

Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC)
Regular Monthly Meeting Committee Minutes
Monday, May 10, 2010, 6pm
Pt. Molate Room, 2nd 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
Raul Ramirez
Debbie Richerson
Tony Sustak

City Staff & Others Present

Joe Light
Jennifer Ly
Chad Smalley
Michael Williams
Steven Tam
Michael Williams

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.

Agenda Items

Bike to Work Day

Jennifer Ly reported on the efforts around bike to work day and the location of energizer stations. It was also noted that there was a Health and Welfare Outreach Fair on May 12. Postcards have been handed out throughout the community and into neighboring communities.

Bicycle Workshop and Routes

The bicycle routes for the bicycle workshop day were reviewed on the monitor in detail and discussed. A further discussion of routes that needed to be experienced and considered as part of the connection needs throughout Richmond continued. Joe suggested further discussion and Nancy and Adrienne suggested a route review as part of regular meetings.

Nancy also suggested the need to review the connections to the greenways and Liz raised the persistent concerns of safety on the greenways. Chad mentioned that the ongoing use of the mapping tool would be important for collecting issues.

The workshop plan is to have people after the rides circulate through workstations set up by Fehr and Peers. Stations will include maps, facilities, key destinations, barriers and wish lists.

Approval of Minutes

At Adrienne's request a motion was made to approve the minutes, discussed, voted on subject to minor amendments, and approved.

Other Business, Next Steps and Wrap Up

Chad reported on Nevin Ave and noted that a second community meeting was occurring on May 26. The door to door effort had not been as successful as hoped. Additional funding sources are being sought including regional TLC funding. A county application is also being requested on behalf of Barrett Ave.

Adrienne asked about Air Board funding for striping. A discussion followed that suggested engineering's policy was currently to favor parking but that this might be something we could advocate to change in favor of bicycle parking for certain situations on future projects. Chad noted that the funding was too small to move curbs and rebuild Barrett Avenue to allow Class II lanes with on street parking in certain constrained segments and that as a result he suggested it was important to manage the process to maximize funding rather than to take on too many issues.

Adrienne advocated continuing to push publicly for bike policy. Nancy suggested that an emphasis on parking was an impediment to biking.

Chad noted that a "continuous right of way" application option was available to applicants for air district funding to allow acquisition of right of way in constrained project situations, but that this funding was still insufficient to even move curb and gutters within the existing rights of way in locations such as Barrett.

It was then noted by Adrienne and Debbie that Chevron had re-agreed to the access to Pt Molate via the Tewksbury connector.

Bill then commented on a recent West CoCo County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting where he and Dave Campbell testified in behalf of allocating funding to cycling from a vehicle registration fee. The committee voted to support this use and even increased the percentage allocation. Even though it is county wide, it would benefit Richmond.

Adrienne noted the upcoming Health and Wellness Fair and the role of the bicycle coalition.

Brian noted that Richmond Spokes is now handling all of the bike parking for EBBC and handled the parking at the re-opening of the Oakland Museum.

It being close to 7:15 pm Adrienne noted that all business was finished and the meeting was adjourned in order to assist in the Bike to Work day prep.