

Minutes from the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 16th
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
420 Litho Street
Sausalito, CA 94965

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm. Present were Chairman Ed Fotsch, Patricia Pigman, Tom Reilly, David Suto, and Bob Page. Also present were Sausalito Police Chief John Rohrbacher, Jonathan Goldman, and Herb Weiner.

2. Review and approval of January meeting minutes

Approved as submitted.

3. Old Business

- a. ***Bike Loops and Cozy Signage:*** Ed Fotsch led discussion on the proposal to reinstall bike loops and cozy signs. Preferred color for the cozies is green. Jonathan Goldman reported that City Staff is still reviewing PBAC's suggestion and will be conferring with Historic Landmarks Board shortly.
- b. ***Bike Parking:*** Committee members discussed the need for revision of current bike parking ordinance to allow for convenient, free parking for locals. City Attorney Mary Wagner has reviewed language of ordinance and will be suggesting improvements to City Council that will allow for easier bike parking options for locals. Chairman Ed Fotsch emphasized that goal of parking ordinance is not to impound bikes, but to encourage safe, efficient, and non-obstructive bike parking. Discussion then went to options for a new, free 30-spot bike parking further downtown. Chief Rohrbacher commented that the free parking options available last year may be available again this year, but that the topic will be up for review at the next City Council meeting. Additionally, Herb Weiner also recommended that the PBAC propose to council that some space is available near the Bank of America (approx.. 12 racks worth of space) as overflow paid parking. Herb also suggested that it would be much easier if the rental bike patrons came over the bridge already in possession of the paid bike parking ticket.
- c. ***Ferry Service improvements:*** Chairman Fotsch provided an Update on recommendations to have the ferry service increase their total bike service capacity. Tideline Water Taxi Service has been discussed as an option in prior meetings, but current PBAC opinion is that TWTS service will require infrastructure improvements at alternate locations that are not currently feasible. Ed also shared photos of recent congestion at the Ferry Terminal, most notably at the sole ticket vending machine and near ferry queuing on El Portal. Discussion then moved to the possibility of modifying existing Ferry ticket machines to also dispense bike parking tickets. Tom Reilly suggested possibility of approaching the union that manages ferry landing workers to see if they would accept legal payment to help expedite boarding of

bikes, to which Herb Weiner advised that doing so might require the ferry service to hire more deck hands as a union requirement. Ultimately, the PBAC took an action to suggest to City Council that they re-engage in direct discussions with Dennis Mulligan, Ferry District Director, specifically on the topic of boarding the bikes more quickly.

- d. **Vista Point Trail:** Andrea Lucas received additional funding for required lead abatement of Vista Point trail, but progress remains slow. For the coming season, the BPAC recognizes that Vista Point will not be an option.

4. Top Five Goals for PBAC in 2016

Committee discussed various ideas submitted by Committee members, and agreed upon the following:

- o **North/South Greenway sub-committee:** Among other objectives, use this goal to help encourage incoming bicycle traffic to continue through town to Tiburon and points beyond.
- o **Closer collaboration with law enforcement:** Work together on appropriate signage, cyclist & pedestrian safe transit, code enforcement, and Ambassador Program.
- o **Establish year round Ambassador Program with emphasis on improved pedestrian safety and experience:** Eliminate need to “reinvent” and restart program each season, and provide a consistent program with focus on reducing ferry landing congestion and improved downtown experience for tourists and locals alike.
- o **Improved methods that result in moving bike traffic through town and onboarding to ferries**
- o **Increased emphasis on improved pedestrian experience:** Complete further research and allocate more time to issues and options specific to pedestrian needs in town.

5. Bike parking challenges on El Portal and Tracy Way

- a. Ed Fotsch presented street drawings and suggested placement of new emblems/decals/stencils on the sidewalk discouraging bike parking in specific locations. Jonathan Goldman was generally supportive of the idea, but reminded the Committee that the law does not prohibit people to stand with bikes on the sidewalk. Committee expressed opinion was that goal is not to impound bikes or issue tickets, but more to make it easier for Ambassadors to encourage tourists to park their bikes elsewhere.

6. Public Comments:

- a. Discussion on Alexander Avenue northbound and the problem posed by cars parked along southbound lane that protrude into the street. Suggestion that curb be painted red to discourage parking in an unsafe manner.

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm

