

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes November 12, 2019

Meeting started at 6:03 PM.

Present: Jay Bain, D-1; Andrew Jacobs, D-2; Gabrielle Haug, D-3; Martin Rawlings-Fein, D-4; Serena Unger, D-5; Bettina Cohen, D-6; Evy Posementier, D-8; Kevin Stull, D-9; Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental; Jon Winston, SFUSD; Cyndi Bakir, Bike; **Excused:** Thomas Rogers, D-10; **Absent:** None. There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Michael Jacobson

Quorum for meeting (11 total present)

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approve Agenda

- a. Alteration to Item 9 – Move to Item 7
 - i. Motion approved
- b. Agenda approved
 - i. All Ayes

4. Approve Minutes

- a. Minutes approved
 - i. All Ayes

5. General Public Comment

- a. John Alex Lowell
 - i. Former member of PSAC 2006-2016
 1. Survivor of a collision
 - ii. This coming Sunday is world day of remembrance for traffic victims 2019
 1. 11/17, 3 pm, SF City Hall
- b. Marta Lindsey with WalkSF
 - i. Echo invitation for world day of remembrance
 - ii. Please reach out with additional names for those who can attend

6. SF Police Department Report

Inspector Catigan SFPD

- 3 cases
 - o 10/31 – 3:30 pm – South Van Ness and 19th – Ped was walking and hit by vehicle, driver has been charged
 - o 11/2 – 16th and De Haro – Ped was in crosswalk and struck, driver has been cited
 - Failure to yield to ped in crosswalk
 - o 11/12 – 3rd and Underwood – Ped in motorized wheelchair struck by Muni train
 - Victim is stable, non-life-threatening injuries
- 26 fatalities in the city in 2019, 16 for peds, 9 for motor vehicles, 1 bike
 - o 26 considered for Vision Zero cases

7. Resolution – Setting maximum speed limits to 20 mph citywide

Jon Winston, SFUSD

- Resolution to reduce the default speed limit to twenty miles per hour on all San Francisco streets where the speed limit is not posted
- Amendment: Remove whereas regarding AB 2363 section

Public comment

- Jon Alex Lowell
 - o Ask that this resolution also be looked at for state highways
- Marta Lindsey with WalkSF
 - o Fastest, most effective way to save lives → reducing speeds in SF
- Resolution approved
 - o All ayes

8. Resolution – Support of a State of Emergency Declaration to take action against increased pedestrian fatalities and injuries in San Francisco

Jon Winston, SFUSD

- Free up funding to start making changes to some of the city’s most dangerous streets immediately
- Amendment: Using collisions instead of accidents for language use
- Jon will submit an amended resolution
- Resolution approved with amendments
 - o All ayes

9. Proposed Resolution – Requesting Transit First pedestrian signs at all transit stops

Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental

- Melbourne Australia and Memphis Tennessee have transit first signage
- Would like to urge SFMTA to provide similar signage and that transit educational materials be provided to SFUSD
- Concerns on wording of resolution
 - o For example, “scurrying” pedestrians and “slowly sauntering”
- Concerns on process for review of resolution
 - o Can send Howard comments/amendments ahead of time

Public Comment

- John Paar
 - o Lives in the Outer Sunset
 - o Wife stepped off light rail and walked into street while Toyota Corolla was passing
 - o Street corner of 31st and Judah
 - o Has been advocating for changes at SFMTA for 1 year
 - o SFMTA has re-painted the pedestrian walkways
 - o Asking for:
 - Capital budget allocation (\$15M)
 - City should build a proper elevated platform for the light rail
 - Help in getting this in front SFMTA and the Mayor
 - o Has met with Supervisor Gordan Mar twice regarding this issue
- Will table this resolution for a future meeting which will include additional amendments

10. SFMTA Report

Michael Jacobson, SFMTA

- Two fatality response updates
 - o 19th and South Van Ness – Police investigation still ongoing
 - Engineering team has taken feedback
 - Added 20-foot daylighting zone
 - Retimed signals to reduce traffic speeds
 - o 16th and De Haro
 - Rapid response team went to scene
 - Adding leading pedestrian interval
- 5th street quick build
 - o Striping is underway
 - o Add daylighting at intersections
 - o 1 protected intersection
- Reiterate world day of remembrance for traffic victims 2019
 - o 4th annual event
 - o Honor loved ones lost to traffic collisions
 - o 11/17, 3 pm, SF City Hall
- Vision Zero Quarterly Task Force meeting
 - o 12/11, 10 am to 12 pm

11. Discussion on PSAC Committee Future Recommendations

Martin Rawlings-Fein, D-4

- PSAC Going Forward Recommendations
 - o Decentralize committee authority
 - Giving folks a piece of certain projects, such as the annual report
 - o Improve Web Presence
 - o Amend Bylaws
 - o Tracking Resolutions
 - o Meeting Timeliness
 - o Quarterly Report (Neighborhood/District Recaps)
 - o Annual Report – Results of funded new areas or traffic improvements
 - o Annual Report – Recommendations of how to use traffic/ped-related funding
 - o Onboarding binder
 - o Assign a seat to be liaison
 - o Change in Committee Leadership
 - o Interview other advisory committees
 - o Reduce seats
 - o Focus on Vision Zero
 - o Annual Report Subcommittee
 - o Cut Representation to Districts and Bike Coalition
 - o Hot topic focus – 1-2 member focus on learning
- Additional recommendations
 - o Clarifying public comment time
 - o Set goals annually and track progress
- Comment to come back to December 2019 PSAC meeting with categories pared down
- Motion: Subcommittee will meet up and present preliminary recommendations next meeting (currently Martin, Kevin, Howard, possibly Thomas, possibly Serena)
 - o Motion approved

Public Comment
John Alex Lowell

- Look through all of proposals and make sure they work with Robert's Rules of Orders
 - o Check with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

12. Chairs Report

Kevin Stull, D-9

- World day of remembrance on Sunday

13. Members Report

- Serena
 - o Went to Cole Valley Improvement Association meeting
 - o Woman from Cal Academy attended
 - Potential road closures every Saturday from JFK to Stanyan
 - Proposal still being iterated
 - o Will keep PSAC informed

14. Future Agenda Items

- DPH has 2018 Vision Zero data, could come December or January
- 2011-2018 Severe Injury Report is online

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:53 pm. Next Meeting: December 10, 2019.