

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes February 26, 2007

Meeting started at 5:38 PM

Present: Members:; Dan Brook; John Lowell; Joy Oganeku; Pi Ra and Howard Strassner.

Staff: Christina Calderon Olea, DPT

1. Member Reports: Joy: a) Was hit by a hit and run bicyclist near the Orpheum Theater. She has had many close calls. The fine for riding on the side walk is \$135. b) The following members have to reapply for appointment by the Rules Committee: Pi and Dan c) Four new members have asked for appointment and will be coming before the Rules Committee soon.

2. Minutes: Minutes were not available and there was no quorum, so no vote.

3. Public Comment: Roger Bazely: a) Is concerned that Better Streets does not emphasize safety. b) Suggests merging the streets section of Department of Public Works with Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA). c) Striped cross-walks have not been well maintained, especially after street repairs. d) All major intersections and Muni transfer points should have ladder striped cross-walks.

4. Clarendon School: Beverley Webster: Described the problems: including speeding cars due to no stops signs for over a mile. A SFPD speed indicator sign has helped a little. Her letters have gotten the problem assigned to School Safety. PSAC advised: keep up the political pressure and make a formal Traffic Calming request so that PSAC can discuss MTA's proposed improvements along with her input. **Howard:** Clarendon's pedestrian over pass is a symptom of the auto traffic first sixties. **PC: Roger:** Suggests: Provide a sidewalk on the north bound side of Clarendon; Request Muni to drop off school kids, on request, at the school side of Clarendon; Provide rumble strips to slow down traffic; Provide fence in the median to limit jay-walking. Install new school signs.

5. Better Streets Plan (BSP) Update: Christina: a) Held main kickoff and three area meetings; b) Gathered comments from public in small groups; c) Two more area meetings are scheduled to be followed by stakeholder meetings; d) Senior Action Network (SAN) meeting on May 10, at St. Mary's at Geary and Gough at 10:45 followed by senior lunch; e) BSP is highly concerned with safety; f) Pedestrian Master Plan is now completely part of BSP; g) Best Practices will be on their website in June after presentation to the BSP Citizens Advisory Committee; h) MTA is seeking funding to re-paint ladder cross-walks.

6. Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS): Joy: Concerned that some APS's were removed. **Cristina:** a) In 2005 the MTA selected Polara Navigator APS after a pilot study because the Novax units were not rugged enough. b) The Novax units were removed with Lighthouse approval. c) Polara units are \$25,000 per intersection including design, supply and installation.

d) 40 Units are installed a total of 86 will be in place by the end of 2009. e) MTA is developing a policy to select additional sites.

7) Sidewalks are for Pedestrians: Pi: a) SAN is continuing demonstrations. **Anna Valdzic:** b) Department of Public Health (DPH) and Police Department are meeting with court officials to discuss classes for bicyclist traffic offenders (similar to auto offenders) and parents who do not use child safety seats properly.

8) Next Meeting: On June 25, the next PSAC meeting, DPH will hold a Pedestrian Safety Conference in the Main Library, Hispanic Room from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

9) Adjournment: At 7:00 PM