

CITY OF SAUSALITO PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA
Monday, September 18, 2017
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order Ed Fotsch, Chair Robert Page Patricia Pigman, David Suto
Meeting was called to order by Chairman Fotsch at 6:33pm

2. Review and Approval of February Meeting Minutes
Minutes approved by the committee.

3. Old Business

A. Bike counts [Attachment B]

Chairman Fotsch read through the 2017 seasonal bike counts and compared the data to 2016. Overall, rental and tourist bike counts were down 16% from the prio year. Valet parking, however, was up slightly. Councilman Burns commented that obtaining comparable tourist information from San Francisco might be helpful to determine if the lower rental bike traffic in Sausalito was attributable to weather or something unique to Sausalito.

B. Ambassadors program

a. Chairman Fotsch reviewed the latest available budget data from Sausalito Plus. Discussion pertained to the viability of the Ambassador Program as an ongoing business that can operate at a profit, or at least cover costs. Data from 2017 indicates that it can. David Suto and Patricia Pigman noted that Sausalito Plus did, however, reduce staffing in an effort to reduce costs. That said, committee members agreed that service levels remained roughly equivalent to prior year. Discussion then moved to the value of the Ambassador Program as a local summer job opportunity for Sausalito's youth. Councilman Burns provided comments underscoring this value, and encouraged the inclusion of "local jobs opportunity" in the creation of a possible RFP for competitive providers of Ambassador Program services.

b. Board members and liaison [Attachment D]

Committee reviewed and discussed the board membership of Sausalito Plus. Jim Henry, managing partner at PWC, has taken responsibility of Chief Financial Officer for Sausalito Plus. Patricia Pigman and Tom Rielly remain in place as Board members.

Attachment D- Board Members and Liaison

c. Request for Proposals for 2018 Season

Discussion of need for possible RFP to solicit competitive options for Ambassador Program services currently managed by Sausalito Plus. Chief John Rohrbacher provided a high level review of what the RFP might include (specific services.) Chief Rohrbacher and Councilman Burns also clarified that it is not the expectation that the PBAC would be responsible for writing the RFP, but did encourage the PBAC to provide input. Councilman Burns also clarified that City Council has yet to give specific direction and approval to create such an RFP. Additionally, Councilman Burns pointed out that issues and priorities associated with the Ferry landing project may impact the scope and timeframe of any RFP. Chief Rohrbacher speculated that the timeframe for the RFP, if it happens, would likely not begin until after February of 2018. Council meeting on 9/24 will likely result in more specific information and direction on scope and timeframe. (Later in the meeting, Chairman Fotsch highlighted that, initially, the Ambassadors did assist in managing the queuing of bikes waiting to board the ferry. In the past period, this service was transferred to rental bike vendors. The suggestion was made that the RFP should include a requirement for queuing management.)

4. List of topics for Council input and clarification

Chairman Fotsch described the need for the PBAC to receive input from Council to more specifically clarify the Committee's charter. To that end, Chairman Fotsch created a list of six questions to which the PBAC would like to see the Council provide an opinion. (insert six questions.) The Committee then discussed and agreed upon the Committee's position/opinion on each question to help inform the Council.

b. Related draft ordinance [Attachment F]

Chairman Fotsch introduced a draft ordinance to be suggested for consideration by City Council. PBAC committee members discussed and agreed proposal should be submitted to Council for review. Chairman Fotsch and Committee members agreed that the draft proposal should be considered as a sample only, and not to be considered as a PBAC request of Council to approve as is.

Councilman Burns commented that, at some point, Council should take a closer look at definitions of "vehicle" and what, if any, other role would the Council like to see the PBAC play in traffic & congestion management.

c. June 2017 City Council proposed charter amendments [Attachment G]

Attachment E: PBAC Requests/Questions to clarify PBAC mission

Chairman Fotsch presented a list of six questions for which the PBAC requests City Council direction and/or opinion in order to help clarify the PBAC's mission moving forward. Chairman Fotsch also provided context & relevance for each question, as well as the PBAC's recommendation on each prior to City Council feedback. Committee members discussed and further clarified some of the points presented, and Council Liason Joe Burns suggested further discussion would be helpful as the PBAC's role in the City's next revision Master Plan is completed.

Attachment G- City Council June 6, 2017 6E

Discussion on whether or not the PBAC's mission should transition to a broader scope of responsibilities within the City's Master Plan.

4. Alexander Ave slide status and repair

Brief recap of the landslide that took place at the base of Alexander Avenue that resulted in street closure and increased risks to safety of pedestrians, bikes, and cars. As of the date of this meeting, major repairs necessary to remedy the obvious safety risks have not been completed. Chairman Fotsch highlighted that the resulting removal of all parking in the impacted areas has resulted in increased safety risk and inconvenience to cyclists and pedestrians. Informal measurement by radar indicates average car speeds have increased in the area as well. Chief Rohrbacher agreed to check with City Engineering to obtain an update to be reviewed and discussed at the next PBAC.

Discussion of lack of lighting on bicycles after dark. Chief Rohrbacher clarified that cyclists are required to have a red reflector on back and wheels, and a white light on the front.

5. Public Comment On Items Not On The Agenda

6. No members of the public were in attendance.

7. Future Items: Review and Discuss Meeting Dates And Times

8. Adjournment