

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes February 12, 2013

Meeting started at 5:32 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk advocate; Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; Christopher Coghlan, D-7; John Lowell, Disabled Advocate; Raymond McCoy, D-11; John Ehrlich, D-2; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Zach Marks, At-Large; James Rhoads, D-5; Richard Rothman, Senior Advocate; and Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate. **Excused:** Pi Ra, Ped Org; and Kevin Clark, D-1. There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Darcie Lim, SFMTA

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the January minutes.

2. Public Comment: Christina Olea, SFMTA: Distributed drawings of a proposed bicycle trail and walkway along Marina Boulevard.

PSAC: Why is the walkway closest to the roadway? (C: To minimize pedestrians crossing the bike lanes after crossing the street.) Bring proposals to Mayor's Commission of the Disabled.

3. Daniel Lawson, USF, Public Safety: Discussed their plans to improve pedestrian safety around the campus. They hired a consultant and have about one million dollars to implement plans when completed. They are working with their neighbors and they have a campus bicycle coalition. They are concerned about a recent injury due to a collision and their disabled and blind students. They provide all their students at every campus with Muni Fast Passes included in their Student ID.

PSAC: Add APS signals; Some pedestrians disregard signals; Need more corner bulbs; Provide signage: don't cross and text; USF needs a comprehensive pedestrian safety plan.

Public Comment: Martin Macintyre, neighbor: Presented alternative parking and traffic proposals:

3. SFPD Traffic Company: Denise Flaherty, Captain: Introduced herself. SFPD is conducting traffic sting operation at schools. On their first day at Longfellow School they issued 41 citations. PSAC members can view operations on request. She will be working to develop collision statistics more quickly. **Sergeant Eric Mahoney, Major Accident Investigation (MAI):** Reviewed recent accidents: Seventh and Howard: fatality due to failure to yield to pedestrian, being handled by hit and run detail (name will be changed); Taylor Street: Delivery driver crushed by his own truck; California and (TBD) failure to yield to pedestrian collision lead to severe injury.

4. Pedestrian Strategy: Mari Hunter, SFMTA: This is a strategy not a Plan because firm sites are not listed, even though projects get accomplished. There is funding gap of about 50%. \$65 millions in projects being considered. Total crossing time, at intersection with up-dated count down signals, is based on a walking speed of 2.5 feet per second. This based on the maximum total time available for crossing including: White walking man; Count-down; Yellow and all Red time. The White walking time is based on a walking speed of 3.5 fps. The project website will include updates. The Mayor hopes to send the Strategy out soon.

PSAC Comments: Removing the parking near corners improves visibility and therefore pedestrian safety. Seattle eliminates parking thirty from a corner. Shark teeth work well to stop cars short of the intersection. Peds are responsible for 33% of injury collisions. What are basic

reasons for collisions? Strategy should include education, ambassador program and bicycle pedestrian court.

Public Comment: Kimberley Jones: The Strategy should include funding for education to change behaviors.

PSAC Voted: PSAC supports the intent of the Pedestrian Strategy with the expectation that more emphasis will be placed on education and marketing to improve the safety behaviors of: drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians and that implementation of the Ambassador program and the Bicycle Pedestrian court will follow along with updates from the program.

5. Traffic Calming: Miriam Sorell, SFMTA: The program is shifting emphasis of funding from neighborhood requests (which will start accepting requests again) to being part of other pedestrian and maintenance projects in order to get more from their funding. The total cost of each bulb out is about \$70,000 while speed hump only costs \$7,000.

PSAC: Prefer neighborhood distribution of projects; Can speed humps be funded privately?

6. Wireless Street Light Project: Charles Sheehan, SFPUC: They will hold neighborhood meetings and pilot test wireless control of newly installed LED street lighting. Controls plus LED's will provide more even lighting to meet neighborhood needs.

7. SFMTA Staff Report: Darcie Lim: presented an update.

8: PSAC considered but declined to send a letter to the Mayor requesting funding for the Ambassador Program and a letter supporting a Speed Hump for Greenwich Street.

9: PSAC voted to establish a Sub-Committee on Pedestrian Safety Education.

10. Member Status: The following Terms expire on 3/28/2013: Seat 2 (ped safety) - **Pi Ra**; Seat 3 (seniors/disabilities) - vacant (**Richard Rothman** just resigned); Seat 5 (bicycle/non-motorized) – vacant; Seat 7 (child advocate/school support) - **Robin Brasso**; Seat 9 (at-large) – vacant. These seats require submittal of an application to the Rules Committee Clerk (Linda Wong), and subsequent consideration/action by the Rules Committee and full Board. Terms expiring 6/30/2013 Seats 10-21, Supervisorial District Seats. These seats require a letter of appointment from the Supervisor to the Rules Committee Clerk.

11. PSAC website formed: www.sfpsac.com

12. Adjournment: At 8:10 PM. Next regular meeting, March 12, 2013.

Secretary Howard Strassner was note taker.