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PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

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**1. ROLL CALL (6:04pm):**

Present: Album, Arras, Asselmeier, Barrett, Choi, Lofroos, Tacy\*, Webster, Yetter

Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer

Absent: Tarr

\* Chair

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 10, 2007, and October 24, 2007- Unanimous approval with understanding that precedent of too much detail in minutes (i.e. October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007) not become standard.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Item 6b.) Tom Maunder- representative of Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (SCBC). Mentioned Bicycling magazine articles re: bike advocacy (January 2007), and Critical Mass events around America (November, 2007). SCBC's budget is dwindling, despite a good fundraiser in October. SCBC is hoping to get some Measure M monies to hire a coordinator, and Federal grant monies also from Safe Routes to School (SR2S). Some of SCBC's projects in Santa Rosa include: bike lanes in a Fulton Rd. subdivision, East & West bike lanes for the Stationary Specific Plan, bike lanes along Sonoma Ave., east of Farmer's Lane. Volunteer Appreciation party- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 515 Orchard, Santa Rosa; December 15<sup>th</sup> SR2S fundraiser; January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Annual Meeting and elections Three open Board seats; Tom to re-apply.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Leashed dogs and signboards on sidewalks – draft letter to Council. Dave Webster presented 2 draft letters to go to City Council. New wording to reflect “ADA compliance” issues, as well as issues of “obstruction”, and public access on private property (shopping centers). Webster to revise and bring to next PPBAC meeting.

b. Short term priorities for bike/pedestrian improvements. Agendized to Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (Moved by Album, seconded by Arras. Unanimous in-favor.) November 28<sup>th</sup> agendized list removed until committee-members and members of the public submit further projects to Committee. Discussion on individual committee-members' improvement projects, proper agenda procedures, and the process of public notification and discussion. Committee members to bring improvement project ideas to proceeding meetings (or email committee 24 hours before meeting) so committee can begin compiling and prioritizing a list, and comparing it to the current (and Draft) Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan goals and projects.

c. Committee minutes

1. Assignment of staff to take minutes. No City staff will be assigned to take minutes due to time of meetings; a rotation of volunteer committee-member minute-takers.

2. Format of minutes. Informal minutes- light on detail, yet to reflect discussion/action items.
3. Video tape of September 26, 2007, meeting. Still no understanding of who ordered the taping of this meeting by PCA. City was charged for it.

(Item 6c. moved here due to time constraints of Planning Commissioner)

from COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6c. Planning Commission. C. Arras reported on Petaluma's General Plan process regarding the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Compliance portion. A presentation came before Planning Commission, and a public hearing and discussion will be held at the next Planning Commission meeting.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Roundabout at Quarry Heights subdivision. Committee recommends crosswalks' striping narrowed to create a shared use area for bicycles (Class II), etc. so that cyclists do not have to dismount at the crosswalks (per CA Vehicle Code/s). Signage alerting cars of pedestrians and bicyclists. Motion to approve as designed, provided: 10' multi-use path, crossing are narrow striping and signage. Unanimous approval. Chair to write letter in support of Roundabout.
- b. Valet parking. B. Album and Kevin Hornick to ask City Mgr. for use of the barrier guards found along the Trestle on Water St. for valet parking at City-sponsored events. Issues of storage came up, as well as contact/point-person. (MOVE TO OLD BUSINESS)
- c. Bike/pedestrian map. Subcommittee formed: B. Schuerman-Choi to Chair; A. Tacy, and D. Webster.
- d. Elimination of the crosswalk at Petaluma Boulevard North and Mary Street. Concern about promoting walking access, yet eliminating crosswalk. F. Penry described the conditions of Petaluma Blvd. North project 2-3 years ago, and that this crosswalk interrupts the three lane queues for southbound Pet. Blvd., North. Martha St. crosswalk serves for better visibility, as does the crosswalk at Washington.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Compliance and safety. Potholes in crosswalks on Washington and Kentucky. Mystic Theatre crosswalk's paint is already fading. Pet. Blvd. South: in-pavement lighting and trip-system has been constantly "on" a few times over the past weeks.
- b. County bike/pedestrian. B. Album did not attend last meeting. (See T. Maunder's report in "Public Comment"). Album asked to designate here the differing County Ped/Bike groups for better clarity and reporting.
- c. Planning Commission (moved to New Business).
- d. Recreation, Music and Parks Commission. Commissioner Tarr absent.
- e. Public Works.

7. NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2007

8. ADJOURNMENT (8:28pm)