

Approved April 9, 2012

**Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
March 5, 2012**

Attendees

Residents--Adrienne Harris, Catalin Kaser, Bill Pinkham, Nancy Baer, Miriam Joscelyn

City Staff--Patrick Phelan, Lina, Velasco, Gabino Arredondo, Chad Smalley, Marilyn Langlois, Joel Camacho

Organizations--Dave Campbell, EBBC

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 by Chair Nancy Baer. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented. Minutes of the February were corrected and approved.

Nancy asked for comments on how to streamline the agenda structure:

Adrienne suggested that speakers not be scheduled until 7:15 so that the regular work of the committee can be completed before adjournment. This would allow people who have to leave at 7:30 to leave, and those who wanted to continue to meet with such a speaker could continue after the meeting adjourned. This might work if the speakers are locally based, but if they live in the eastern or central parts of the county, the difficulty of the late schedule can prevent their appearance. No formal action was taken.

Adrienne suggested that minutes be distributed and amended by email.

Accomplishments of 2011 A draft of our accomplishments can be found on the RBPAC website by clicking on the "About Us" tab. Members were requested to review the list and send any additional information to Adrienne before the list is completed and placed on the agenda in April. Letters of support, which resulted in projects being approved or grants received, should be included as accomplishments. When reviewing the list, keep in mind the mission of RBPAC which can also be found on the website under the "About Us" tab. One of the major accomplishments was the appointment of Patrick Phelan as the official liaison by the City to RBPAC.

An additional resource of the website is the area set aside for working documents and drafts. This area is found by typing in the word "internal" after the URL.

2012 Work Plan

A lengthy review and discussion of the proposed work plan for 2012 took place. We should focus on events that encourage community involvement. Another area of concern is how RBPAC can support the City to build internal capacity and partnership between City and RBPAC. Two recommendations we made.

Place attention on the adoption of the Complete Streets Ordinance by the City.

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Pursue designation as a "Gold Level Bike Friendly Community" from the League of American Bicyclists.

After these initial comments, the document was reviewed by sections. Nancy will revise the draft and return it to the committee. As this is a developing document detailed notes of the discussion are not provided in these minutes. One addition to the work plan is the creation of a Richmond cycling map.

Budget Discussions

Adrienne Harris presented a draft annual budget to begin July 1 with a cover letter signed by the Chair. The budget includes the cost of 2 web sites and an amount for the 2013 Bike to Work Day. After discussion and clarification Adrienne moved and the committee adopted by consensus a request for \$2200.00 from the City. If additional funding sources can be identified, the amount of the request to the City will be reduced. Also included in the approval was a letter signed by the Chair to accompany the budget request.

Ride of Silence

Adrienne presented proposed routes for a Ride of Silence to be held May 16 and moved that RBPAC sponsor the event. There was discussion of a budget for the ride to develop promotional materials. The City can provide a postcard for such an event. Some labor for planning and promoting the ride can be volunteered. Two separate routes for the ride are being proposed due to the death of a cyclist near Point Pinole. Concern was expressed that 2 separate routes might be excessive. Consensus for RBPAC sponsorship was reached and Adrienne will continue to work with Craig Murray and other interested people to develop the event.

Staff Reports

Lina presented two projects for which she requested letters of support. There are CalTrans transportation planning grants for various programs including environmental justice and community-based transportation plans.

The City will submit a project for the Iron Triangle "Yellow Brick Road and Elm Park." This would provide safe passages for young people from school to parks, community services, and other culturally significant community places. This plan will become an appendix to the Pedestrian Plan. The maximum budget request is for \$250,000 with a 10% match required. (City will be providing in-kind staff time.)

The second proposal is for a South Richmond Transportation plan through the community based transportation planning program. This would address transit, pedestrian and bike issues around the new LBNL campus.

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Letters of support for both projects were approved.

Joel gave a report on the grant for the Nystrom/Harbour Way Safe Routes to School project. The grant has been received with very limited geographic scope. The project will calm traffic in front of the school and provide bike lanes and improved pedestrian and bike crossings. North of Florida on Harbour there will be sharrows as the road does not have room for bike lanes without removing parking. RBPAC asked Joel for further

review to try to provide bike lanes beyond Florida. The plans will be posted on the City Website in the engineering department portion.

Joel also reported on the community outreach which demonstrated a lack of appreciation by the people at the meetings with the Santa Fe and Coronado neighborhoods for what bike lanes and improved pedestrian access can do for the neighborhood.

RPBAC gave a blanket approval for the Chair to send letters of support for all safe routes to school proposals that the City makes.

Meeting extended 10 minutes.

Chad reported that the design for Richmond Transit Village for Nevin BART to 19th has been expedited and the design must be finished in April. He is attempting to maintain bike access into station. It is hoped that a ramp will continue to exist so that there is redundancy of accessibility routes.

Comments to Nancy about the Lucky store proposed remodel at MacDonald and San Pablo should be submitted soon so that she can submit them as a package to the City.

Discussion of road standards was postponed.

Patrick distributed maps showing the proposed detour for Wildcat Creek trail to provide a crossing at Richmond Parkway.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miriam Joscelyn