
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 13, 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
Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer; Scott Duiven * Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 9, 2007 minutes were approved.

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.

Tom Maunder – attending for school discussion

Bruce Hagen – attending for school discussion

Kevin Porter – Kevin lives in San Anselmo and biked 100 miles on Bike to Work/School Day to accompany a friend on her ride to work in Petaluma. Bernie awarded Kevin with a trophy for the longest commute recorded on BTW/SD.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Petaluma School Districts

The committee discussed the history of Petaluma City Schools' involvement in bicycling and walking to school and possible ways this could be addressed in the future.

2. PBAC Procedures

First, Becky reviewed the procedures for distributing funds from the PBAC account. Frank then discussed a document titled "10 Strategies for Effective Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees" and asked that members review this document to see how we can be an effective committee.

3. Crosswalk Removal

Frank discussed removing two crosswalks:

- Across 6th Street, Howard Street, Liberty Street at A Street – poor visibility and high traffic speeds makes this a less-than-ideal crossing. Frank will be meeting with the neighborhood on June 14 to explain the reasoning behind the proposed removal and obtain feedback. When polled, most PBAC members indicated that they supported the crosswalk removal.
- Across McDowell Boulevard at Lombardi Avenue – this crosswalk, approximately 250 feet from Caulfield, was originally installed for the Golden Gate Transit stops at Lombardi. Because McDowell will soon undergo a "road diet," the transit stop on the east side of the street will be moved just north of Caulfield. Frank is proposing that this crosswalk be removed to encourage

pedestrians to cross at the traffic signal at Caulfield. When polled, most PBAC members indicated that they supported the crosswalk removal.

4. Summer Schedule

The committee agreed to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month unless an urgent matter required the committee to meet.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. Grants/Funding – Steven Schmitz requested that a letter of support be written by PBAC for Western Avenue between Windsor Avenue and Chileno Valley Road for the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. Becky wrote a draft and asked for comments before forwarding the letter Thursday morning.
2. Reports:
 - A. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – next meeting is June 19.
 - B. Countywide BPAC – workshops have been scheduled for the countywide bicycle and pedestrian plan: Sept. 18 in Windsor, Sept. 20 in Cotati, Sept. 26 in Sonoma, Sept. 27 in Sebastopol.
 - C. Recreation, Music, & Parks – Marja reported that the big issues are fish in Lucchesi Park’s pond and the petanque courts.
 - D. Planning Commission – last meeting was cancelled; next meeting is a joint meeting with the City Council and SPARC.
 - E. Bike to Work/School Week Wrap Up – Bernie thanked everyone for their help with the most successful BTW/SW yet.

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