

## **Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

**May 14, 2012**

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### Attendees

Residents--Nancy Baer, Bill Pinkham, Catalin Kaser, Miriam Joscelyn, Adrienne Harris, Tony Sustak, Robert Pavel

City Staff--Patrick Phelan, Lina Velasco, Chad Smalley

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chair Nancy Baer. The agenda was modified to place Chad Smalley first on the agenda.

Chad reported that the State Department of Finance views the termination of the redevelopment agencies law differently than the local governments. The DOF interprets the law as meaning that if no contract was signed by the date the law became effective, then there is no legal obligation of redevelopment funds. The city of Richmond will continue to push projects forward pending further decisions.

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved as amended to clarify that Adrienne was not refusing to print the list of accomplishments, but was not printing it to save paper.

### Election of Officers

No new nominations were offered.

Catalin moved and Adrienne seconded that the slate of officers be elected. That motion carried unanimously. The newly elected officers are

Chair	Nancy Baer
Vice Chair	Bill Pinkham
Secretary	Miriam Joscelyn
Treasurer	Adrienne Harris

### Staff Reports

Patrick Phelan presented several maps with which he was able to explain how the less traveled streets would be a better place to begin marking bike lanes due to the repeated public pushback whenever "road diets" are proposed. The maps show the 5 Year Paving Plan, the streets eligible for Public Works projects, and those that must be performed by other than the Public Works Department. The maps provide a visual strategy to get modifications made. There was a discussion of the 37th street map, however no time frame for any projects there have been set due to budget cuts.

The maps are not updated regarding finished improvements for traffic safety. Patrick was asked to clarify the traffic safety improvement process to keep RBPAC in the loop. There is no funding at present for bike planning which needs to be coordinated with the improvements. This also layers into health concerns and may be part of the dialogue.

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Pennsylvania Ave will be paved in the next month or two. Back-in angle parking is controversial. There is a proposal that this be done wherever there are bike lanes so cars are not backing into bike lanes. Bill moved that back-in angled parking be required as a pilot. Catalin seconded. Carried.

Lina Velasco reported that the Strategic Growth Council provided \$888,838.00 for the Baxter Creek Restoration project through their Urban Greening Projects program. This completes the funding needed to fully fund the Richmond & Ohlone Greenways Gap Closure Project at the San Pablo intersection of the two bike/pedestrian paths.

She also reported that the City's Mathieu Court Alley Greening Project was funded approximately \$302,000. That will convert the portion between Ripley and Barrett Avenues into a one-way alley with urban gardens, trees, and sustainable features. It is hoped that this will become an alternative walkway to Peres School at Barrett and Ripley. Through traffic will be reduced and green principles will be applied. There will be information about the project placed on the web.

Adrienne wanted to be sure that the former freeway on-ramp between San Pablo and Barrett is sunshined for future attention as a bike and pedestrian path.

A field trip taking Amtrak to Davis to see bicycle amenities and paths in that city is being planned.

The RBPAC will support efforts to get paving and grant opportunities as they may arise.

### 2012 Workplan

Bike ped plan implementation. All plans have been phased. Now is the time to do work to make plans a reality.

Tasks or issues that RBPAC needs to address

- Priority projects that have been identified in plans need to be updated with staff.

- Complete streets policy should be pursued.

- Ongoing interest in public education and safety campaign

- Align parking and bike racks,

- Signage for wayfinding needs significant effort in western part of the City. The county is setting some standard re wayfinding. We may want to follow their example which may be based on what Oakland has done.

- Standards and design guidelines for bike lane widths and ADA ramps need to be established.

Adrienne proposed a bike committee of 5-10 people that sets its own priorities for things such as striping, signage, field trips, parking.

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Lina noted that some things will be addressed through zoning updates and livable corridors.

There was no action taken to establish such a committee.

Patrick will work on standards and guidelines

Nancy will work on priorities, projects and complete streets

Adrienne will work on bike racks. There is no city process or standard for parking or bike racks.

Bill will work on signage

Catalin volunteered for bike safety

We discussed applying for city support in March. A request was submitted to the mayor and then to the city manager who sent it to engineering. Any support must come out of the department budget. Nancy will send a formal notice to Patrick and will also send it to Lina.

### Recent Events

Bill reported that Bike To Work Day on 5/10 was immensely successful. Ridership increased 29%. The after work bike happy hour was attended by 2 to 3 thousand people. Patrick suggested we have information and handouts next year for pedestrians at the Richmond BART station. It could be an outreach; maybe get a survey. There needs to be signage for the energizer station inside the BART station. Use RBPAC banner next year.

In the future, review what e-lockers require from the City to be maintained.

The Ride Of Silence will be held on 5/16. Two recent bicycle incidents in Richmond and the Concord family will be remembered during the ride.

### Announcements

Bill spoke of the Thursday joint meeting of MTC and ABAG at 7 pm 1001 Broadway in the junior ballroom of the Marriott center. The One Bay Area Plan for the next 25 years will be on the agenda for adoption. Bicyclists should show up to provide support for the bicycle elements. There have been protesters attending charettes who oppose transit oriented development.

Adrienne announced an Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Webinar funded by Alameda CTC focusing on bicycle parking.

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Adrienne reminded the group of the RBPAC-coordinated Richmond Ride of Silence to be held on May 16th beginning at 4:30 from Catahoula. From there a detour is planned to 33rd and Barrett for a ghost bike ceremony honoring Juan Godinez-Garcia who was killed in a hit and run there on 4/11/2012 on his bicycle. The ride will continue to City Hall for the official start at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Joscelyn