

Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC)
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2009, 6pm
Pt. Molate Conference Room, Second floor
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA. City Hall

Community Members Present

Adrienne Harris, Chair
Nancy Baer
Rick Beal
Liz Bittner
Brian Drayton
Catalin Kaser
Bill Pinkham
Debbie Richerson
Tony Sustak
Ellen Reihsaus

City Staff Members Present

Matt Bonnano
Joe Light
Michael Williams
Chad Smalley

Committee Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2009

Welcome and Introductions:

Adrienne Harris recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and their connection to Richmond and the bicycle pedestrian community issues.

Approval of Minutes

At Adrienne's request Rick Beal led a brief discussion regarding the type of minutes the committee wished to see and the way in which it wanted to comment on the minutes. It was concluded that succinct minutes that captured the discussions were preferable and that an email distribution before the meeting would allow for adequate review opportunity with either written comments back in advance of the meeting or an opportunity to amend at the beginning of each meeting.

Staff Reports

Adachi Update:

- Michael Williams provided an update on the discussions regarding the bike path gap closure between the Greenway and the Ohlone Trail. Michael noted that the redevelopment agency did want to develop the property but would likely be willing to provide an easement behind the Taco Bell for bikes. Nancy indicated the Parks Department would like to make improvements to the creek side area with a pedestrian access from the sidewalk to the Greenway. Drawings were available for viewing.

BTA Grant:

- Chad indicated that TRAC had withdrawn its request to participate in BTA funding and that Barrett would likely be seen as a competitive grant application. Adrienne pointed out that TRAC through Bruce Beyert not only withdrew but offered a statement of support for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee proposals. Given the state of the city finances, grant funding is critical to moving projects forward.

Bicycle Master Plan:

- Michael reported that Fehr and Peers had responded to the Request for a Quote (RFQ). Adrienne thanked those who had provided input on the RFQ before it had gone to Fehr and Peers. Michael provided a copy of the response.
- A discussion followed regarding the response. Concerns were expressed about the limits placed on the number of meetings, the number of draft iterations and the concept that the interactive maps would simply be optional. Michael pointed out the idea on the iteration limit was a way to manage the flow of information back to Fehr and Peers so they can be efficient and do one round of revisions.
- Michael and Adrienne asked for input within a week and Brian suggested a Google document blog approach that would allow us to submit comments. Brian volunteered to produce and distribute the collaboration tool.

Public Health Stimulus Package Grant

- Nancy described a significant countywide grant application under a Federal Stimulus program called Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) that is being developed to promote healthier communities through innovative and proven approaches in five strategies – Media, Access, Point of decision information, Price and Social support services. While the interventions must impact the entire county, awards may also implement a targeted strategy in areas with disproportionate chronic disease or other health conditions. Nancy thought Contra Costa and Richmond’s needs in particular could be competitive. The grant does not provide for construction but is focused on policy systems change and environmental change. The grant does provide for some equipment.
- A discussion followed regarding possible uses.
 - Brian and Nancy discussed global positioning devices that would accelerate the reality ride information by providing interactive mapping.
 - Chad asked about ties to the work being done in Richmond by the California Endowment and the ability to utilize this activity as a bridge to a time when other region-wide activities become available.
 - Nancy indicated from a process point of view the city of Richmond would be a partner that could be funded under the county-wide application.
 - Brian suggested taking the service learning approach further into the schools as a means to accelerate health education and lifestyle changes more quickly into the adult population.
 - Brian asked about signage programs (49 mile example) and pointed out that people don’t know how to get to recreational facilities and parks.

- Nancy indicated the application would be moving forward quickly and information was available on the county health website.

Other Business

- Adrienne reported that there was no further business regarding thanking partners.
- Brian raised the investment Richmond Spokes had made in the Reality Rides and in the collected data. After a discussion regarding whether it was appropriate to compensate Richmond Spokes for the anticipated use of the data in the Master Plan Joe indicated that he needed to think about it further and that he would then work with Brian and Fehr and Peers to find a way to come up with a solution. It was noted Richmond Spokes had insurance to cover Reality Ride activities and could serve as a subcontractor to Fehr and Peers in conducting additional rides.
- Brian described a situation that had just occurred in which Richmond Spokes staff were racially profiled while riding bicycles in Richmond.

It being past 7:30 pm Adrienne noted that all business was finished and the meeting was adjourned.