

## **Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee**

Approved Minutes February 14, 2012

Meeting started at 5:30 PM. Happy Valentines Day!

**Present:** Robin Brasso, D-7; Kevin Clark, D-1; John Ehrlich, D-2; John Lowell, Youth Advocate; Pi Ra, Ped Org; James Rhoads, D-5; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Richard Rothman, Senior Advocate and Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate.

**Excused:** Leslie Garner, D-8; Jay Lee, At-Large; Ramon Smith, D-6; Ken Frausto, Ped Org; and Paul Supawanich, At-Large.

**Unexcused Absent:** None

There are currently 14 appointed members.

**Staff:** Luis Montoya, SFMTA.

**1. Public Comment: Neal Patel,** Bicycle Coalition: The Coalition has a new contract to teach bicycle safety. Bert Hill is one of their teachers. They are considering providing bicycle Ambassador services especially on JFK Drive when the bicycle track opens.

**David Pilpel:** A discussion of Brown Act need not be in closed session. An expanded Brown Act presentation will be on February 28 in Herbst Hall.

**2. Minutes:** PSAC approved the January minutes.

**3. SFPD Traffic Company: Capt. Al Casciato:** Discussed formation of Community Courts on Pedestrian and Bicycle Infractions. Court will have one member each from PSAC and Bicycle AC. He will be the member from the SFPD. Those given citations will have choice of: paying the fine; going to Court or going to school. We may have to form a Pedestrian school. SFPD expects to start issuing citations on March 15. They expect that the courts will meet every other week plus one Saturday a month. They will meet at three district police stations. **PSAC Comments:** SFPD should cite drivers who do not signal. Need information on police response to recent collusion at Mission and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**4. PSAC Member of Community Court:** PSAC elected **Richard Rothman** as our primary member and **Pi Ra** as an alternate.

**5. Transit Effectiveness Project: Julie Kirschbaum,** SFMTA: Presented: People like: Muni coverage; frequency and Next Bus. Not so good: crowed buses; buses stopped in traffic and inadequate bus stops. Operational Improvements will include: cameras on buses to discourage autos blocking bus lanes; All-door boarding; better signage including directing signs to Limited stops and more service and frequency as required.

**PSAC Comments:** Stop Consolidation needs more work.

**6. Oak/Fell Bikeways: Luis:** Presented a survey: **PSAC Comments:** Need bulbs for Pedestrian Safety; Sidewalks are too narrow on some streets; Bikes ride on sidewalks; Should schedule a special PSAC meeting to cover the proposal alternates in depth in order to lead to a PSAC position and Need accident survey. **Public Comment: Neil Patel,** Bicycle Coalition: Supports effort; there are too many collisions; double bike path may be too narrow. **Vera Hale:** Bikes need speed limit; Need alternate one way street to facilitate car traffic.

**7. SFMTA Staff Report: Luis:** Green paths to Parks will be discussed.

**8. PSAC Announcements: Robin:** Older Womens League holding Panel on Pedestrian Safety: February 25, 10 to Noon, Flood Building, 870 Markey Room 1185.

**9. Adjournment:** At 6:50 PM. Next regular meeting, March 13, 2012.  
**Howard** was note taker.