

MINUTES

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY MEETING



Wednesday, February 10, 2010

6:00 P.M.

11 English St,

City Manager's Conference Room

Petaluma, CA 94952

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1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Abercrombie, Asselmeier*, Ferguson, Hatheway, Renée, Webster,
Yetter

*Acting Chair

Staff: Curt Bates, Jennifer Williams

Absent: Lofroos, Hauswald

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved minutes of January 13, 2010 with the following corrections: Item 4B changed "Committee Member Ferguson" to "Webster" and the spelling correction of "Allman" to "Alman". Also 4D again changed "Committee Member Ferguson" to "Webster".

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Becky Choi announced the iWalk Challenge that will occur between March 15 and May 15. The challenge is for everyone to walk 115 minutes a week and it will be monitored as a competition between Sonoma County cities. Citizens will log their walking online; the city with the most minutes walked will win.
- Diane Riley Torres spoke about her desire for access to information on the Deer Creek plans.
- Mary Gordon spoke about her desire for access to information on the Deer Creek plans.
- Ted Cabral of the Zone 2A Flood Control Advisory Board of Sonoma County came to the meeting to familiarize himself with the workings of this committee. He is looking forward to a time when the Zone 2A Flood Control Advisory Board creates paths.
- Eric Fiedler came with questions about the SMART train station and the public process involved there.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of Project Completeness/Incompleteness Review Template Prepared by the Petaluma Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) for Review of Project Completeness (Asselmeier/Bates). The Template was enthusiastically greeted by the Committee and is ready for use. Staff Member Williams will send it out electronically in a word format for the committees use.
- B. Infrastructure: Identification of issues and status of follow-up on infrastructure concerns. (Committee) Staff Member Bates reported on bike racks that have been installed and to be installed, 1) At the Marina the bike rack installation is going forward, 2) the rack to be installed on Petaluma Blvd South at G St has moved across the street due to space considerations and that the work order is ready, 3) work order for the bike rack to be installed at the A & W location (Washington, west of Payran) is ready.
- C. Exploration and Discussion of Developing Bicyclist Self-Defense Class(es) for Petaluma Residents(Committee) Item continued to the March 10, 2010 meeting.
- D. Consideration of PBACs "Authorizing Resolution 2008-221 N.C.S" and PBACs Statement of Purpose (Asselmeier/Webster) Item continued to the March 10, 2010 meeting.
- E. Deer Creek - Discussion and Possible Modification of Recommended Conditions of Approval Re: December Presentation by Project Applicant Merlone Geier Partners (Committee). Sub Committee Notes were modified at this time, namely this sentence in the first paragraph of the notes - change in red. *"The new drawings shared by the Applicant in December, 2009, **have** been officially submitted to the City of Petaluma"*. The Committee and the developer primarily reviewed access issues as described in the "Through Travel Policies" section of the notes. There was acknowledgement of the Committees point of view by developers and promised action. The notes on Intersection Improvements were discussed. The Committee's preference for flashers to be utilized at the intersection of 'Shop C' and 'Medical Building 2' were discussed and ultimately unavailable due to traffic concerns and back up on McDowell. Alternate methods of making this intersection safer were discussed and promised. Additionally, signage requested by the Committee was endorsed and promised. The Developer has promised to incorporate the measures suggested above and present them to the Committee in March.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CalTrans' Hwy 101 and East Washington SB/NB On & Off Ramps; Relation to Kenilworth Pedestrian Overpass. Discussion of letter to CalTrans re: potential upgrade grants monies. (Bates) The committee endorsed the letter.
- B. Discussion and Creation of a List to Prioritize Desired Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Improvement Projects (Committee) The committee will remain vigilant in bringing projects for improvement to staff and there was commitment to

sharing the current list with the entire committee rather than just the committee chair and vice chair.

- C. Update on status of Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Meetings have commenced, input is needed and the committee discussed perhaps having a liaison attend the SMART planning meetings.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 10, 2010

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Council Comment (Renée) - Regency passed.
- B. Planning Commission (Abercrombie) - None
- C. Parks, Recreation & Music Commission (Ferguson) - No business to report, commission is currently orienting new members.
- D. Sonoma County BPAC (Album) - The County BPAC is looking at ped/bike overcrossings for 101 and asking us for a letter of support, Council Member Renee will take letter to SCTA.
- E. Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (Maunder) - None
- F. SCTA CBPAC (Bates) - None
- G. Public Works (Bates) - Abbreviated report.

8. ADJOURN: 9:10 pm