

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2015  
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 was SPD Capt. Multiple. Councilmember Herb Wiener, and Sausalito Police Chief Tejada and several members of the public were also in attendance.

**2. Review and Approval of December 1, 2014 Meeting Notes**

Approved as submitted.

**3. Old Business**

A) Ambassador Program –

- a) Ed Fotsch reported on a meeting he had with Chief Tejada and their discussion relative to lessons learned from an earlier attempt at a volunteer based Ambassador Program. It was their view based on this prior experience that a volunteer based program will not succeed since it is difficult to depend upon volunteers consistently. A minimum of 10 paid Ambassadors was thought to be required for success on busy days. Discussion ensued around the need to fund paid staff for an Ambassador program if it is to succeed.
- b) Ed Fotsch reported on a meeting he had with Mayor Tom Theodores and Adam Politzer. It was confirmed in this meeting that the pedestrian and bike matters being addressed by the PBAC are of top importance to the city council. Adam Politzer suggested during that meeting that it may be possible for Sausalito Parks and Recreation to help manage the Ambassador program.
- c) Discussion ensued on different ways to source funding for the Ambassador's program including the concept of concierge bike parking.
- d) During this discussion there was public comment. A member of the public, Alfred Nucifora, stated he was very supportive of the Ambassador program. He requested that the program be funded with paid staff, staff has to be well trained and continually re-trained, scheduling of resources needs to be considered, and distinctive uniforms will be important.
- e) Ed Fotsch presented concepts drawings for temporary signs that could be placed along Alexander Avenue or East Road when cyclists are entering Sausalito from the Golden Gate Bridge or Fort Baker areas. Discussion ensued on the signs

themselves and for the most part everyone concluded that it would be useful to run a test with temporary signs.

- f) Discussion also centered around the consideration of painting sidewalks in several locations with “no bike riding” images. The Committee agreed this was a good idea and will draft a resolution to recommend that “no bike riding” images be painted at two locations on the southern end of town.
- g) At this point, Jeff Sears, member of the public and owner of Blazing Saddles was invited to make comments relative to signage. He shared that every renter/customer is presented with a “survival guide” with 9 rules of the road including no riding on sidewalks. He also shared that at each rental location they run a video with safety tips for renters. When asked what percentage of his renters are riding to Sausalito he replied that 80% are. During this discussion Chief Tejada mentioned that the bike rental companies meet with the police department annually to determine if their pamphlets need any revision from year to year regarding safety rules.

B) Tracy Way bike parking status/update

- a) Bike Parking / Ferry / Reservation fee options – Ed Fotsch shared an update on the idea to create a Concierge Bike parking and reservation program as a source of fund. Discussion ensued.
- b) Spring Break Concerns – It was reported by Jeff Sears that March 15 – April 12 is likely to be a busy period for bike rentals given it is Spring Break. Chief Tejada commented that in the past four years the city has not experienced a noticeable increase in riders during Spring Break. There is no plans to do any major planning or set-up for this period. It was shared by Herb Weiner that if there was an increase in riders it would be relatively straight forward to introduce several additional bike racks to handle the demand

C) Sharrow Locations

- a) The Committee discussed the location of Sharrows on Bridgeway and whether they should be moved. We also discuss possible reconfigurations of Bridgeway traffic lanes to create more rooms for bicycles.
- b) It was recommended that we invite Dave Parisi of Transportation Consulting and Jonathan Goldman to present on this matter at the next PBAC meeting in February.

D) Pedestrian and Bike Issues related to new Ferry Landing/Pier

- a) Chairman Fotsch asked if there were any PBAC related matters with respect to the proposed new ferry landing and pier. There was a general consensus that improvements could help with bike and pedestrian flow. It was also noted that the PBAC had not been asked to comment publicly on this issue.

#### **4. 2015 PBAC Top 5 Goals and Council presentation(s) [attachment]**

- A) Chairman Fotsch presented initial proposal for the top 5 goals of PBAC in 2015. These included
  - a) Improve communications with the community
  - b) Implement a robust Ambassador Program

- c) Implement a concierge parking program as a source of funding
  - d) Optimize and improve road striping and signage
  - e) Promote and finalize opening of Vista Point Trail
- B) Discussion ensued about these top 5 and additional ideas were introduced. We agreed to finalize the top 5 priorities in the next PBAC meeting.

#### **5. No Left Turn from Alexander Northbound on to East Road [attachment]**

- A. It was proposed by Chairman Fotsch that a new sign should be introduced on Alexander Avenue South bound just prior to East Road prohibiting a left turn. Discussion ensued and everyone agreed that this was a good idea. A Resolution will be drafted making this recommendation to City Council

#### **5. Public Comment**

Alfred Nucifora thanked PBAC members for their work and areas of focus. He further asked that a stop sign be placed at Richardson Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, he requested that the PBAC take on the project of pursuing a staging and return area for rental bikes at Fort Baker, he suggested that the city pursue additional funding from bike rental companies, he also suggested that the city should fund a dedicated police officer to enforce traffic rules relative to bicyclists.

Nancy Osborne raised concerns about young children riding rental bikes and the safety concerns she has for these children especially on Alexander Avenue. Discussion ensued. She also suggested the committee consider alternative means of returning bikes from Sausalito to San Francisco other than by ferry.

#### **6. Future Business**

Future business was not discussed separately

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Committee Member Tom Reilly