
PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 2
11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Arras, Asselmeier, Barrett, Hatheway, Hauswald, Lofroos*, Tarr, Yetter* Chair
Staff: Duiven

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved minutes of July 9, 2008, and approved minutes of August 13, 2008
- 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 Public present: Jezra Lichter, Ryan Spaulding, Eric Fiedler

Jezra Lichter proposed making Fifth Street a bicycle boulevard. This would involve diverting through traffic, dropping the speed limit to 15 mph, removing of stop signs, and other means of implementing a reduced traffic flow designed to make Fifth street a safe and speedy bicycle thorough-fare from South Mountain View, [including Liberty Street] to West Street.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

- 1) Helmet safety document - reviewed revision in English, agreed to double-check Spanish translation (Barrett); approved as read by Chair Lofroos,
- 2) Members agree to purchase for donation to Petaluma Public Library a DVD entitled "Effective Cycling": Chair Lofroos to inquire about possible discount available for non-profit agency. Then we can discuss the option of buying an extra copy of the DVD, which would make it more readily available for local organizations to use in their educational programs. Several members agreed that a visual tool (DVD) is more likely to be used than the book version. PPBAC to recommend/offer it to groups for bicycle safety educational purposes.

Duiven reported PBAC balance presently : \$723.25

B) Web-Page Information

- 1) FTP page - update on feasibility/access (Staff) - Scott Duiven will speak with Tim Williamsen in Information Technology about feasibility of providing a specific place for storage of PBAC documents, specifically as a resource for PBAC members to find references from previous members, so their work can be more readily accessible for use.
- 2) City web-page links: For the purpose of informing the public about resources available regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety; send links you would like included on PBAC and Public Works' pages to Frank Penry or Scott Duiven for review and inclusion.

C) Transportation for Clean Air Grant - The City's Transit Manager and staff are working on identifying potential locations for bike racks. Per the grant, locations must be related to increasing use of transit.

D) Compliance & Safety: A member of the public recently complained that cars continue to speed through the crosswalk at Petaluma Boulevard & C Street.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Update on SPARC and Planners' Zoning Requirements in Regards to Bicycle Parking:

- Reconstruction vs. new construction: New development code ambiguities will be clarified by looking to see if changes have created inconsistencies. Council Member Barrett will ask Irene Borba whether reconstruction requires compliance to bicycle code. Also, weather the term "reconstruction" has itself been redefined?

B) City Staff Inclusion of PBAC Comments and/or Conditions of Approval in Reports to SPARC

- Planners need to include PPBAC comments in their review packets. (Barrett)

C) Pedestrian & Bicycle counts for 2008

Important data for applying for grants/funds, as it allows us to measure changes consistently over time. Each location requires two hours. To be consistent, we should get the counts done within the next few weeks. Start sign-up sheet.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Sept. 24, 2008

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A) Council Comment (Barrett)

Fiscal and Economic Impact Assessments FEIA discussion has been changed to October 6th.

On September 15th the 7 p.m. meeting will address the El Rose/Hayes Street neighborhood Appeal of SPARC approval of Northbridge Offices.

B) Parks, Recreation & Music Commission (Tarr)

- September 17, p.m. next meeting will address a new smoking ordinance.
- Invitation to join in future field trips, in assessment of park and trail conditions.
- Invitation to join in planting of donated trees.

C) Planning Commission (Arras)

Last night's agenda addressed the Pinnacle Ridge property, the last zoned for development property on 'I' Street. Developer plans to build a portion of the Ring Trail through the urban separator, including a multi-use path along I Street to access the ring trail. Class II bike lanes were suggested. The subject will be revisited on September 28, to address whether eleven homes are too many. Input from PBAC will be discussed at the first October 8th meeting. The previous comments from PBAC (2005) encouraged a path through the urban separator.

Question re: ADA compliance for trail: Slope is too steep a grade, would require several switchbacks.

PBAC can ask to be permitted to review the plans and make informal suggestions via Committee Member Arras. He will bring us an information packet to us, from which we can then clarify any bicycle and pedestrian concerns.

D) Petaluma Development Code Committee (No report)

E) Sonoma County BPAC (No report)

F) Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (No report)

G) Public Works (No report)

8. ADJOURN: 7:35 PM