

# Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes April 9, 2019

Meeting started at 6:05 PM.

**Present:** Howard Bloomberg, Ped safety organization; Cyndi Bakir, Bike org; Howard Strassner, transit or enviro org; Andrew Jacobs, D-2; Gabrielle Haug, D-3; Martin Rawlings-Fein, D-4; Evy Posenentico, D-8; Kevin Stull, D-9; Thomas Rogers, D-10; John Winston, SFUSD. **Excused:** Becky Hogue, Senior and Disability **Absent:** Meredith Osborn, D-5; Bettina Cohen, D-6; Evelyn Posamentier, D-8; Jacqueline Chavez, D-11. There are currently 14 appointed members. **Staff:** Michael Jacobson

## Minutes:

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Approve Agenda

- a. Motion to approve agenda: John
- b. Seconded: Howard S.
- c. Ayes: 10 Nos: 0

#### i. Agenda approved

### 4. Approve Minutes from March

- a. Motion to approve minutes with minor amendments: Thomas
- b. Seconded: Howard S.
- c. Ayes: 10 Nos: 0

#### i. Minutes approved

### 5. General Public Comment

- a. No general public comment

### 6. SF Police Department Report

Sgt Embody and Lt Noble

- No date: 37<sup>th</sup> and folsom, 2103 hours, 91 yr old female crossing against red light, struck by vehicle
- 3/27/19: 0643 hours, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bryant, dump truck made left turn and struck ped, driver stayed at the scene and was apprehended, pedestrian suffered skull fracture
- 2/26/19: fatal, California and 18<sup>th</sup>, sedan hit elderly female, fled the scene, ped was crossing lawfully, suspect vehicle as silver 4 door sedan, open investigation
- 3/24/19: 91 yr old female, driving on john muir, struck teenager and parent, teenager passed away, driver charged with manslaughter
- 3/27/19: ped on sidewalk, driver struck ped, driver was arrested, 2<sup>nd</sup> and townsend
- 2/20/19: man in wheelchair was crossing against red, vehicle struck ped, driver fled, 4 door sedan dark color, broken leg
  
- Traffic company: Solos drivers on motorcycle
  - Had a class come through
  - Somewhere between 40-60 officers in this company total
  - Probably about 10 people on the streets at a given time
  - All patrol officers are responsible for traffic enforcement
  - Hard to keep up with attrition and finding qualified applicants
  
- Between 4-5 pedestrian fatalities in SF so far this year
- PSAC may be able to help the Dept of Engineering in the sense of surveying priority intersections in SF and providing recommendations and feedback on the intersections

## 7. Vision Zero Legislation and Funding

Erica Maybaum, Leg Aide for Supervisor Norman Yee

- Tremendous uptick in ped deaths this year
- Wants to introduce better daylighting policy
  - o In Tenderloin study, reduced collisions by 14%
- Draft a resolution where SFMTA leadership can then draft it into the transportation code
- Looking at lowering speed limits (under state jurisdiction)
- Office supported automated speed enforcement in state legislation
  - o Failed in the last session, but working to try to introduce in this session
- SFMTA is working on a lot of traffic calming measures, including daylighting
  
- Enforcement, education, and engineering
  - o All things we could work on
- PSAC passed a resolution on daylighting back in 2014
  - o Thomas and Howard S. to send out resolution

## 8. North Beach Pedestrian Scramble and Resolution

Cathleen Duole, North Beach Business Association and Telegraph Hill Dwellers

- Suggesting a scramble at Green, Columbus, and Stockton
  - o So many people jaywalk these days
- Have sent many letters to their Supervisor, Aaron Peskin
- First letter sent to SFMTA in 2014
  - o SFMTA said no originally
- Intersection has many senior citizens trying to cross, an extremely busy pedestrian spot
  
- Motion to pass resolution with amendments: Thomas
- Seconded: Martin
- Ayes: 9 Nos: 1
  - o **Passed this resolution with amendments**

## 9. Post/Larkin Increased Safety Measures and Resolution

Gabrielle Haug, D-3 PSAC

- Lots of injuries at intersection of Post and Larkin
- Brandon – managing partner of the Saratoga restaurant
  - o In 2 year timeframe, there have been ~10 major collisions at Post and Larkin
  - o Collision in February resulted in car going through wall of restaurant
  - o Fire pole near restaurant has been hit 3 times
  - o Upwards of \$26k to fix restaurant after most recent collision
- Could recommend changing the traffic pattern on the street to slow traffic
- Suggestion to add bollards on corner to protect sidewalks and buildings
- Cathleen Duole
  - o Terrifying to walk on Post
  - o Agree that this resolution should be passed
  
- Motion to pass resolution with amendments: Howard S.
- Seconded: John

- Ayes: 10 Nos: 0
  - o **Passed this resolution with amendments.**

## **10. Improving Safety on California Street Resolution**

Cyndi Bakir, Bike Org PSAC

- Improvements on California for pedestrians due to increased number of collisions and deaths
- Motion to pass resolution with amendments: Howard S.
- Seconded: Andrew
- Ayes: 10 Nos: 0
  - o **Passed this resolution with amendments**

## **11. SFMTA Report**

Michael Jacobson, SFMTA

- Bus stop consolidation
  - o 800 ft to quarter mile
  - o Consolidates stops for service, efficiency, reduce costs
  - o Many factors are involved to decide whether bus stops should be consolidated
  - o Community input, land use, future use, all considered in process
- 3 feet per second walk rate for crosswalks
  - o As a part of vision zero strategy, going to be re-timing all crossings at intersections on the high injury network
- Livable streets division updates
  - o Polk street project had its ribbon cutting
    - 30 blocks of improved bike lanes
    - 160 curb ramps added
    - More streetlights
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Central Richmond traffic safety project open house at Richmond Rec Center
  - o Adding ped islands, speed humps, etc.
  - o Presentation of findings from town hall
- April 16<sup>th</sup> E-scooter presentation at SFMTA board meeting
  - o Can ask to have this presentation for PSAC at a future meeting
- June 18<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Vision Zero Task Force meeting

## **12. Chairs Report**

Kevin Stull, D-9 PSAC

Tomorrow is walk to work day!

## **13. Members Report**

None, most comments/updates were covered in previous sections of meeting.

## **14. Future Agenda Items**

Potential E-scooter presentation from SFMTA

## **15. Adjournment**

Motion: Martin, Seconded: Andrew, Adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next Meeting: May 14, 2019.