelter standards and how they interact with pedestrian needs**
- c. **Bike racks at transit stops – not everyone wants to put their bike on a bus rack**
- d. **Who is responsible when jurisdiction overlaps (needs to be defined)**
- e. **TFCA grant (see New Business below)**

A proposed joint meeting with the Transit Advisory Committee was discussed, including a possible Committee liaison to the TAC and a possible joint meeting in September.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Grant – Grant from Bay Area Air Quality Management District for a bike/walk to transit marketing program designed to shift drivers from their cars.**

The \$144,000 grant which has been received by the City was discussed. Transit Manager (Siragusa) is still formulating a proposal as to how the funds could be used.

2. **Share the road or take over the road – question of riding abreast so that drivers must pull out to pass.**

Discussion was had regarding bicyclist behavior when sharing the road, especially when multiple bicyclists are present.

3. **Safe Routes to School – PBAC inventory of routes to school. Work with City staff to create inventory.**

There was discussion about an inventory of safe routes to school and the assistance that the Committee could possibly provide to staff. The inventory of safe routes is something staff will be working on over the next year and will target for completion before the next school year (2008-2009).

4. **Changes to bike routes in 2006 Bike Plan**

Insufficient time remained for this item and it was agreed that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. **Compliance and Safety** – no substantive discussion held
2. **Grants/Funding** – no substantive discussion held
3. **Reports:**
  - A. **County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee** – no substantive discussion held
  - B. **Countywide BPAC** – no substantive discussion held
  - C. **Recreation, Music, & Parks** – no substantive discussion held
  - D. **Planning Commission** – no substantive discussion held
  - E. **Public Works** – no substantive discussion held
  - F. **By-Laws Committee** – no substantive discussion held

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned prior to 8:00pm.