

# MINUTES

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## PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, August 12, 2009  
6:00 P.M.

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### 1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Arras, Asselmeier, Hatheway, Hauswald, Lofroos\*, Renée, Tarr, Webster,  
Yetter \*Chair, \*\*Vice Chair

Staff: Curtis Bates, Public Works; Shelly Kappel, Secretary

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 8, 2009, meeting minutes were approved.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A member of the cycling community reported that the signage on the North McDowell trail, between the hospital and Lynch Creek, is confusing because it asks cyclists to ride to the right when it is a two-way trail. The Ellis Creek trail, although a rough trail that may require knobby tires to enjoy it, is now open as well.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Project Completeness/Incompleteness Review template prepared by PBAC for review of project completeness. (Asselmeier/Lofroos)

A Conditions of Approval template, as well as an Incompleteness checklist to help streamline future project reviews, has been developed. PBAC would like to see the document on the City's website so that it can be used as a future resource.

B. Infrastructure: Identification of issues and status follow-up on infrastructure concerns.

- It was reported that Public Works will be remedying the unsafe parking situation at Center Park where motorcyclists are parking in a pedestrian walkway. Parking will be established in the adjacent dirt lot, as well as put up bollards and more signage, indicating this change.
- It was reported that at Raley's motorcyclists are blocking the bike racks.
- The bike/pedestrian crossing at Bodega and Webster may be broken because it no longer beeps.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Committee Elections: Chair Lofroos was unanimously re-elected as Committee Chair, while Committee Member Asselmeier and Committee Member Hatheway will serve as Vice Chairs 1 and 2.
- B. Grant Potential: BAAQMD grant: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives/Bicycle-Facility-Program.aspx> (Lofroos):
- This opened in July and there is a short time-line to apply for this grant. The City is working on a grant. Curt Bates will act as a liaison for ideas for future projects.
- C. Walk & Roll to School Day (Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>) Proclamation by Council September 21<sup>st</sup> (Lofroos):
- The Petaluma Police Department is stepping up its enforcement of bicycle laws/citing of infractions. County is taking a lead on Walk & Roll.
  - The PBAC decided to verbally support this event. La Tercera School will be honoring this day with an event that starts at La Tercera Park and concludes at the school.
- D. Bicyclist self-defense classes: PBAC sponsor/support. Potential legalities (Lofroos/Renee/Asselmeir)
- We learned that bicycle cops are trained in bicycle self-defense. Committee Member Hatheway volunteered to check with Police Department about this training.
- E. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Railroad Crossing Improvements on Payran Street and Corona - Discussion
- Stroller tires are a concern on the tracks.
  - Suggested to look at possibility of putting benches at some of the crossings.
  - Corona crossing will be upgraded by the City to improve the tracks and the approach for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.
  - PBAC hopes that the path at Corona crossing can be widened to make it a shared path, both north and south.
  - All track crossings in town must have ample signage to alert pedestrians and cyclists that it is ok to be on the sidewalk to navigate these junctures.
- F. North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) Railroad Crossing Improvements and Signal Modifications on Lakeville and Washington and Lakeville and D Street - Discussion
- Freight hauling is coming back to Petaluma.
  - Suggested to get more curb cut.
  - There will be lots of street infrastructure improvements such as ramps and crosswalks at most intersections affected by the return of freight trains.
- G. Deer Creek (Bates) - Discussion
- This project will come before the Committee at a future meeting.

## 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: September 9, 2009

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Council Comment (Renée) - Planning Commission is being realigned. FEIA is looking at Silk Mill on September 24, 2009.
- B. Planning Commission- No meeting to report on. Next meets September 8, 2009. Will be reviewing Sunnyslope/North River Landing.

- C. Parks, Recreation & Music Commission-No report
- D. Sonoma County BPAC (Album)-No report
- E. Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition-No report
- F. SCTA CBPAC (Bates) - PBAC will be doing bike counts in September to help support BAAQMD grant effort. Discussed possibility of using SCTA interns for future summertime bike counts.
- G. Public Works (Bates) - Details of the City's efforts to rectify the parking situation at Center Park were laid out to include more signage, bollards to deter motorcyclists from illegally parking, and the creation of more parking spots in the adjacent dirt lot.

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