
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

6:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

ROLL CALL: **Committee:** Album, Barrett, Arras, Asselmeier, Choi, Lofroos, Tacy*, Tarr, Webster, Yetter
Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer; Vince Marengo, Public Works Director * Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12, 2007, minutes were unanimously 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 Chair 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Valet Parking (Album)

Vince Marengo has approved PBAC's use of the gates located on the trestle. Because gates are City property, staff needs to store, deliver, and pick up gates, and they can only be used by the City or PBAC. Committee Member Album and Frank Penry will meet to discuss the logistics of their use and begin to develop written guidelines.

2. Short Term Bike/Ped Priorities (Penry) – Prioritization of member suggestions, 2nd half fiscal year projects of Public Works

Frank Penry compiled the list of committee and public project suggestions and arranged them according to ability to complete them and whether redevelopment funds might be available. Staff will inform PBAC as projects are to be worked on. Several bikeway projects called for sharrows but the City has been unable to locate the stencil template. Committee Member Webster suggested that staff approach Petaluma High School to create a sharrows stencil.

Committee Member Album mentioned that the Ring Trail behind SRJC is almost complete and suggested that there be a ribbon cutting celebration.

3. Appendix A in 2006 Bike/Ped Plan; Inclusion in Plan (Choi)

Committee Member Choi developed a list of existing trails that are inadequate due to insufficient width and/or poor surfaces. No additional trails were added to the list and the committee approved a motion to incorporate it into Chapter 5 of the draft Bike/Ped Plan. Frank Penry will forward the list to Scott Duiven.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charges Against Committee Chair (Frank Penry)

Charges brought by staff against the Chair include:

- A. Lack of cooperation from Chair to work with City staff in creation and posting of agenda. Issues of concern include: format and appearance of the agenda, spelling errors, and the Chair's personal agenda instead of committee business.
- B. Chair was instructed by committee to send a committee-approved letter to City Council re: signage in public rights-of-way. A letter was only sent to the Mayor via email, not to City Manager's office and, therefore, never logged into City Hall's letter log.
- C. Roundabout at Quarry Heights- Chair sent an email on behalf of PBAC to City Staff about design recommendations for this roundabout, but contents of the email did not truthfully reflect the PBAC discussion.

Committee Member Album made a motion to remove the Chair; unanimous approval. Committee Member Choi to be interim Chair until the next meeting because the Vice Chair will not be present, and a new chair will be elected on January 23.

2. Stanley Street Apartment Project (Committee Member Choi)

No submission of COA for project.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. Grants/Funding

- A. SCTA grant for Petaluma River Trail: \$200,000 of Measure M funds are designated this year to the River Trail project between Washington Street and Lakeville Street.
- B. Water Street Trestle – January 7 City Council meeting: A historic and engineering report was submitted to City Council re: monies needed to fix the trestle along the Petaluma River downtown. To fix it for pedestrian-use only: ~\$2,000,000; to add for the use of trolleys would require an additional ~\$800,000. The City will negotiate acquisition of the trestle from SMART.

2. PBAC activities for 2008 – Budget

- A. Bike to Work/School Week: Donations cover all expenses for Bike to Work/School Week and PBAC has donated some leftover funds for the Police Department's free helmet program.
- B. Walk & Roll to School: PBAC hasn't used any funds for this event.
- C. Butter and Egg Days – 150th Birthday: In the past couple years, PBAC has marched in the parade to promote Bike to Work/School Week and had a table downtown to promote other PBAC activities. Members discussed our activities for this year's event, including bike valet parking, but further consideration will take place at the next meeting.

Our account balance is \$328.

3. Reports:

- A. Compliance and Safety: Committee Member Webster indicated that there is still a pothole in the crosswalk on Washington at Kentucky. Public Works to begin Washington corridor pavement rehabilitation project in summer '08. PW to look into cold-patching holes, but the rains are a problem for this type of patching. Committee Member Yetter is critical of the pavers used for crosswalk markings along Petaluma Boulevard because they are dangerous for bicyclists. Committee Member Album mentioned that the Walnut Park Grill was conditioned to install bike racks; committee members questioned that PBAC reviewed the plans. Committee Member Album mentioned that Sgt. Lyons' replacement (Ken Savano) attend a PBAC meeting in the future to discuss bike/ped safety.

- B. Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Committee Member Album): Penngrove is working toward revitalizing its downtown. A SCBPAC approved a motion to recommend Class III bikeways along Main Street to allow 10' sidewalks. Committee Member Album showed photos of new striping on Airport Boulevard at Highway 101 to illustrate poor accommodations for bicyclists. Measure M (www.sctainfo.org) funds are designated for the Petaluma River Trail (see item 1 under Committee Business).
- C. Recreation, Music, & Parks (Tarr): There have been no meetings since November.
- D. Planning Commission (Arras): No meeting last week. The City's Development Code Committee will be meeting on January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Lucchesi Community Center.
- E. Public Works – New signal activator at Western & Kentucky (Penry): Four new signal activators have been installed that vocalize the open crossing at the intersections, and also vibrate to touch for the visually impaired. The City has received some letters of support from disabled community. The next installation will be at the intersection of Western and Petaluma Boulevard.

4. Agenda for January 23 (Frank):

Frank Penry and Committee Member Choi will develop the agenda for the next meeting. Items to be included: Chair election, Quarry Heights roundabout, Butter and Egg Days, revisions to draft Bike/Ped Plan in light of Greenhouse Gas Emissions section of General Plan.

5. Next Meeting – January 23, 2008

ADJOURNMENT (8:40 PM)

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