

Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
April 9, 2012

Attendees

Residents--Bill Pinkham, Catalin Kaser, Miriam Joscelyn, Adrienne Harris,
Marilyn Langlois
City Staff--Patrick Phelan, Lina Velasco, Adam Lenz, Gabino Arredondo
Organizations--Dave Campbell EBBC, Renee Rivera EBBC

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 by Vice Chair Bill Pinkham

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

South Richmond Shoreline Specific Plan

Lina Velasco made a presentation about the Priority Development Area Planning grant program the City is applying for that supports planning activities for infill development near transit. This grant proposal is to develop a specific plan for the area, including the preferred site to the LBNL second campus. Included in the specific plan will be a mobility plan and infrastructure improvements to bike and pedestrian access in the area and from nearby transit stations. The South Richmond PDA is designated as a transit neighborhood that will have an employment center. The project would involve access from the Richmond, El Cerrito del Norte, and El Cerrito Plaza BART stations as well as the proposed ferry service at Ford Point. The grant if received would provide funding for the development of the specific plan including outreach. The City is requesting that the RBPAC assist with general outreach and public education regarding bike and pedestrian connectivity issues from the nearby transit stations to the project area. Lina estimated this work would cost about \$5,000 to prepare.

Dave Campbell suggested that the grant be increased beyond the City's projected cost of \$5,000 to cover EBBC's 10% administrative costs and possible more budget to allow for more community education regarding bike and pedestrian connectivity issues.

Adrienne moved and Catalin seconded a motion that RBPAC send a letter of support for the project. The motion approved general outreach and public education related to bike and pedestrian connectivity in Richmond and within the study area (Change Areas 15 & 16 identified in the Richmond General Plan 2030) and the four transit centers (Richmond BART, El Cerrito del Norte BART and El Cerrito Plaza BART stations and ferry service in Richmond. The public education could be a fact sheet developed on the issue or presentation materials for community meetings. The minimum funding is \$5500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Catalin moved that RBPAC participate in the outreach and education component if the funding is provided at a minimum level of \$5500.00. The motion was seconded by Adrienne and adopted unanimously.

East Bay Bicycle Coalition Presentation

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Renee Rivera made introductory comments and then turned the presentation over to Dave Campbell who reported on the advocacy activities of EBBC.

There is much activity by EBBC outside and beyond the East Bay.

Complete Streets Program through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission--MTC Staff continues to propose that all money distributed **must** be spent on projects that include bicycle and pedestrian access components. This has not yet been adopted.

Bike To Work Day--Fliers, posters, registration cards, team challenge and other printed materials are available and distributed on the table for members to take for distribution. There will be an after BTWD party in old Oakland after work on BTWD May 10.

(Adam Lenz stated that Richmond's participation will probably be similar to past years' efforts. Details need to be firmed up and locations and sponsors determined.)

TIGER grants-are part of the federal transportation infrastructure budget. There are efforts to eliminate them. Dave was in Washington DC and met politicians and other bike supporters to lobby for the inclusion of funding. Crockett to Martinez scenic trail and the Albany racetrack connection have been funded. Congressmen Garamendi and Miller are supportive of bike and have led funding efforts.

At the State level the bill mandating a safe passing distance between vehicles and bicycles is pending. Adrienne moved and Catlin seconded that RBPAC send a letter in support of the bill. The motion carried unanimously.

The unofficial list of CTA approved projects is available and there are many Richmond projects listed. The County is beginning to poll reauthorization of Measure J. Capital projects get funded and started in the first half of the authorization.

Renee explained that EBBC is making efforts to expand bike safety classes into Contra Costa County. A goal is to find money in Richmond and Concord. There is a tentative class at Caesar Chavez school. Lincoln School bike fair may be repeated and would also be a good location for such a class. EBBC will continue to look for places and sponsors.

Other Staff Reports

Patrick informed us that the Barrett Ave bike lane is being transferred to engineering dept for paving and utility clearance. Federal funds have been approved. However a new sewer line is scheduled to be completed by 12/2014. Striping and painting of lanes will probably be delayed until that is completed.

Richmond BART transit village phase 2 will be on the Design Review Board agenda Wed 4/18.

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Lina reported that the Yellow Brick Road project in the Iron Triangle has been submitted. Grant agreements should be concluded by December.

2011 Accomplishments

In order to save paper, Adrienne will not be printing the list of accomplishments that has been created so far. Members of the committee are requested to go to the web site and provide comments based on the list. Click on the "about us" tab to see the list.

2012 work plan

Bill related that Nancy will revisit her notes and look for priorities. The Plan will be on the May agenda. There has been no response from the City regarding financial support as no request has yet been submitted. There has been verbal communication regarding the topic.

Officer Elections

Nominations may be submitted up to the next meeting. The election will be held at the May meeting. The present incumbents have expressed a willingness to serve again.

Nancy--Chair

Bill--Vice Chair

Adrienne--Treasurer (not an incumbent)

Miriam--Secretary

Ride of Silence

The date is set for May 16. The ride will officially begin at 5:00 from City Hall. There will be a pre ride from Catahoula at 4:30 to City Hall. Richmond Spokes will give a post ride "do" at their location at the conclusion of the ride. A publicity card about the event will be printed by the City. By group consensus, the ride will be dedicated to Nuri family.

Announcements

The Liveable Corridors charettes for south 23rd to Cutting will be held this week, Tuesday through Thursday.

Gabino announced there may be a parade on the Saturday before Cinco de Mayo. A bicycle contingent would be called Cycle de Mayo. He also indicated that the Lincoln School bike fiesta may be repeated.

There will be a blessing of the bikes in Berkeley on May 5 11:00 in Civic Center park. A ride will follow the blessing.

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Adrienne expressed concern that the RBPAC E-mail list is not being compiled and maintained.

BTWD nominations for individuals are open

There was a discussion about possible BTWD locations and who would be staffing each location.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Joscelyn

Approved as amended May 14, 2012