

Minutes

PETALUMA PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, May 12, 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**, Hatheway, Hauswald, Lofroos*, Renée, Yetter *Chair; **Vice Chair

Staff: Duiven

Absent: Abercrombie, Ferguson, Webster, Bates

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved minutes for April 14, 2010 with the following change the second sentence in 4A should read: "Committee Member Webster mentions there is a need to re-establish existing trail at Sheraton parking lot which needs weed removal to be usable."

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jezra Lichter noted that on Baker St and Spring St there are cars parked on the sidewalks impeding pedestrians.
- Becky Choi announced the Mayor's bike ride, Saturday, May 22 - meet at the hospital at 8am.
- Patrick Burns noted that there are areas of town where riding on the sidewalk is permitted, yet he has been yelled at.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Infrastructure: Identification of Issues and Status of Follow-up on Infrastructure Concerns (Committee/Bates) Discussion of bike racks at the new AutoZone. These bike racks do not comply with the bike plan. Scott Duiven agreed to speak with the building inspector about this issue. The disrepair of the North McDowell Class I path was broached. Committee Member Yetter asked how to direct folks from the Transit Mall to the Lynch Creek Trail. Staff pointed out that when the River Trail is complete this will be easy. In the mean time staff will investigate posting a map on a kiosk at the Transit Mall. Council Member Renee asked about sharrows on the new Petaluma Blvd South road diet. The trestle at Water Street was discussed; the Committee is looking for improvements as this is a safety issue. Additional safety concern was raised about Stony Pt Road at Rainsville.

- B. Exploration and Discussion of Developing Bicyclist Self-Defense Class(s) for Petaluma Residents (Committee). This item is on hold. There may be the possibility of providing a link on the City's website to the karate bike defense class. Committee Member Renee said she'd follow up with this.
- C. Consideration of PBACs "Authorizing Resolution 2008-221 N.C. 5" and PBACs Statement of Purpose (Asselmeier). This item was deferred to June 9, 2010, meeting.
- D. Discussion and Creation of a List to Prioritize Desired Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Improvement Projects (Committee). Committee discussed this list should be kept up to date and will be brought to the next meeting to discuss further.
- E. Deer Creek Plaza- Discuss and Finalize Project Recommendations (Committee). The applicants returned to show the Committee how they had implemented previous suggestions. East-west walkways through the project were shown and discussed. The Committee understood the truck routes received assurances that the Class II routes were installed on Lynch Creek Way; and numerous compelling reasons were given as to why the project is deemed as "Mixed use" but planned without a residential component.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update regarding the proposed increase in the Vehicle License Fee by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority related to Bike and Pedestrian Projects (Renne). Council Member Renee reported that the proposed increase in the Vehicle License Fee by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority related to Bike and Pedestrian projects passed in Petaluma. The Committee unanimously decided to have a subcommittee made up of Committee Members Yetter and Lofroos, write a letter from PBAC supporting the VLF.
- B. Discussion and Recommendations regarding proposed SMART Station designs (Committee/Bates). This item was deferred to a subcommittee made up of Committee Members, Asselmeier, Hauswald, and Yetter.
- C. Safe Routes to School discussion and preparation of a letter of support to the City council for future projects (Committee). The Committee decided to thank Bernie Album for his letter about Safe Routes to School. The Committee strategized on how to educate the Council and PTAs about Safe Routes to School. Full discussion was deferred.
- D. Beyond the Glory - 1395 North McDowell Blvd. (10-SPC-0148). Project discussion and recommendations - the project was deemed incomplete as there is no information in the plans regarding parking.
- E. It was reported that the Committee still has active funds which the Committee directed Staff to use to pay for hanging the Ride Your Bike to Work Day banner.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: June 9, 2010

7. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. Council Comment (Renée): Comments occurred throughout the meeting.
- B. Planning Commission (Abercrombie): Absent.
- C. Parks, Recreation & Music Commission (Ferguson): Absent.
- D. Sonoma County BPAC (Album): Submitted letter referenced in 5C.
- E. Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (Album): Absent.

- F. Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) County-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC) (Bates): No report.
- G. Public Works (Bates): Absent.

8. ADJOURN 9:20pm