

Minutes From The Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC)

Monday, January 25, 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 Tom Reilly and David Suto. Also present: PBAC City Council liaison Tom Theodores, Director of Public Works Jonathan Goldman, and Capt. John Rohrbacher of the Sausalito Police Dept; Several members of the community were present.

2. Review and approval of November meeting minutes.

Approved as submitted

3. Ambassadors program

a. Ambassador off-season program

Chairman Ed Fotsch shared photos of the ferry landing area during the Christmas Holiday break. The photos revealed that a large number of bicycle tourists continue to visit Sausalito even during winter months. Discussion ensued about the consideration to have year round bike Ambassadors.

b. Update on 10 point plan presented to city council

Chairman Ed Fotsch led a discussion and update on the 10 point plan that was previously presented to city council. The ten points include;

- i. Re-installing bike loops and installing “cozys” during peak periods. Jonathan Goldman commented that he re-installing bike loops is relatively straightforward but he wants to make sure he will not be required to remove them once again in the future.
- ii. Revising bike parking ordinance to allow residents to park downtown during non-peak hours- see item iii below for next steps
- iii. Enforcing bike parking ordinance in 2016 – much discussion ensued and Captain Rohrbacher shared research he had completed and he reported there is no legal means of issuing citations to bicycles. It was agreed that Chairman Ed Fotsch and Chief Rohrbacher would meet with City Attorney Mary Wagner to explore options.
- iv. Improve signage of free parking north of downtown and identify potential additional sites. Jonathan Goldman shared that there are potential sites to consider for additional free parking and will explore the options. Dr Fotsch volunteered to assist
- v. Consolidate bike queuing employees with those of the Ambassador program – the benefits of this consolidation were discussed.

- vi. Relocate ticket kiosks to combine ferry tickets, boarding numbers and valet parking in one area to simplify – benefits were discussed
- vii. Institute a \$2 Peak Time Bike Queuing fee – benefits were discussed
- viii. Engage PUC to negotiate improved ferry service. We need to load bicycles faster onto ferries or have more ferries arriving to remove bicyclists. – Discussion ensued and it was agreed that PBAC will submit a resolution to City Council requesting that these discussions take place. The resolution language was passed unanimously as follows:
 - 1. Whereas bike congestion in Sausalito impacts safety and quality of life and;
 - 2. Whereas most bike visitors wish to leave Sausalito via ferry and;
 - 3. Whereas the ferry services for Sausalito have been leaving with only half the number of bikes vs full capacity (i.e. ~75 vs 150 bikes/ferry) and;
 - 4. Whereas the lack of boarding ferries to capacity impact ~1,000 bikes per day in Sausalito during the warm weather months (14 ferries/day x75 bikes/ferry) and;
 - 5. Whereas the lack of assistance from ferry staff leads directly to inefficient bike boarding and an inability to fully board bikes on ferries.

Now therefore the PBAC resolves and recommends that the city council, in dialogue with the Golden Gate Ferry District, immediately request a plan in-writing for the 2016 season that will increase average bike ferry capacity to >90%. This proposal should focus on ferry staff providing, or allowing others including Ambassadors to provide, assistance to bike visitors in boarding, parking and disembarking with their bikes in San Francisco. The proposal should also provide for a mechanism for the city to bring in a new ferry service operator when/if the existing ferry vendors fail to achieve 90% boarding efficiency.

 - ix. Ambassadors to collect daily information regarding # of bicyclists, boarding of ferries, and so forth
 - x. Engage Park Service on time-line to open Vista Point Trail – Councilmember Tom Theodores confirmed he will be in discussions with the Park Service regarding Vista Point Trail plans.

4. **Bike Loop Cozy Colors –**

Chairman Fotsch presented results from survey of merchants and residents regarding preferred color of bike loop cozys which was dark green, matching existing awnings in the downtown. This data will be passed along to Jonathan Goldman for him to review with Historic Landmark Board for their review.

5. **2016 PBAC Goals –**

It was agreed that the PBAC will establish goals for the 2016 calendar year. These goals will be reviewed and finalized at the next PBAC meeting and subsequently presented to the City Council for alignment and approval.

6. **Our Town Interview –**

Chairman Fotsch shared an overview of the Our Town Interview that he participated in. This interview is posted on-line.

7. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Two gentlemen from the public did share comments. One area of discussion centered on the upcoming plans to redevelop Dunphy Park. The citizen encouraged the PBAC to be involved in review of the design to ensure proper handling of bicyclist requirements.

A second area of discussion from the public pertained to finding alternative means of removing bicycles from downtown in addition to the ferries.

8. Future Items: Review and Discuss meeting dates and times

The next meeting is scheduled to follow on a holiday. It was agreed that PBAC members would evaluate whether the meeting should be rescheduled to insure a quorum is present.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm