
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

6:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

ROLL CALL: Committee: Album, Arras, Asselmeier, Barrett, Choi, Lofroos*, Tacy, Tarr, Webster, Yetter
Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer *chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 13, 2008, minutes were approved with Arras and Tarr abstaining

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Maunder: Reported that there has not been a Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition meeting since December; however, he would have more to report at the next PPBAC meeting. He reminded the committee that after the Walk n Roll to School presentation to the Petaluma School Board, a great deal of publicity had been generated about the need for more education and participation at the school level. He asked if this committee should pursue this topic again, and requested that Walk n Roll to School be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bike Lane Projects – Report by Larry Zimmer

Petaluma Blvd North - In the spring or early summer construction will begin. Plan calls for asphalt.
East Washington Park – Working on bike route – Class III, or trail – Class I to go in front and parallel to East Washington Street side of the site, but there are environmental issues, re: wetlands. Project may not start until 2009.

2. Butter and Egg Parade – participation report

Met with the owners of The Mail Depot, and the Valet Bike Parking will be mentioned in flyers they will produce and the city will mail. The racks hold 126 bikes, and an overflow area needs to be researched. It was reported that no response has been received from Petaluma Downtown Association regarding the inclusion of this event on their promotional materials. The need for a budget was requested by Bernie, and Dave volunteered to price out bike locks, cable, and the cost of banner making materials which will be needed in order to create a budget. The budget creation, the use of a “Tip Jar”, the sales of T-shirts, and the need for the formation of a committee in charge of volunteers will all be revisited at the next meeting. **3. SRJC Ring Trail Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (Barrett)**

Teresa will email SRJC school officials and Pam Torliatt in order to come up with a date for this event. Once the date and time has been set, Teresa will report out to this committee via email, and notify the Argus and the Press Democrat as well.

4. Bike to Work and School Week

Bernie reported that he is working on the letter to be sent out, and that the Petaluma Wheelmen will “man” the Walnut Park energizer station. Food and prize donation requests will be made at a later date. Donation letters will go out next week, according to Bernie.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On-Street Portion of the Ped. and Bike Plan: Implementation after Adoption of the General Plan (Tacy)

Allen proposed that the committee go to the City and request a 5-year plan to complete the on-street portion of the Bike and Ped. Plan. He further requested that staff be asked to come up with a dollar estimate to complete this along with pedestrian crossing improvements. General discussion was held regarding the need to keep pressure on the Council to implement the Bike and Ped. Plan in order to reduce harm to the environment-an expressed need in the General Plan's Greenhouse Gas element. Frank Penry suggested that as soon as the General Plan was approved, that this committee write a letter to the City Council speaking to these issues as a next step for the Council as it moves to meet the General Plan's EIR.

2. Northridge Offices (Choi)

It as recommended that parking for four bicycles be created, and that ideally it should be close to the entrance and under the covered walkway. Further, that applicant install a curb ramp on West El Rose Drive directly across from the existing curb ramp on the southeast corner of West El Rose Drive/Hayes Lane. Remind the planners that visibility and safety concerns may require pedestrian signs and/or the installation of a mirror at this corner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR: March 12, 2008

The next meeting agenda will include: updates on the Butter and Egg Days Valet Parking involvement, the SRJC Ring Trail Ribbon-cutting Ceremony, Bike to Work and School (Safe Routes to School), Sidewalk/ADA compliance letter to Council, and Sidewalk Inventory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Sonoma County BPAC (Album) – Spending cycle will be discussed at the next meeting. Western Avenue improvements may be realized in 2009 or 2010, the grant for improvement to Petaluma Blvd N was rejected and other funds are being sought. Becky will email Josh at W-Trans to gather more information about new proposed projects on the countywide plan that are located in Petaluma.

2. Planning Commission (Arras) – No report.

3. Recreation, Music and Parks Commission (Tarr) - No report.

4. Petaluma Development Code Committee (Arras/Barrett) – Update on Progress – going to the Planning Commission's March 18 meeting for public comment

5. Public Works (Penry) – No report.

6. Compliance and Safety – Bernie mentioned that the bike racks have not been installed at the Animal Hospital on D Street and the new rack at River Town did not get put in the correct place. Frank will check on this.

7. Reminder to Committee – only March 12 meeting held in month of March as the March 26 meeting is cancelled.

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