

**NOTES FROM THE  
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, December 1st, 2014  
6:30pm  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
420 Litho Street  
Sausalito, CA 94965**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Ed Fotsch. Present were Committee members Tom Reilly, Bob Page, Patricia Pigman, and John Cox. Also present: Councilman Tom Theodores, SPD Capt. John Rohrbacher, Alisha O'Laughlin, and Jonathan Goldman. Multiple members of the public were also in attendance.

**2. Review and Approval of November**

**Meeting Notes**

Approved as submitted.

**3. Old Business**

- A) Bike & Sidewalk Ordinance update: PBAC ordinance proposal requiring adults over the age of 13 to walk their bikes on sidewalks located from Ferry Building to south end of town will receive second City Council reading on Dec. 2. Absent any changes Councilman Tom Theodores expects ordinance to become law 30 days from reading.
- B) Tracy Way update: Tracy Way is now re-opened for auto traffic. Seasonal closure of Tracy Way will likely continue during peak tourist traffic periods.
- C) Bicycle *Ambassador* Program update: Pilot program efforts deemed successful. PBAC comments and suggestions were the following:
  - a) Consider expansion of current bike parking/reservation system framework for Ambassador program.
  - b) Consider utilization of both volunteer and paid personnel.
  - c) Potential funding sources
    - i) Solicit public and bike company tax deductible donations through VIPS 501c(3) status.
    - ii) Solicit Chamber of Commerce investment & City Council discretionary funding
  - d) Create sub-committee specifically focused on development of Ambassador program. Tom Reilly and Bob Page volunteered.

D) Bike Safety update:

- a) Discussion on the potential merits of moving “sharrow” pavement markings from their current placement in the middle of the roadway to the right side of the lane. Alisha O’Laughlin of MCBC cautioned against doing so when there is car parking along the route due to risks of forcing cyclists into the unsafe “door zone” of parked cars.
- b) Discussion on possible usage of center lane on Bridgeway for bicycle traffic. Jonathan Goldman commented that possible modifications could be made to roadway for such a purpose, but design for such a project is not within current City budget. Jonathan also noted potential impact on current usage by emergency vehicles and commercial loading/unloading to Bridgeway businesses. The issue may be addressed with the TAM-funded ALTA study and bile plan update.
- c) Discussion on new traffic striping needed on Bridgeway. Suggestion to merge this effort with current Tam/Alta roadway project.
- d) Discussion of Bikes & Buses forum on 11/11. Generally commentary on positive turnout. Further discussion on complications associated with suggestions for bike registration and its likely limited impact on concerns expressed on growing bike traffic.

**4. Presentation: Proposed New Ferry Terminal update**

- A) Jonathan Goldman shared schematics and aerial views of proposed improvements to existing ferry terminal. Improvements are necessary to:
  - a) Fulfill ADA compliance requirements
  - b) Allow for faster loading/unloading of ferry traffic
  - c) Shift high-season ferry passenger lines from Tracy Way sidewalks to an expanded pier.
  - d) Provide easier, more comfortable access for non-ferry passenger pedestrians to bayside viewing locations.
- B) Additional public and PBAC member comments on the need for expanded and improved bike staging/queuing areas.

**5. Public Comment**

Alfred Nucifora thanked PBAC members, and strongly suggested Chamber of Commerce work to obtain a much larger financial contribution from bicycle rental companies. Alf emphasized this is common practice in other communities. Alfred also expressed deep concern that the 2016 target date for opening the Vista Point Trail to bicycle traffic is too long to wait for a solution to the town’s bicycle traffic challenges.

Susan Gordon commented that the continued growth of tourist/cyclist traffic into town has had a significant negative impact on the quality of life in Sausalito.

## **6. Future Business**

- Proposal to move PBAC meetings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month to allow for guaranteed usage of larger City Hall meeting space.
- Consideration of installing flashing lights on crosswalks
- Discuss potential traffic management improvements for southbound traffic to Cavallo Point including no left turn into GGNRA property for south-bound traffic on Alexander Ave.
- Discuss alternatives/options for staging and return of rental bicycles.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Committee Member Bob Page