

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes September 24, 2007

Meeting started at 5:40 PM

Present: Members: Shirley Bierly; Andrew Bley; John Erlich; Katy Liddell; John Lowell; Pi Ra; Richard Rothman and Howard Strassner. (I missed one of us because I had to leave early) **Staff:** Cristina Olea, DPT

1. Member Announcements: Pi: A) There is a new group in SOMA working on creating a Safety Zone. B) There are only eleven appointed PSAC members. There are openings for: (Pi please complete) C) Our current roster should appear in the MTA website. **Katy:** Has successfully pursued new and repainting of striping in her neighborhood.

2. Minutes: No minutes in August. June and July meetings did not have a quorum and so these minutes cannot become official but they have a place in our files.

3. Public Comment: None

4. By-Laws: PSAC members unanimously approved the revised By-Laws, as separately attached. The revisions have to be published along with the next agenda and voted on again in order to become effective.

5. New Standing Committee: PSAC established a **Report Committee** to prepare the mandated annual report to the Board of Supervisors on statistics of pedestrian injuries and fatalities and recommendation for changes in policies.

6. Role of Public Health in Pedestrian Safety: Michael Radestky, DPH: DPH wants to reduce the number of beds occupied by people suffering from auto collisions, which is usually the number one use of beds in the SF General Hospital. Public health works to promote better health and accidents decrease an active life style which increases the obesity rate. SF has one of the highest injury rates and this severely impacts the elderly and those in low income neighborhoods. DPH has supported education campaigns with posters, maps and community meetings. DPH has funded targeted enforcement after billboard warnings. DPH works on Safe Routes to Schools. DPH in the past has expended funds for the above from the State Office of Traffic Safety and will soon have money from the General Fund. **PSAC** comment: There should be more "See Pedestrian" bumper stickers.

?) Adjournment: At ?? PM Next Meeting October 9.