

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes
May 14, 2013

Meeting started at 5:32 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate; Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; John Lowell, Senior & Disability Advocate;; John Ehrlich, D-2; Sonja Kos, D-10; Gary McCoy, D-8 Thomas Rogers, D-10; Zack Marks, At-Large; Pi Ra, Ped Org; James Rhoads, D-5; Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate; Devon Silvernail, D-9; Christina Tang, D-3; and John Winston, SFUSD. Excused: Kevin Clark, D-1; Christopher Coghlan, D-7. Unexcused Absent: none. There are currently 16 appointed members. Staff: Darcie Lim, SFMTA

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the April minutes.
2. Public Comment: A) Kimberley Jones: Showed ped safety painting and expects to be approved by Rules Committee for PSAC soon. C) Russ Guilbeck: Uses Polk Street as pedestrian, bicyclist and driver. PSAC should be concerned with SB375 and reducing the emission of global warming gases. He suggests that PSAC should meet with the BAC on Polk St.
3. SFPD Traffic Company: Sergeant Tobin: Will be retiring from SFPD but will continue working with a public right of way group. Eric Mahoney, (MAI) will be SFPD representative to PSAC. Many pedestrian auto injuries are due to pedestrians crossing while attending only to their cell phones. PSAC: Wants to continue getting monthly collision reports.
4. Panhandle: Eric Anderson: RPD: Automatic sprinkler are only supposed to operate between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Fixing maintenance problems that cause sprinkler failure could cost \$1,000,000. RPD checks on sprinklers every month, Public can report problems via 311. PSAC: A) Wants to see final report on the GG Park bicycle track. B) Sprinkler problems were known eight years ago and are causing damage to the paths. C) RPD should consider more permeable walkways.
5. Pedestrian Safety Legislation: PSAC Voted: To send Supervisor Weiner a letter of support based on last months discussion.
6. SF University: Not responding positively to any of PSAC comments.
7. Ambassador Program: Robin: A) Introduced Mayor to the program. B) Working with PTA on safety education. C) AB 707 is pending, would help communities fund safety improvements for seniors.

Public Comment: Kimberly Jones: Have kids take the material home to their families.

8. SFMTA Staff Report: Darcie Lim: A) MTA working on new drainage for streets and sidewalks. B) Polk Street alternatives on line: <http://www.sfmta.com/cms/opolk/documents/Optionandaltsnotfeasible.pdf> MTA expects to complete their analysis this summer. C) Sunset Boulevard has new countdown signals.

9. Chairs Report: A) Recent Collisions: Women killed on Sunnyside; Man killed on Mission; Man severely injured on Lombard; B) Many newspaper articles noting high numbers of pedestrian deaths and injuries. C) John L. requested use of PSAC fourth Monday meeting date to discuss Polk Street.

10. Adjournment: At 7:00 PM. Next regular meeting, June 11, 2013.

Howard was note taker.