

Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC)

Regular Monthly Meeting Committee Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2011, 5:30 pm

Richmond City Hall, Pt. Molate Room, 2nd Floor

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA.

Community Members Present

Nancy Baer, Chair

Adrienne Harris

Miriam Joscelyn

Bruce Langley

Bill Pinkham

Debbie Richerson

City Staff Present

Tawfic Halaby, Engineering

Marilyn Langlois, Mayor's Office

Patrick Phelan, Engineering

Chad Smalley, Redevelopment

Welcome and Introductions:

Nancy Baer recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves and their connection to Richmond and the bike ped issues. Members welcomed Bruce Langley who was visiting from out of town.

Agenda Review:

- Adrienne requested that a discussion of RBPAC funding be added to the agenda under Bike Ped Plan Adoption.
- Nancy noted that she had removed moving the meeting date from consideration at this time due to member input.

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- Discussion was tabled until the secretary is present.
- Adrienne volunteered to take minutes for the present meeting.
- Noting that she will be away in December, Miriam volunteered to act as secretary for future meetings when she is in attendance if Tony no longer wanted to be secretary. Nancy said she would check with him.

Bike/Ped Plans Adoption

- **Debrief-** Nancy conducted a 2-pronged structured debrief of the successes and areas for improvement of the Bike and Ped Plan presentation on November 1, 2011 at the CC meeting.
- **Next Steps**
 1. Staff to follow-up on LSA's fee of \$24,900 (plus another \$11K) for the Mitigated Negative Declaration for both plans. Was it split up between the Bike Plan grant and the Ped Plan grant? Are there are funds left over in the bike plan account that RBPAC can request for outreach materials and design? A discussion ensued on the role of RBPAC in past community outreach and how it will be supported by the city in future.
 2. How will Jim Rogers' 'friendly amendment' be implemented?

- a. Nancy will speak with the Planning Director about a possible Powerpoint presentation and written material to educate citizens about the bike and ped plans.
 - b. Invite RNCC members if there is an agenda item of potential interest and place it at the top of the agenda.
 - c. Send our agendas to the president of RNCC and the RNCC board using the list of reps on the city website.
 - d. Send an RBPAC member and staff member to any council whose neighborhood may be affected by a controversial decision.
 - e. Develop a notification hierarchy by working with the city .
3. Nancy offered to help RBPAC on an ongoing basis as a private citizen.
 4. What is RBPAC's role in the city's new technical advisory committee?
 5. Request a designated staff liaison to RBPAC from the city manager.
 6. Forster a complete streets ordinance for the city.

Projects / Grant Applications / Funding Opportunities

Several grant applications have been submitted and another is due soon.

Redevelopment staff reported the submittal of two applicatons:

- An application for Measure J TLC was submitted to CCTA for construction funding for the Richmond Transit Village Phase II: Nevin Avenue Improvements BART to 19th Project
- An application for Measure J PBTF was submitted to CCTA for construction funding for the Nevin Avenue Improvements 19th to 27th Project.

Redevelopment staff noted that City of Richmond may have applied for PBTF funding for the Richmond and Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project as well.

Staff Reports:

Redevelopment: Chad distributed his updated list of redevelopment Projects, highlighting the grant applications noted above.

TDA: Tawfic reported on TDA grant application for HarbourWay The Harbour way project environmental clearance was packaged with the Bicycle Master Plan and Pedestrian Plan and approved by CC on November 1, 2011.

Motion: RBPAC will provide letter of support for the Harbour Way Project TDA grant application. Moved / Seconded / Approved- Debbie / Miriam / Consensus

Nancy pointed out that passage of the bicycle plan makes COR eligible for BTA Caltrans funds and suggested that staff investigate.

TRAC: Adrienne provided background on TRAC's proposal for Bay Trail improvements from the inland side of the Ferry Point Dornan Drive Tunnel proceeding

along the Plunge to Cutting Blvd. RBPAC really supports this concept and awaits a specified funding source. Nancy will follow up on this with a letter to Bruce Beyaert. Patrick noted that there is sewer work planned at Plunge / Dornan Dr. which may provide a tie-in. Patrick will follow-up to identify the staff contact and will let Bruce know.

Carlson: Patrick reported on Carlson Blvd. from Bayview to Cutting.

- When Council adopted the Pedestrian Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, and MND for Carlson Boulevard and Harbour Way on November 1, 2011, Council directed City staff to meet with the neighborhoods near these streets to discuss the proposed changes. Therefore Engineering will hold off on putting in the bike lanes, because transitions between segments with bike lanes and segments without bike lanes will be complicated, perhaps dangerous, and will have an associated cost. Waiting to implement the road right-sizing will also allow time for community notification/outreach. . Expectation: within 6 mos. Engineering will be able to stripe all of Carlson with Class 2 bike lanes.
- There is already a completed design with buffer and bike lanes.
- There are no sharrows planned for Carlson.
- Tehama to Bayview nexus still needs to be designed.

Announcements:

- The group celebrated Bill's birthday with a rousing rendition of the birthday song.
- Nancy is retiring in March, but will remain as RBPAC chair.
- Bill announced that EBBC has identified bikeway priorities. Richmond Greenway gap closure is on the list.

Action Items, Future Activity and Wrap Up:

- Nancy will invite EBBC ED Renee to present on EBBC's priority list.
- Next agenda: catalog achievements for an annual report
- Research bike parking design and funding
- Bring a laptop for taking minutes and demonstrating richmondbpac.org
- Nancy will prepare **bylaw amendments for consideration**.
- Discuss Phase II of transit village extending Nevin west into Richmond BART station which will result in removing current bike / wheelchair ramp into the station.
- Next meeting: December 12, 2011

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

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne

Abbreviations: COR- City of Richmond, CC- City Council, TDA – Transportation Development Act, BTA- Bicycle Transportation Act, MND- Mitigated Negative Declaration