

# MINUTES

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## PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
6:00 P.M.

11 English Street,  
City Manager's Conference Room  
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### 1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Abercrombie, Asselmeier, Hauswald, Lofroos\*, Renée, Webster, Yetter

Staff: Bates

Absent: Ferguson, Hatheway

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 10, 2010 minutes unanimous approval, with minor changes.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jezra Lichter- Petaluma needs to install more left turn signals easily triggered by bicycles; would be helpful if more of those were placed in town, so left turning cyclists know where to wait to trigger the light.
- Eric Fiedler- suggested cob benches be built at bus stops near PEP housing/Casa Grande High school.
- Pat Burns- concerns about access to Adobe Creek Trail at the chain-link fence; Staff explained that this access point is owned by SCWA and abuts private land. He requested postings of directional signage and green trail map updates/repairs on both Lynch Creek and Corona Creek trails.

### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Infrastructure: Identification of Issues and Status of Follow-up on Infrastructure Concerns (Committee/Bates). Alman Marsh Trail to be closed for repair and will be re-opened in time for the Foot Race. City is in the ACE permit process. The issue of public filming protocol at PBAC meetings was discussed. Committee generally agreed that and Brown Act allows for- filming, with certain parameters, i.e. stationary tripod or put camera in one location, to avoid disruption. Petaluma Blvd North bulb-outs at Oak Street: some reflectors were applied to one bulb-out, Chairperson Lofroos to check if others need to be reflected as well. There is concern over the north-most tree in Center Park. It's near bicycle racks and is in a deteriorated state. The 'monkey tree' at the Historical Museum may need to be looked at re: leaning toward museum. Lynch Creek Trail- is there signage and a Green Lane map?

- B. Exploration and Discussion of Developing Bicyclist Self-Defense Class(s) for Petaluma Residents (Committee). Item was continued to the April 14, 2010 meeting.
  - C. Consideration of PBACs "Authorizing Resolution 2008-221 N.C.S" and PBACs Statement of Purpose (Asselmeier). Item was continued to the April 14, 2010 meeting.
  - D. Deer Creek Plaza – Discuss and Finalize Project Recommendations (Committee). Applicant addressed PBACs sub-committee concerns re: pedestrian access and bicycle routes. They will submit their new design to PBAC in a couple of weeks; Staff will inform Chairperson Lofroos of the availability of the new plan version. Public question: Re: Deer Creek Plaza: are COAs supposed to be in our approved minutes, or is there a hyperlink to packets?
  - E. Discussion and Creation of a List to Prioritize Desired Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Improvement Projects (Committee). Committee added the possibility of in-pavement flashers and lights at Washington and Vallejo (Whole Foods) crosswalk to this list.
5. NEW BUSINESS
- A. PBAC webpage at Public Works –Discussion of current content, revisions and/or additions (Committee). <http://cityofpetaluma.net/pubworks/traffic-resources.html> Discussion of addition of the Green Lane map to the webpage; and of adding a link to PBACs webpage at the City Clerk's/Committee information. Discussed finding a place online to archive PBAC minutes and Conditions of Approval for at least the past two (2) years. Some discussion of finding grant monies to upgrade the Green Lane map with the current Bicycle and Pedestrian map in the 2025 General Plan. Archiving, link maintenance, link location for our resource page, etc. Staff to research and make suggestions
  - B. Discussion of the Sebastopol–Petaluma Class I Bike Path (Committee). Committee agreed to sign a letter written by Staff in support of this path.
  - C. Discussion and Recommendation regarding proposed SMART rail trail alignment (Committee). Staff Member Bates meets monthly, every fourth Wednesday, suggests weighing in at public forum in April re: class I trail /diversions, street crossings, D St. Bridge access, etc.
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: April 14, 2010 agenda approved with the following changes remove Item 4D; move Items 5A and 5C to Old Business. Add "Review and provide comments on updated draft proposed and existing bicycle facilities map prepared by the SCTA" to New Business.
7. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:
- A. Council Comment (Renée) Sunnyslope II coming up.
  - B. Planning Commission (Abercrombie) Economy Forum on April 10th
  - C. Parks, Recreation & Music Commission (Ferguson) None
  - D. Sonoma County BPAC (Album) SCTA directors are pushing for 15% of VLF funds to be on June ballot to meet bike/pedestrian path maintenance expenses. Album and Becky Schuerman-Choi will present Safe Routes to School plans to city council/suggest promotion through PTA president meeting in August. Bike to Work event planning underway, same stations in Petaluma as last year, some sponsorship changes.

- E. Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (Album) the Class II on Western would proceed soon, after the potential threat to frogs has diminished.
- F. Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) County-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC) (Bates) Pre-project counts needed to fulfill BFP application requirements/ funding of bicycle lane road striping and signage.
- G. Public Works (Bates) None

8. ADJOURN 8:00 p.m.