

MINUTES

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, April 14, 2010
6:00 P.M.

11 English Street,
City Manager's Conference Room
Petaluma, CA 94952
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1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Asselmeier, Lofroos*, Hatheway, Renée, Webster.

Staff: Bates

Absent: Abercrombie, Hauswald, Yetter, Ferguson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 10, 2010 minutes unanimously approved, with minor changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jezra Lichter- noted that the new road diet does not include Class II lanes; asks if sharrows can be added.
- Abigail Smyth- visits and expresses interest in committee business.
- Bernie Album: asks Committee to consider sending letter to city council to ask council to send a letter to the school board in support of SR2S and of new federal policies on supporting walking and riding to school to fight obesity and reduce pollution. It is noted that Waugh and Old Adobe districts support SR2S but not Petaluma School District.
- Several PBAC members mention concern about sandwich boards on downtown sidewalks; what is city policy? Staff Member Bates will forward concerns on to Joe Garcia, Code Enforcement Officer, for follow up. Concern about compliance with ADA and making sidewalks safe for all users, esp. in the downtown area/theatre district where sidewalks are narrow and seating/trees in sidewalk.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Infrastructure: Identification of Issues and Status of Follow-up on Infrastructure Concerns (Committee/Bates). Alman Marsh Trail work has been completed. Wall re-established in time for Foot Race race/walk. Committee Member Webster mentions there is a need to re-establish existing trail at Sheraton parking lot which needs weed removal to be usable. Staff Member Bates reported that there is no current program in place for grants to assist homeowners in fixing sidewalks- never approved by council. Maintenance/fixing of pot holes on city streets will commence at end of rainy season. Work at Center Park to install motorcycle parking, signs and

other improvements have been delayed due to limited staff resources and weather; should begin soon. Discussion of need for reflectors on additional bulb-outs on Petaluma Blvd for safety where there are no overhead street lights.

- B. Exploration and Discussion of Developing Bicyclist Self-Defense Class(s) for Petaluma Residents (Committee). Item was continued to the May 12 2010 meeting.
- C. Consideration of PBACs "Authorizing Resolution 2008-221 N.C.S" and PBACs Statement of Purpose (Asselmeier). Item was continued to the May 12, 2010 meeting.
- D. Discussion and Creation of a List to Prioritize Desired Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Improvement Projects (Committee). Committee Member Asselmeier will send list to Staff Member Bates with suggested additions including items discussed at earlier meetings and submitted by public. Committee members are encouraged to review list and inspect facilities around town and make ongoing recommendations to Staff member Bates. Staff Member Bates will make attempts to address the easier/less expensive items and go for grants for the bigger ticket items.
- E. PBAC webpage at Public Works -Discussion of current content, revisions and/or additions (Committee) <http://cityofpetaluma.net/pubworks/traffic-resources.html>. Public works made revisions to the webpage for PBAC at the City Clerk's page providing links to bike/ped related information. Discussed the utility of finding a place online to archive PBAC minutes and Conditions of Approval for most recent projects. Staff Member Bates restates limited staff resources. Committee discusses importance of making sure the actual COAs/notes of PBAC are preserved in their entirety and available to the public and committee.
- F. Discussion and Recommendation regarding proposed SMART rail trail alignment (Committee). Next meeting for Petaluma station design workshop is April 28 at 3 pm at Lucchesi Community Center. Members encouraged to attend if possible.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and Provide Comments on updated draft Proposed and Existing Bicycle Facilities Map prepared by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (Committee). Committee is asked to review this, compare to City Bike Plan and provide comment to Staff Member Bates within two weeks.

- 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 12, 2010 agenda approved with the following changes Keep items 4 A through F on the agenda; add new business item 5A to the agenda as Item 4G in Old Business.

7. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. Council Comment (Renée) SCTA may be considering a 15% vehicle license fee that would add revenue to county government to pay for city transit/bike/ped infrastructure matters. Unclear if city will support this.
- B. Planning Commission (Abercrombie) None.
- C. Parks, Recreation & Music Commission (Ferguson) None.
- D. Sonoma County BPAC (Album) Requests that PBAC send a letter to City Council urging city to ask schools to support Safe Routes to School plans.
- E. Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (Album) May 13 is bike to work day; banner to be hung up downtown at cost of \$150. Staff Member Bates will determine if PBAC has funds to donate to help cover the cost to hang the banner. The Butter and Egg Day Parade committee is looking for volunteers to valet bikes in special parking areas

during festivities. Screening of movie "Women of Dirt" as fundraiser for SCBC at end of April.

F. Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) County-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC) (Bates). None

G. Public Works (Bates) Staff Member Bates would like a letter of support from committee regarding implementation of new road diet on Petaluma Blvd between E Washington and D Street. Staff Member Bates states that the City will install traffic calming and roundabouts on E "D" Street giving the city its first Bicycle Boulevard to the great surprise and applause from Committee. Would be dependent on receiving sufficient grant funding but approved by SCTA. Subcommittee needs to meet to review revised plans from Deer Creek Plaza which arrived only 1-2 days before this meeting; this is not a new submittal but revisions to plan deemed complete last fall.

8. ADJOURN 7:30 p.m.