
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Album, Arras, Asselmeier, Barrett, Choi, Lofroos*, Tacy, Tarr, Webster

Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer

* Chair

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of February 27, 2008, were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None. Visitors present: Tom Maunder, Brian Mealins, Craig Spaulding

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Butter & Egg Day Parade Valet Parking (Webster)

Requested more volunteers, made 2 banners, schedule 9am-6pm with party near the end, arranged for board signs Phoenix and Golden Eagle, coordinated bike racks delivery and pick-up by Public Works Dept. Penry stated he would get back to about PPD picking up for unclaimed bikes.

B) SRJC Ring Trail Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (Barrett)

It will on May 10, 2008 starting at 10:00am. The location will be at the bridge on the path. The Mayor's Bike Ride will follow. A motion was made to approve this schedule. It was seconded and passed.

C) Bike to Work and School

1) Safe Routes to School (Webster)

Webster reported that he thought we have done all we can and had no recommendations for further action by this committee. Later in the meeting Album reminded the committee that the letter PPBAC wrote in September 2007 hadn't been delivered or received by the full Petaluma City Council. Kit said she would re-date, sign and send the letter again through the City Manager's office.

Album reported on BTW/S plans for this year and next year. The banner and valet bike parking signs cost about \$70 for the letters & numbers (Barber Sign). Penry asked if this was approved by PPBAC and it was indicated "yes."

Album will put the BTW/S banner up April 26 and Dave and Kit will put it up on Kentucky St. on May 5 and down May 16. There will be 4 Energizer Stations - the

same locations as last year. SCBC is requiring that one volunteer at each station conduct a membership sign-up campaign. Everyone was requested to solicit local merchants for prize donations. Becky reminded us that she sent e-mail with 2 form letters to use and to let her know before whom they would go to. Album stated we have 2 more meetings before May 15 to complete plans.

The City Council will make a proclamation May 5 and the awards presentation will be May 19. The delivery competition will no longer require participants to register at an Energizer Station. Album reported that he nominated Eric Fiedler to be the Sonoma County Bicycle Commuter of the Year. Everyone that agrees was requested to do the same since each nomination is a vote in favor.

D) Sidewalk/ADA Compliance Letter to Council: Status (Webster)

Barrett reported that the letter was delivered to the Council Members and she will bring it up during the next Council meeting.

E) Conditions of Approval: Sunnyslope II Project

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Sidewalk Inventory (Craig Spaulding)

Craig Spaulding, City Engineer, reported that the City Council has directed Public Works to conduct an inventory of all sidewalks in need of repair on the west side. The purpose is to make a short and long range repair plan that will prioritize locations. The highest priority will be locations that have had accidents; high foot traffic and caused by trees. The plan will include proposed possible funding. The City would pay ½ the cost for sidewalks that have been damaged by trees. Suggestions were made to begin some kind of control on the type of the trees that may be planted. Spaulding stated the city has a permit system that should do the same thing.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: April 23, 2008.

Ken Savano, Butter & Egg Days, Bike to Work/School Week/Day, possible project reviews.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A) Sonoma County BPAC (Album)

There was no meeting last month. There was a town hall meeting in Penngrove with Supervisor Kerns to discuss the county's plans to put class II bike lanes from Redwood Highway through downtown to the Adobe Road - Petaluma Hill Road intersection. Representatives of the SCBPAC were present to support Penngrove residents and developer opposed in favor of wider sidewalks for pedestrians.

B) Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition

Tom Maunder reported on all activities including a bike swap May 18 at the Vets Memorial Building on Maple St (Fairgrounds), grants, and bicycle rodeos (McDowell Elementary on April 19 at 10:00am, Valley Vista Elementary on May 20 at 9:00am). Tom was honored on Tuesday with the 2008 Public Health Champion award from the Board of Supervisors for his work on bike rodeos countywide.

C) Parks, Recreation & Music Commission (Tarr)

There have been no meetings. She asked for items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and reported her list. Album asked that signs for the Lynch Creek Path be on the agenda.

D) Planning Commission (Arras)

Planning Commission has finished their review of the General Plan and is now going to the City Council. The Bike Plan went directly to the City Council.

E) Petaluma Development Code Committee (Arras/Barrett/Asselmeier)

Arras noted that the formation of subcommittees was discussed, including the possibility of a bicycle and pedestrian subcommittee. Arras suggested that this be discussed during a meeting in May. The next Development Code Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 6:30pm.

F) Public Works

Penry reported that new bike stencils (with helmets) are being overlaid on Maria. He also reported that the city clock had been rebuilt and will be temporarily displayed at the Petaluma Museum before installation in the bell tower.

G) Compliance and Safety

Lofroos noted that the crosswalk in front of McNear's is fading fast.

8. **ADJOURN:** 8:10pm

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Paula Lane Action Network

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