

**Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC)
Regular Monthly Meeting Committee Minutes
Monday, February 1, 2010, 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
Miriam Josselyn
Catalin Kaser
Gwynn O'Neill
Ellen Reihnsaus
Debbie Richerson
Tony Sustak
Ayrin Zahner (UCB)
Sarah Smith (UCB)

City Staff Members Present

Matt Bonnano
Joe Light
Michael Williams
Chad Smalley
Craig Murray
Jennifer Ly

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 a motion was made to approve the minutes, voted on and approved.

Staff Reports

Bike to Work Day:

- Jennifer Ly reported on preparations for Bike to Work day and her plans to set up a calendar of events. Adrienne commented this information could be posted on our website. Information will be distributed to bike friendly businesses.

Marina Bay

- Craig reported on proposed improvements for the Marina Bay area bicycle paths including widening the path, removing non native plants and introducing lighting and marking. A discussion regarding the type and placement of lighting ensued and a motion was made and passed for the committee to review the lighting types for application in other areas in Richmond.

Ped Plan:

- Nancy supported by Chad and Catalin discussed the Ped Safety Plan events and the involvement of Bruce Appleyard as an expert. A walking Ped Safety Audit occurred and much useful information was obtained. Half of the audit was completed and the rest will be completed soon. Charettes would be conducted in April (19-23) and May (17-22). Dan Burton a walk-ability expert would be present.

Bicycle Master Plan:

- Joe Light reported that the City Council approved Fehr and Peers proposal and contracting details were being worked on. Project start was expected soon.

Barrett Avenue

- Chad reported that the Barrett Ave plan had been well received by the Planning Commission and that construction drawings and bid specifications were underway. Some additional sources of funding were being discussed including Federal dollars and MTC monies. Actual development may need to be phased as dollars become available.

Other Business

- Adrienne suggested the committee should have some detailed by laws. Nancy indicated a willingness to draft. Rick and Catalin offered to help vet the draft. Adrienne indicated she had samples from other groups that could be used as templates.
- Discussion occurred regarding the need for small subgroups to tackle issues and this was suggested for inclusion in the by laws.
- A motion was made to move the meeting time from the first to the second Monday of the month in order to reduce conflicts. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Adrienne reported on the Bay Area toll authority meeting and on dollars that were available for advocacy from Grizzly Peak Cyclists and on sources of significant monies from regional planning funding, including TDA and MTC funding.
- Tony reported on the RBPAC logo contest and that flyers were being distributed.
- Nancy reported on the MTC pedestrian summit and on the linkage to health and pedestrian issues. The MTC staff was surprised at the high level of community interest.
- Nancy also reported on SB375 bill and the opportunity to align land use and transit needs planning with the fight against climate change. There are opportunities to develop more funding for safe routes to schools with \$2.b million available over two years countywide.
by April 1 CCTA must give MTC a rough outline of the process and by June must spell out plans for Safe Routes to Schools
- Adrienne reported that she sent an email to the mayor regarding the need to communicate in multiple languages and received a response regarding limited funding. Adrienne spoke in favor of advocacy on this topic and especially regarding at least a Spanish language postcard. Nancy pointed out that outreach needed to occur in regard to both the Bike and Ped plans and that we should discuss what we wanted to talk to people about.
- Tony noted that the League of Women Voters held a forum on SB375 and AB32 and that this had provided a good opportunity to network on these issues.
- Quinn reported on the hazards on the bike routes to Point Molate. Others noted that EBBC website has a hazards reporting link and that there was also a link off the city website for reporting.

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