
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

6:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9, 2008, minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Fiedler: Eric witnessed a bicyclist being knocked down by a Golden Gate bus while the person was removing his bicycle from the bus bike rack. Eric wanted to remind everyone to clearly communicate with your bus driver when using bus bike racks.

Katie Kerns: Katie is checking out various City committees to see where her interests may lie and to get involved.

Committee Member Tarr: Shared the agenda matrix system used by the Recreation, Music, and Parks Commission.

ELECTION: Elect new Chair

Kit Lofroos was elected as the new Chair; Bernie Album was elected as the Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: For meeting of February 13, 2008

The next meeting agenda will include: valet bike parking program, SRJC Ring Trail ribbon-cutting ceremony, Bike to Work/School Week, and striping streets.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Quarry Heights Roundabout – Clarify PBAC design recommendations discussed at November 28, 2007 meeting

Design recommendations approved by the committee include: 10-foot paths around perimeter of roundabout for shared bike/pedestrian use, pedestrian and bicycle warning signs for motorists at crosswalks, crosswalk striping to allow bikes to legally use crosswalks (not striped for entire width), and Share the Road signs at the approaches. Allen is concerned about the two-lane configuration on the southbound lanes north of the roundabout and two-lane portions within the roundabout.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Butter & Egg Days – Determine our involvement in parade and/or street fair**

Committee Members Webster and Album both spoke with Maureen at The Mail Depot about using her parking lot for our first valet bike parking project. She just needs to know how much space we will require because a band will also perform after the parade. Members suggested that donations be accepted for the parking service. Committee Member Webster will also speak with Craig Sawyer to see if he would be interested in doing tune-ups in conjunction with our parking lot and table. Committee Member Webster stressed that we must mention Maureen and The Mail Depot in our advertising because of her generosity.

2. **Discussion of Draft Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan in light of Greenhouse Gas Emissions section of General Plan**

Committee Member Tacy would like to propose a fee permit for driving to school to give more emphasis to our Safe Routes to Schools goals. Members suggested that he approach the school districts with this idea since it would be their decision, not the City's.

3. **Discussion of East Washington Place – project review draft by Committee Member Schuerman Choi**

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. **Grants/Funding**

Frank Penry mentioned that applications for the TFCA grant are available, but that the City has opted to focus on transit projects for this grant. The City has determined not to apply for TDA Article 3 monies through the SCTA this year. The \$43,000 available for Petaluma can be rolled over to later years, so this money will be used in the future to fund a larger project with additional accrued funds.

2. **Reports:**

- A. **Sonoma County BPAC** – Committer Member Album reported that the committee reviewed the county map to identify links to urban routes. Trailheads leading to the River Trail were the only links added to the map. The County reported that the Western Avenue project would not happen this year due to necessary easement acquisitions, so it is scheduled to be completed in 2009. He also mentioned that the SCBC annual general membership meeting and board elections will be held on January 31, 2008.
- B. **Recreation, Music, & Parks** – Committee Member Tarr wanted to alert the members to two articles in the Argus. First, a clean-up day on the Lynch Creek Trail is scheduled for February 9, organized by a student working toward his Eagle Scout rank. Second, Tiffany Renée wrote a guest column about a proposed community impact report (CIR) ordinance. In Commission news, a grant has been submitted for a 150-tree planting project to commemorate the City's birthday plus an additional 150 trees.
- C. **Planning Commission** – Committee Member Arras said that the Commission meetings scheduled in March will focus on the final General Plan and implementing ordinance, finishing this process on March 25. The development code committee will meet on February 19.
- D. **City Council** – Committee Member Barrett said that the CIR ordinance is on the January 28, 2008, agenda.
- E. **Public Works** – Frank Penry said that construction has begun on the Baywood/South McDowell roundabout. Work will resume shortly at the Washington/Petaluma Boulevard South intersection to correct the signal timing.

ADJOURNMENT : 7:30 PM