

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes November 14, 2017

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate; Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability Org; Meredith Osborn, D-5; Evy Posenentico, D-8; Martin Fein, D-4; Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental Advocate; Kevin Stull, D-6; Stuart Watts, D-3 and John Winston, SFUSD. **Excused:** Thomas Rogers, D-10; **Absent:** Jacquie Chavez, D-11; Kevin Clark, D-1; Dan Golub, D-2. There are currently 13 appointed members. **Staff:** Victoria Chong

Minutes:

- 1. SFPD Report: Sgt. Embody:** A) More collision injuries. B) Sometimes both parties are at partial fault. Example: stepping out during red or being invisible. **PSAC Comments:** Does setting the clock back bring more collisions?
- 2. Public Comments: Nancy Bufam:** Four Aptos student were injured in a year, on Ocean Avenue while approaching the 'K' trolley boarding island, one was killed. John Winston will work with Aptos. **Howard S.** will assist. **PSAC Comments:** Speed bump in lane between island and sidewalk might help.
- 3. Safe Routes to School Funding: Nancy Bufam:** Safe Routes encourages walking, bicycling and car pooling to school. Funding is proposed to be reduced by 26% and was tabled until December. **PSAC Voted:** 9-0-0 for a Resolution: Urging the Board of Supervisors to fully fund Safe Routes to School with \$2.8 million a year for 2019 to 2021.
- 4. Healthy Saturdays: Gary McCoy, Rec and Park:** Ten years ago Saturday road closures were limited to half the year to support the museums. Golden Gate Park has: 3,757 parking spaces within and 1,749 around the perimeter; plus 800 spaces in the Concourse garage with 120 spaces available during the busiest times on Saturday. **PSAC Voted** 9-0-0 for a Resolution: Urging the Expansion of Saturday Street Closures for the entire year. **PSAC Comments:** Need safer access to walk into Golden Gate Park. Need bike share docks in the park. **Gary:** Park and Rec is working on improving signage and more protected bikeway.
- 5. Robots on Sidewalks: John Winston: presented: PSAC Voted** 9-0-0 for a Resolution Supporting a Board of Supervisors Proposed Ordinance Banning the Operation of Autonomous Delivery Vehicles on Public Sidewalks.
- 6. Van Ness Avenue BRT Project: Howard S presented: PSAC Voted** 9-0-0 for a Resolution Requesting Pedestrian Lead Times and/or No Turn on Red for the Van Ness Avenue BRT Project.
- 7. Masonic Medians: Howard S presented: PSAC Voted** 9-0-0 for a Resolution Requesting Masonic Avenue Medians at the Intersection with Geary Boulevard and Other Pedestrian Safety Improvements.
- 8. SFMTA Report: Victoria Chong:** A) Walk Signal Times are based on a walking speed of 3.5 feet per second or 2.5 feet per second where it can be

accommodated. B) Signals have to conform to a Uniform National Standard. C) Second Street will be in construction soon. **PSAC Comments:** 1) SFMTA should consider the use of a Clipper Card as method for a senior to ask for additional crossing time. 2) Some people can't see the red painting on curbs. 3) Please update our membership list on the SFMTA website along with agenda, minutes and resolutions.

9. Distracted Walking: EVY: A) She has accumulated many sites for information for members to read. B) She is starting to write a Resolution. Ohio State completed a study: <https://news.osu.edu/news/2013/06/19/distractwalk/>

10. Chairs Report: Becky: A) Ric resigned due to health. B) Jodi Madrius is the new WalkSF director. C) John Alex Lowell is finding the Post Office too hard. D) We need a report on Rapid Response. Need members from D-1, D-2, D-7 and bicycles.

11. Members Reports: A) Stuart: Vision zero meeting are getting better. They are working with the SFFD who are concerned with bulbs and anything that makes it harder for them to drive.

12. Future Items: Along with name of responsible member: For December: Lower Stockton Street as a Mall, **Howard S.** Older A) Issues from BAC, **Howard S;** B) Speed Cameras. C) Annual Report; D) Chinatown, **Stuart;** E) Uber and Chariot; F) Have MTA come to discuss lack of progress of Vision Zero; G) Road rage, **Evy**

13. Adjourned 7:30. Next scheduled regular meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2017, Room 400 at 6:00. **Howard S.** took notes.