
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 2
11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Roll Call: Committee: Album, Arras, Asselmeier, *Choi, Lofroos, Tacy, Tarr, Webster, Yetter
Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer * Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 13, 2007 minutes were approved as edited.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Year Kick-Off
 - We welcomed our newest member, Mara Yetter.
 - Allen Tacy was elected as chair; Kit Lofroos was appointed at vice chair.
 - Bernie proposed that we develop PBAC bylaws. Bernie, Allen, and Mara agreed to serve on the subcommittee.
 - Bernie briefly discussed the purpose of a new group called Citizens for Walk & Bike Petaluma. Further consideration about its role will be reserved for later meetings.
2. Finances

PBAC approved Bike to Work/School Week expenses from Bernie (\$192.34) and Becky (\$34.73). PBAC also approved a \$200 donation to the Petaluma Police Department for the free helmet program and \$201 for welding bike racks for Kenilworth Junior High School.

PROJECTS: (Committee members should familiarize themselves with the project site prior to the meeting.)

1. **PETALUMA FIRE STATION #1** (Allen)

Address: 307 Petaluma Boulevard South
File Number: 07-SPC-0361-CR
Description: The applicant is proposing to construct a new public facilities building for a new fire station to be located on Petaluma Boulevard South at the location of the old Casa Grande Motel which has been demolished. The site is currently undeveloped but is located next to developed properties, including residences and commercial buildings. The site is approximately 19,944 sq. ft. in area and the proposed floor area is 28,196 sq. ft. The proposed building height is at 44'. Public safety facility buildings require a Conditional Use Permit in the CPSP. Review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit will be required.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. Compliance and Safety – Mara described the situation at Petaluma Valley Athletic Club where cars are parking along Old Corona Road and obstructing the view of pedestrians crossing the street. Bernie mentioned that the bike lane stripe on Sonoma Mountain Parkway was worn. Frank said that the roadway will be restriped very soon.
- 2.. Reports:
 - A. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – Bernie reported that the County still does not have all of the necessary funding for its portion of the Petaluma Boulevard North bike lanes project. Frank said that the City is planning to do its part as not to lose funding. Bernie also mentioned that Western Avenue (City limit to Chileno Valley Road) is scheduled for the 2008-09 fiscal year.
 - B. Recreation, Music, & Parks – Marja said that the commission is currently taking the summer break.
 - C. Planning Commission – Chris noted that the past few meeting have been cancelled, but that Spence Burton was appointed as the new commissioner.
 - D. Public Works – Frank recently returned from the Western ITE conference in Portland, OR, and was inspired by the experience. Locally, Frank reported on a number of related issues:
 - He still cannot remove the crosswalk at A/Howard/Liberty Streets due to neighborhood opposition.
 - Shared Roadway Bicycle Markings (aka “sharrows”) were installed that day along Payran Street between the river and Jefferson Street. Frank is anxious to receive feedback from cyclists.
 - The City purchased the correct bike lane stencil.
 - D Street will soon have bike lanes from 6th Street to Windsor with the exception of approximately 500 feet west of El Rose where the street is too narrow for lanes and will probably have sharrows for continuity.
 - Frank is hoping to use the new GPS technology on Petaluma Transit vehicles to improve signal timing.
 - John Siragusa asked if PBAC would be interested in a joint meeting with the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC meets on the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. PBAC members expressed a desire to have a joint meeting during one of our regularly scheduled meetings in September as long as an agenda was established well in advance.

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The next PBAC meeting will be August 8.