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PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 14, 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.


Eric Fiedler - He noted that cars are always in the pedestrian zone of Water Street, usually deliveries or restaurant employees. Eric also wondered about the River Trail connection between the Waterfront Apartments and 201 1<sup>st</sup> Street building. Frank and other PBAC members agreed that it is a gap that we have no control over.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. Compliance and Safety – Chris questioned the new diagonal ramp located on Bodega Avenue at Park. Frank said that he would look into it, but he thought that it was to be a parallel ramp. Bernie is concerned about pedestrian safety at the intersection of Petaluma Boulevard South and C Street now that more businesses will be opening and traffic will surely increase. The new Theatre Square building is located close to the street which forces motorists to pull into the crosswalk before turning on to the Boulevard. Frank said that this situation is not uncommon and there is not much that can be done. Motorists are expected to stop behind the crosswalk before moving forward, and this crosswalk is particularly wide. Kit requested that the crosswalk in front of McNears be restriped. Frank said that it should happen soon.
2. Grants: Frank mentioned that the Safe Routes to Transit grant is due on April 2 but that Petaluma will not submit an application. The projects that would score the best in Petaluma are located in the vicinity of the new transit center, but the area is still largely undeveloped. The next cycle is in two years.
3. Reports:
  - A. SCBC – Tom Maunder was not able to attend the meeting and provide an update. Bernie thought that SCBC was going to initiate a letter writing campaign for Western Avenue. Frank said that the City can lend support, but make sure that the letters are clear about what section of roadway we are addressing.
  - B. County Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee – Bernie mentioned that the committee was nearly finished with their revised bike plan.
  - C. Recreation, Music, & Parks – Marja was unable to attend the meeting, but Frank said that plans for the East Washington Street Park were reviewed at the March 21 meeting, and these plans show a ten-foot path along the golf course.
  - D. Planning Commission – Chris reported that the PC had finished reviewing the Draft EIR for the General Plan.

- E. Public Works – Frank mentioned that they were moving along with the McDowell Boulevard road diet design. He was particularly pleased to announce that the City got a procurement for a long-line striper so the City can stripe our bike lanes.
  - F. Bike to Work/School Week – Becky mentioned that the Mayor’s Ride will now take place on Saturday, May 19, and that a new, shorter route will be determined. Bernie attended a planning meeting sponsored by the SCBC. There will be a Team Bike Challenge (register on 511.org) and a countywide raffle for a bicycle for all volunteers on Bike to Work Day. Bernie and Becky discussed the process for obtaining donations for the Energizer Stations and prizes for the Bike to Work/School Week raffle. PBAC members signed up to approach businesses for donations.
4. New Business
- A. East Washington Place DEIR – Allen is chairing a subcommittee (Pamela, Claudia, Dave) to review the DEIR and draft a letter on behalf of PBAC. Allen raised some questions about design elements mentioned in the DEIR and members discussed their problems or merits. The subcommittee will meet at Dave’s home on March 30 at 3:00 p.m.

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