

# MINUTES



## PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday September 9, 2009

6:00 P.M.

27 HOWARD STREET

11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

### 1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Arras (arrived 6:15), Asselmeier\*\*, Hatheway, Hauswald, Yetter

Absent: Lofroos\*, Renée, Webster

\* Chair, \*\*Vice-Chair

Staff: Curtis Bates, Public Works; Derek Farmer, Senior Planner

### 2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES: Delayed until next month.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a) Eric Fiedler, regarding "sharrows": Submitted a list of appropriate street locations to Public works, in response to request for recommendations. Jezra Lichter believes the public needs to be educated as to their meaning. Discussion of adding signage to Payran (if missing) and to new streets receiving sharrows. Need to clarify that sharrows symbol means "share the road." Curt Bates informs us that the City has approved sharrows for Oak and Water Streets.
- b) Eric Fiedler, regarding search for remaining bike racks produced by metal shop: Curt Bates will search Public Works yard, and if located will have them placed in locations where local events (i.e. farmer's market locations/City parks) take place.
- c) Bernie Album: Sonoma Technology wants to give a cash award to Casa Grande for the school's participation in Bike To Work/School Day. Suggests this could be presented at City Council at the September 21, 2009, meeting, as part of resolution process announcing "Walk & Roll to School Day."
- d) Jezra Lichter requests that the bike lane at Lakeville and Caulfield needs to be demarcated so that it is not used as a turning lane, but is instead marked as separate from right turn traffic.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Completeness/Incompleteness template and Conditions of Approval template (Asselmeier/Lofroos): Revised drafts of checklists that can be tailored as needed, will streamline project review processes. These will be disseminated to PBAC Committee (and City staff) Members prior to next meeting for review/ revisions/comments/ suggestions for discussion at next meeting.

- B) Infrastructure: Curt Bates assures that the designated parking areas for motorbikes, in front of Mystic Theatre/McNear's, is in process to being implemented by City staff.
- C) Walk & Roll to School Day (October 7), Proclamation Reminder - September 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting: Originally scheduled for 7 p.m. (check City Council website for time, may be moved to 6 p.m. and will also check with City Manager's Office). Chair Lofroos will email details of our presentation. Chair Lofroos will consider Bernie Album's suggestion to include Bike to Work/School award from Sonoma Technology to school.
- D) Bay Area Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Grant (Bates): Petaluma is submitting an application (due September 14, 2009) for funding painting "sharrows" symbols on class III bike routes and to install signage.
- E) Self-defense classes for bicyclists (Asselmeier): Inquiry continues, into who is doing such trainings, what they offer and costs. Searching for a school-oriented program. Expect to pursue partnership with Brave people and education for high schoolers.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts: Still need volunteers. Counts are done on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, with both shifts in each location on the same day. Try to complete the counts by the end of September. Asked Committee Members to take a shift.
- B) Regency/East Washington Place Project (East Washington @ Hwy. 101) - Discussion and Project Review for Pedestrian and Bicycle Issues: Official public comment period on draft EIR coming to end. All comments should be submitted to Derek Farmer and Curt Bates (re: Traffic circulation safety issues) to be included as part of design review for conditions of approval. Committee Member Arras believes that even if EIR goes through, PBAC will still have opportunities to go over plans and submit suggestions as the project receives additional review by Committees/Commissions and is revised. Committee reviewed current plans during meeting and referred write up of conditions to subcommittee to meet, if possible, prior to September 14 with comments submitted.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** For October 14, 2009 - include items 4. A, B, C & E from September Agenda.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A) Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (SCBC): (Album)
  - Western Avenue resurfacing/improvement project, Cleveland Avenue to Chileno Valley Road. Some trees will be removed this winter to prepare for paving and widening in the summer of 2010.
  - Sonoma County General Plan (2025) is being drawn up. County bike plan will include "pedestrian districts" to keep cars from intruding where there are large concentrations of pedestrians. "Smart growth" development that encourages walking and mass transit will be emphasized.

8. **ADJOURN 9:00 p.m.**