

Richmond Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC)
Regular Monthly Meeting Committee Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2010, 5:30pm
Pt. Molate Room, 2nd floor
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA. City Hall

Community Members Present

Nancy Baer, acting chair
Rick Beal
Miriam Joscelyn
Catalin Kaser
Bill Pinkham
Tony Sustak

City Staff & Others Present

Chad Smalley

Welcome and Introductions:

Nancy Baer recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Agenda Items

Staff Report

The committee discussed next steps associated with the pedestrian and bicycle plans:

- Announcements from Nancy: both sets of consultants are working on incorporating the public and staff feedback into the plans with a goal to have it ready in time for the Jan 20 public meeting.
- Action: Pedestrian Plan flyers need to be distributed. Various people volunteered to put them at various venues.
- Discussion occurred about the process for the City to approve the plans. If we want to apply for BTA funds, the plans need to go before City Council before that (deadline is sometime in early March).
- Chad is uncertain but does not believe the Planning Dept is planning to seek additional approval of the Bike and Pedestrian Plans from the Planning Commission-- which did, however, already give an enthusiastic reception to a presentation on the plans during a study session.
- Chad will make sure Kieron knows that RBPAC wants to see the revised Bike Plan before it goes before City Council, in part so that we can make a formal recommendation and present it to City Council when they are voting on the Bike Plan.
- Nancy suggested to Fehr and &Peers (consultants for the Bike Plan) that they come talk to us at our February meeting about what our steps should be in implementing the plan. She will also ask Josh from LGC to speak to us at some future time about implementing the Pedestrian Plan.
- A discussion will be held on how to go about making recommendations to the city and how to develop priorities consistent with the plans

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Transportation Development Act

- The city needed guidance on pursuing a grant from the TDA program. After discussion it was recommended that Chad should take forward a grant proposal that is based on the bike and ped plans and that would create an inviting “green finger” between the Greenway and the Bart city center area at 16th St. and corresponding bike routes on Marina Way.
- It was also discussed that contact should be made with the Parks Department to coordinate with their grant application to acquire adjacent vacant lots of additional park area.
- The committee conducted a consensus voting process (consensus agreement, stand aside, and block consensus) and directed Chad as the representative of his agency and the only city staff member in attendance to pursue these issues with planning to come up with an application.
- Nancy and Bill volunteered to review the application.

By Laws Discussion

- The most recent version of the draft by-laws were reviewed with a goal of bringing a final version to a vote in February:
- Sections 2.1, 4.1 and 4.2 were called out as being important for the City to review. Chad took on the responsibility of following up with the City Manager via the Planning Director
- Discussion of the consensus voting process led to a recommendation that a structured consensus approach going forward and that we leave the language regarding consensus in the by laws
- Discussion of the requirement of an annual work plan led to an agreement that the plan needed enough specificity that the outcomes and results would be measurable.
- Relative to street related proposals Chad pointed out that it was critical to tie the recommendations of the committee to specific rules and specifications so that engineering would be able to move forward consistent with the plan

Announcements

- MLK day bike event was announced with a check in location at 6th and Ohio.]
- Chad announced progress on the Officer Bradley A. Moody Underpass project and a willingness to show project status on other Redevelopment Agency efforts
- Nancy requested the city to supply a project status chart with regular updates
- Chad also noted the 24th St traffic circle and the Nevin improvements
- Bill noted Carlson delays had been due to initial community response followed by winter weather

Comment [s1]: It was actually Bill who said this, I wasn't aware the community delayed the project until he mentioned it, though it does seem clear that weather is the delay now. This being Engineering's project, I cannot speak to the accuracy of Bill's comment at all.

Future Agenda

- February Agenda will include Fehr and Peers discussion on next steps, a formal approval and recommendation on the Plan, a Bylaws vote, continuation of the work plan discussion, preparation for the City Hall meeting and initial planning for Bike to Work day
- March agenda will include a vote on Officers

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Adjournment

There being no further business and it being 7:30 the meeting was adjourned.