

RICHMOND BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Monday, June 11, 2012

Attendees

Residents Adrienne Harris, Bill Pinkham, Marilyn Langlois, Catalin Kaser, Nancy Baer, Miriam Joscelyn, Najari Smith, Tony Sustak

City Staff Chad Smalley, Patrick Phelan

Organizations Dave Campbell, EBBBC

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Baer at 5:40.

The agenda was reviewed and additions were noted.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved following a motion by Adrienne which was seconded by Bill.

Short Discussion Items

Nancy presented a letter from Bruce Beyaert requesting a letter of support to City of Richmond Engineering regarding the Bay Trail Extension to close the 1 mile Bay Trail gap between the bus stop at Castro St./ Tewksbury and the existing underpass beneath I-580. There was a discussion of funding sources and reasons for the proposed route design. By consensus a letter from RBPAC will be sent endorsing the proposed alignment.

By-Laws Review

Nancy presented a brief summary of a complaint she had received from a community organization regarding an incident with a member of RBPAC. She raised the question of how RBPAC is to be represented in public. After some group discussion and questioning, it became apparent that there is confusion regarding the present wording of the bylaws as they were adopted in February.

Nancy agreed to look for what she believes is the final version and bring that to discuss with other versions at the July meeting.

Staff Report:

Projects/Grants

Patrick did not confer with Steven Tam about the traffic safety study priorities and will report back next month.

He shared photos of work completed on both Robert Miller Drive and Filbert St. Signage may need to be considered. Patrick is interested in getting feedback on a bike route coming west on Robert Miller and turning left onto San Pablo. The city of San Pablo has a grant for a pedestrian plan in that area and cooperation with Richmond may benefit both bicycle and pedestrian access. See attached PDF of printout he provided at meeting.

The bike markings on Filbert St. from 7St./Vernon continuing onto Fred Jackson Way making this a Class 3 bike route to the City limit is complete with a one block exception.

Work on the Safe Routes to School for 2 blocks on Harbour Way in front of Nystrom School will be advertised in July, awarded in Sept and constructed in October. The Greenway Gap Closure will be started next year in April after the official rainy season is over.

The Bike plan for crossing Barrett at 44th and 43rd Streets has problems and Patrick requested a design plan. For traveling south, a version likely to be a better choice would be to designate 43rd as the bike route and jog west on Nevin to 42nd where cyclists can continue south. A high visibility crosswalk might be used across Barrett as there is no light or stop sign at 43rd. This would eliminate using 44th. Ideas for travel in a northern direction were offered with no clear solution. RBPAC will have the month before the next meeting to consider this problem as it will be placed on the July agenda for further discussion.

2012 Workplan Implementation

Assignments/Responsibilities

Last month members expressed interest in various topics. People have varying degrees of time and knowledge. What can RBPAC expect?

Some ideas were that individuals with information can report briefly if something is going on in the area or topic they are interested in. If a speaker is available we can take advantage of that. Knowing that people have a specific interest allows staff to refer information that may become available to that individual.

Interest in specific areas as of the June meeting without specific responsibilities or deadlines...

Standards and guidelines-Patrick

Priorities, projects and complete streets- Nancy

Bike Racks-Adrienne, Najari

Signage and wayfinding-Bill

Bike Safety-Catalin

Bike Parking

Adrienne reported on her efforts regarding bike racks including attending a Webinar with presentations from Berkeley and Portland. Portland installs temporary racks which, though they have 5" bolts going into the pavement, can be removed if the business owner demands. She is also in contact with Albany Rollers and Strollers, is collecting catalogues and cost information, and is attempting to identify a willing fabricator/installer in Richmond.

Adrienne also reported that Williams Natural Foods has approached the city about bike racks for their business. The planning department told RBPAC that engineering is demanding a \$1,000.00 encroachment fee from the business. However, in 2010, RBPAC was told the encroachment fee was \$135.00.

RBPAC will send a letter to Edric Kwan requesting that the encroachment fee be waived for Williams and for other bicycle parking projects referencing the Bike Master Plan and General Plan as well as describing this as the first installation and a possible pilot project. In addition, the letter will mention that bike racks serve the public by providing additional parking for a non-polluting vehicle. Through discussion, the group identified four key points for inclusion in the letter. Adrienne will draft the letter and send it to Nancy.

Adrienne also reported that bike racks had been installed by the port in three locations on Shipyard 3 Bay Trail segment that do not conform to the **minimum** standard outlined on page 174 of the bike plan which calls for inverted U racks which allow the bicycle frame and both wheels to be secured. The racks outside City Hall are an example of racks which comply.

A new Bay Trail segment is being constructed by EBRPD in North Richmond along the Bruenner property, and the responsible parties need to be informed of the bike rack standards. Adrienne will draft a letter with the contact information and send it to Nancy.

There was also discussion about requesting the city to use clean air funds to cover the cost of fabricating and installing bike racks.

Bill announced that CCTA staff has recommended Oakland standards for both bicycle and pedestrian. Richmond has not adopted any program. Nevin streets scapes may be good project for signage.

Announcements

Chad informed that Redevelopment projects are in danger of being lost by the DOF which does not consider funding agreements as contractual obligations. Both legal and political attempts to recognize funding agreements as contractual obligations will be attempted. RBPAC may want to send letters of support for this interpretation and a bill in the State legislature to Loni Hancock and Nancy Skinner.

Adrienne reminded us that we should all be members of EBBC as they are our fiscal sponsor.

The RBPAC Website now has a Google calendar.

There needs to be Greenway bicycle signage.

The May 16 Ride Of Silence had good press coverage. See web site. Good work to have a successful ROS was done by many people.

Bike counts on July agenda and Ped counts in city.

EBBC partnering with the Green Coalition for a July 21 bicycle ride to Hercules to learn about their form based codes.

Bill announced the second annual Pedal Fest 8/18 at Jack London Square.

Marilyn requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Jean Smith. There was a moment of silence before adjournment at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miriam Joscelyn