

# Minutes From The Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monday, October 19, 2015  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
420 Litho Street  
Sausalito, CA 94965

## 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Present were Chairman Ed Fotsch, Committee members Bob Page and Patricia Pigman. Also present: PBAC City Council liaison Tom Theodores, Jonathan Goldman, and Capt. John Rohrbacher of the Sausalito Police Dept; Andrea Lucas, Landscape Architect at the National Park Service; Approximately nine members of the community.

## 2. Review and approval of September meeting minutes.

Approved as submitted

## 3. Old Business

- Chairman Ed Fotsch provided an update on the Ambassador Program/Valet bike parking financials. Top line revenue of approx. \$150k was reported against approx. \$142k of expenses for the period beginning with the April pilot program launch through the end of September. Revenue from valet parking did not start until June 15. Chairman Fotsch noted that these results included start-up costs incurred earlier in the year that will likely not recur in future periods. Assuming full-season operation, the Ambassador Program/Valet Parking services anticipated revenue for the coming year is estimated at approx. \$225k. As such, the Ambassador Program (with associated Valet parking services) can be expected to maintain its self-funding status moving forward.
- The Committee discussed highlights of the PBAC's Ten Point plan to be presented to City Council on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The discussion continued to cover potential options for the deployment of crossing guards at two high-traffic crosswalk areas in the Princess Street/Bridgeway/Ferry Terminal area. Committee members noted that crossing guards could facilitate safe passage for pedestrians utilizing the crosswalks, encourage cyclists to obey stop signs, and discourage large rental-bike group tour leaders from riding through crosswalks.
- Chairman Fotsch led discussion on the off-season plan for the Ambassador Program. Photo samples from October 15<sup>th</sup> weekend indicate that crowds are still large enough at the Ferry Building to warrant continued Ambassador Program management. As noted earlier, numbers from Sausalito Plus indicate that the Ambassador Program could likely be profitably maintained year-round.

## 4. Locals only bike parking areas

Expansion to free parking options for bicycle riders was also discussed, with consideration given to the re-installation of bike loops and/or conversion of car parking spaces in front of specific retail locations on Bridgeway. Community member David Suto specifically requested expanded free bike parking in front of Lappert's Fish and Chip shop.

Also discussed was the practice of using bike loop covers (referred to as "cozies") to limit bike loop usage to specific times. Jonathan Goldman commented that color and messaging consistency is needed if the cozy usage is to continue.

#### **5. Bike dispersion options—Fort Baker, Tiburon, Larkspur**

The Committee discussed various options to encourage bikers to utilize other potential entry and exit points in the area to help lessen congestion downtown:

- Andrea Lucas from the National Park Service reported on the progress to open the Vista Point bike trail to bike traffic. As reported previously, the Park Service has been evaluating the amount of lead contamination and will complete collection of soil samples by mid-November. Once complete, the Park Service will have a remediation plan (although not funded) to address issues preventing public usage.
- Andrea estimated mid-2017 as the most likely timeframe for Vista Point trail to open. Impediments to progress include multiple jurisdictions overlapping the land area including the trail, the need to clarify the extent of lead remediation needed, and ultimately securing funding for the scoped work. Andrea provided a rough estimate of \$1m to complete the job, but noted some funding may already exist in complimentary project budgets. That said, additional funding will be needed. Mayor Tom Theodores suggested that the GGB District, the Marin Transit Authority, and the GGNRA might be additional funding sources.
- Andrea proposed striping the lower portion of Conzelman Road, and also suggested that the PBAC and Park Service should work together on a staging program and signage at the Northwest Parking Lot area in Fort Baker. Chairman Fotsch also suggested that a line is need down the center (or perhaps off-center) on Conzelman to increase safety, especially for upward-bound bike traffic.
- A representative of Tideline Water Taxi Services reiterated transit options currently available at multiple docking points throughout town. Tideline operates several boats of various sizes and are licensed to utilize various piers, including Cavallo Point (but excluding the Sausalito Ferry Terminal.) The Committee agreed that encouragement/bike rental company promotion of TLWT's water taxi services could help mitigate peak time bike return traffic challenges.

#### **6. Public Commentary**

- David Suto suggested utilizing neighborhood registration stickers (similar to those currently affixed to cars owned by locals) to identify bikes eligible for free parking. David also suggested converting 15 parking spots between Poggio and Lappert's for bike parking only.

- Suggestion was made to utilize Ambassadors to guide tourists to TideWater Taxi Service locations in the coming year.
- Rhonda Emera commented that signage on Bridgeway and South Street has been changed. She believes more people are riding on the sidewalk now than before. She would like to see the reversion to multi-lingual signs on garbage cans, especially on South Street.

**7. Future Business**

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.