



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE:

Transportation Authority of Marin – Sausalito Bike Plan Update; appoint volunteer members to the Sausalito Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Council adopt a motion appointing volunteer members of the Sausalito Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

SUMMARY

In June, the City Council reauthorized the Sausalito Pedestrian and Bicycle Task Force and authorized staff to solicit volunteer members. Members of the Sausalito Community have volunteered. The purpose of this item is to appoint these volunteers to the Task Force.

BACKGROUND

The City adopted Resolution 4489 on October 5, 1999, approving the establishment of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force. The Task Force was formed as a part of Bike Plan implementation efforts. The Task Force took over from a 1998 Bicycle Advisory Committee. The task force and the earlier Advisory Committee guided the design and construction of the Bridgeway Bike Lanes. The Task Force was specified to end on January 1, 2001. By a City Council minute order adopted May 1, 2001, the Task Force was extended until January 1, 2004. Staff does not know if the Task Force met after January 1, 2004.

Voters in Marin approved Measure A in November of 2004. The mandate of Measure A is to improve transportation circulation in the County for many travel modes. Measure A created the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). In their efforts to respond to the mandate, TAM is funding updates of the various Marin Community Bicycle Plans, including Sausalito. TAM hired ALTA Consulting to perform the updates. ALTA contacted the City in an effort to begin the update process. They have requested a meeting before the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

In June, the City Council adopted a motion reauthorizing the Sausalito Pedestrian Task Force and directed staff to seek volunteers. The Task Force will guide the development of the Bicycle Plan Revision. Volunteers have stepped forward. The purpose of this report is to seek volunteer appointments to the Task Force.

ISSUES

Structure

The Task Force is made-up of the following members:

- 1 City Council Member
- 1 Planning Commissioner
- 1 Parks and Recreation Commissioner
- The City Engineer

Volunteer Appointees

- 1 Resident bicycle transportation advocate
- 1 Resident pedestrian Transportation advocate
- 1 Member of the Sausalito Business Community

Dorothy Gibson has agreed to be considered for the resident pedestrian transportation advocate. Dorothy is a long time advocate for improving the City's pedestrian routes, especially the stairway systems. Ms. Gibson can volunteer between now and the end of May.

Alan Nichole has agreed to be considered for the resident bicycle transportation advocate. Alan is an avid cyclist, a member of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition and a member of the Sausalito Transportation Action Committee, which grew from the Vision Sausalito initiative from earlier in the year.

Michael Fabian has agreed to be considered for the Sausalito Business Community task force member. Michael is an employee of Bicycle Odyssey, is an avid bicyclist including bicycle commuting, and has a background in Urban Planning. Michael was actively solicited by staff after getting no response from at least two "In the Loop" solicitations. The Bicycle Odyssey is not currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Concerned about how such a representative might be perceived, staff contacted the Chamber Executive Director regarding the matter. The Executive Director was satisfied that Mr. Fabian would adequately guide the consultant in the Plan Update. The City Engineer agreed to make a presentation to the Chamber Merchants Group about the updated plan before a revised draft plan is presented to the City Council for adoption. The purpose would be to solicit feedback on how any proposed policies and projects might impact the Merchants.

The Task Force is expected to meet 3-5 times between January and June. The TAM contract with the ALTA Planning ends in June. The goal is to have the Revise Bicycle Plan completed by the end of May.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Plan update cost will be borne by TAM. If policies for pedestrians are to be included in the plan, there may be costs associated with developing those policies. The fact sheet prepared about the update indicates that pedestrian policies are part of the effort. The Bike Plan Update effort will have little to no impact on the General Fund. There may be some costs incurred to produce copies, issues notices, place advertisements to announce public meeting. The costs are expected to be incurred through existing City Budget allocations. If community specific efforts go beyond the TAM authorized work scope staff will return with specific request in the future.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

If the Council is satisfied that the named volunteers will adequately serve on the Task Force, staff recommends that the Council adopt a motion appointing volunteer members of the Sausalito Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force as follows:

Dorothy Gibson as the Resident Pedestrian Advocate
Alan Nichole as the Resident Bicycle Advocate
Michael Fabian as the member from the Sausalito Business Community.

ATTACHMENTS: None

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