
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 11th, 2008
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 2
11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Album, Asselmeier, Barrett, Choi, Lofroos*, Tacy, Tarr, Webster
Staff: Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer; Scott Duiven, Senior Planner

* Chair

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of May 28, 2008, were approved.

3. 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.

Members of the public present: Eric Fiedler, Yuri Hauswald, Everett

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

1) Possible Newspaper Editorial (Subcommittee)

Chair Lofroos reported that the subcommittee has not yet met in person, just via email. They are still discussing the data and goals of the article. Further discussion about the editorial will be put on hold until new PBAC members are appointed. A Safety Subcommittee may be formed to work on the editorial and meet with staff about related issues.

2) Weblinks to Safety Brochures, and Other Educational Materials

The Committee discussed the general content of the enhanced PBAC page on the City website. For now, it was agreed that links to key bicycle and pedestrian safety sites/documents would be added as well as the FAQs. Anyone with helpful links or possible FAQs are encouraged to forward them to Frank Penry.

3) Lucchesi Summer Camp Safety Presentation

Chair Lofroos has assembled a small group of people to prepare and present a safety presentation to 1st - 5th graders on July 28. A brainstorming session will be held on June 22 at Chair Lofroos' home for anyone interested in participating.

B) Compliance & Safety

Committee Member Webster addressed the issue of sandwich boards and that, at the minimum, something needs to be done about the merchants who choose to place them right in the middle of the sidewalk. Committee Member Barrett noted that she did bring up our sandwich board issue at the last Council meeting but nothing has been done about it. She did agree to speak with Marie McCusker of the Petaluma Downtown Association about reaching out to those members.

Members asked Frank Penry to review a number of intersections: Kentucky at Washington (pedestrian timing), Maria at Sonoma Mountain Parkway (loop), Community Center Drive at N. McDowell (loop), southbound Maria at E. Washington (loop), Webster at Bodega (pedestrian timing and loop).

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ice House (Burdell Bldg.) Modifications - Comments due to Planner 6/17/2008

An in-meeting review deemed that the plans were incomplete. Items of concern: bike parking, shower facility, sidewalk conditions, and pedestrian circulation. Scott Duiven said that the standard procedure from now on will be to forward the Public Works' comments to the planners to PBAC.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: July 9, 2008

Petaluma Pro Wash convenience market expansion, elections, establish a subcommittee to establish a game plan to implement the Bike/Ped Plan.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A) Council Comment (Barrett)

Committee Member spoke with Sal at Green Waste who said that he will get the bags for our use for bike safety materials. Committee Member Webster reminded the committee that there will be some minor costs associated with this program (ties).

B) Parks, Recreation & Music Commission (Tarr)

A signage project for city parks was finalized. Committee Member Tarr said that the Commission was given the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.

C) Planning Commission (Arras)

No report.

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

Next meeting is June 17.

E) Sonoma County BPAC (Album)

A public meeting will be held on June 18 about the downtown Penngrove redevelopment plans.

F) Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (Maunder)

No report.

G) Public Works (Penry)

Frank Penry reported that his division took a 17% budget cut so they will need to do a lot of streamlining. A huge portion of his operating budget goes towards PG&E.

8. ADJOURN: 7:30pm

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Paula Lane Action Network

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