
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Roll Call (a quorum of seven members was present at about 6:00pm):

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

Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer
Scott Duiven, General Plan

One member of the public was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eric commented positively about the new style of ADA-compliant curb ramps. Committee member Webster commented regarding the issue of sandwich boards and unattended dogs tied up outside the businesses along Petaluma Blvd. South and in particular Peet's. Chairperson Tacy commented about garbage cans left outside along curbs reducing the width of bike lanes. A discussion of these issues is to be agendized for the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The proposed minutes of August 8, 2007 were unanimously approved by five of the seven members then present with members Tarr and Choi abstaining.

The agenda was amended on an emergency basis to add the Petaluma Valley Hospital project to the list of projects for which PBAC comments are due, this specific agenda item having been inadvertently omitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Safe Routes to School**
Report on presentation to Petaluma School District, August 21, 2007.
Draft letter on Safe Routes to School to City Council (Tacy).

The committee discussed this issue. Bernie Album presented to the School District Board and there was an article and editorial in the Argus Courier on September 12, 2007. A draft letter written by Chairperson Tacy, intended to be transmitted to the City Council for it to consider sending to the School District regarding this issue, was passed out and discussed. The letter will be further discussed at the next meeting.

2. **TFCA Grant. Joint meeting with Transit Advisory Committee.**

The committee discussed this issue. The usefulness of a bicycle trailer was discussed, among other ideas. Transit manager Siragusa will present to the committee on September 26.

3. Changes to bike routes in 2006 Bike Plan (Arras)

- a. Extension of Rebecca Drive to Bantam Way on the north side of Bodega. Discussion to review the bicycle and pedestrian implications/plans for that area and how it should be treated in the new Petaluma Bicycle Plan. (They just started building it last week.) It's also a new route to school (to Petaluma Junior High School).**

The committee discussed the bicycle and pedestrian aspects of this new road. The route to school issue was discussed, including which bicycle class/designation the new route should have. The entire issue of Bantam's (and Rebecca's) bicycle route designation is to be agendized for a more comprehensive discussion.

- b. Designate Second Street as Proposed Class II. Remove parallel boulevard south from Petaluma Bicycle Plan.**

The committee discussed the designation of second street and Petaluma Boulevard South. The consensus was to keep the designation as currently proposed in the draft Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 200 Kentucky Drive (Old B of A) (Schuerman-Choi)

Discussion of PBAC comments on this project deferred to next meeting in interests of time. (Project is still incomplete.)

2. PSC Kitchen (Album)

Discussion of PBAC comments on this project deferred to next meeting in interests of time. (Project is still incomplete.)

3. Plaza North Expansion (Tacy)

Discussion of PBAC comments on this project deferred to next meeting in interests of time. (Project is still incomplete.)

4. Plaza South Renovation (Scherman-Choi, Yetter)

Discussion of PBAC comments on this project deferred to next meeting in interests of time. (Project is still incomplete.)

5. 272 Petaluma Boulevard North (Lafroos)

The PBAC comments to be made on this proposed project were discussed by the committee. The number of bike racks and style of racks were discussed, as well as fencing along the south side of the project. Among the comments authorized by the committee was a recommendation of two racks of historic (Theatre District) style on each corner (Poultry side and Boulevard side) and a recommendation of a railing along the southern boundary of the project.

6. Riverfront Development (Tacy, Webster)

The committee discussed making further comments on this revised project. Among comments authorized by the committee were that the pedestrian path along the River should be continuous, i.e., go under the planned bridge which will eventually cross the River; bike lanes should all be a minimum of six feet in

width; there should not be any angled parking on the proposed main street bisecting the property; and, there should be a second pedestrian crossing on the main street leading to and from the proposed hotel.

7. Petaluma Valley Hospital (Choi) [per amended agenda—see above]

The committee discussed its comments on this proposed project. The committee authorized comments on this project, including but not limited to increasing the number of bike parking spaces, relocating bike parking near the main entrance, having raised pedestrian crossings to the professional center buildings toward the north side of the hospital grounds, increasing pedestrian paths and linkages on the grounds and the routing of the Lynch Creek trail onto and over hospital property via a bridge crossing Lynch Creek from the Lucchesi Community Center property.

NEXT MEETING: September 26, 2007 with Transit Advisory Committee

ADJOURNMENT