



PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday April 8, 2009
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
27 HOWARD STREET
11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Asselmeier, Hauswald, Lofroos*, Renée, Yetter – came in at 6:10, Tarr -
came in at 6:15 pm; Arras - came in 6:20

Absent: Webster and Hatheway;

* Chair

Staff: Scott Duiven, Senior Planner

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved minutes of March 11, 2008

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Conditions of Approval Template (Duiven)

Staff reported that subcommittee reviewing completeness should not include councilmember or planning commission member. The subcommittee reviewing completeness cannot be a standing subcommittee, and that subcommittee should be constituted on an as needed, per project, basis. Projects reviewed for completeness will come back to the full committee on the following agenda. Discussed the need for and benefit of having a project review checklist for reviewing project completeness. Committee Member Asselmeier will prepare a checklist and share with full committee and staff for review and comment. Goal being if application is incomplete, then identify additional information needed to make a meaning review-keep it short and direct.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Potential Future Projects/Grant and Funding Sources - “low hanging fruit” list (Committee/Staff)

Staff requested that Committee members review project list provided by staff earlier this year to identify the “low hanging fruit” and prioritize short-term, dry season projects, such as striping which could be completed with City-forces and limited cost.

B) Deer Creek Village (McDowell/Rainier)

Subcommittee of Lofroos, Asselmeier and Yetter met prior to tonight and reviewed their findings with the full committee. Deemed incomplete by committee and Asselmeier will prepare a project review citing incompleteness items.

C) Air Compressor Stations

Staff reported that an interest and potential for funding and locating such stations at places where motorists and cyclists would be able to use conveniently. Staff requested input from committee on usefulness of idea and potential locations for compressors. PBAC supported idea and discussed locations such as the Bus Depot, SMART station, Mary Isaak Center, and Community Center.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 13, 2009

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A) Council Comment (Renée)

Possible consolidation of SPARC and Planning Commission due to lack of new development with possible further staff reductions impending in Community Development Department and possible outsourcing of those functions. Concern about how PBAC would communicate if community development function is outsourced.

B) Recreation, Music and Parks Commission (Tarr)

Tarr reported that Recreation, Music and Parks Commission is looking forward to presentation by Chair Lofroos, Committee Member Asselmeier and Council Member Renée on April 15th. Topics for presentation were discussed, including cross-town/ring-trails, connecting with parks, need for future directional sign program, bike rack needs, etc. Expect a 20 minute window to present. Recreation, Music and Parks Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month, 7pm City Hall, Council Chambers. Petanque courts are going in with public help with the work at Oak Hill Park. Adopt a Park and Adopt a Trail efforts receiving greater emphasis and interest by public to get greater community involvement in park upkeep.

C) Planning Commission (Arras)

Agendas filling up. Birches subdivision is back. Housing Element update underway; Logan Place affordable housing project coming for hearing; and Sunnyslope II - issue of possible connection to ring trail to be presented.

D) Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) (Album)

Reported that certain rail-to-trail proponents are advocating for connections that may conflict with SMART rail trail developments as right of way is too narrow to accommodate concerns; David Glass asked Album to get involved with Measure M activities to make sure that Petaluma gets voice on expenditure of dollars.

E) Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (Maunder)

Album reported that Bike to Work day is coming up in May - Basin Street has offered to do safety check; Kaiser and Petaluma Valley Athletic Club have each offered to sponsor an energizer station.

F) Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC) (Duiven)

Duiven reported that SCTA would like to find a way of incorporating Petaluma's recently adopted bike plan into the countywide bike plan.

G) Public Works (Duiven) - see above.

Will help with Recreation, Music and Parks Commission presentation by loading documents on system before meeting.

8. ADJOURN 8:00 p.m.