

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes - January 13, 2009

Meeting started at 5:35 PM

Present: Members: Andrew Bley, D-7; John Ehrlich, D-2; David Pelfrey, D-4; Pi Ra, PS; Richard Rothman, D-8; Raymon Smith, D-6; and Howard Strassner, Transit. There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Heath Maddox, MTA. **Excused:** Kevin Clark, D-1: Finley, Delvecchio, D-9; Katy Liddell, Public Service and John Lowell, child advocate. **Not Present:** Shirley Bierly, Public Health;

1. Announcements: Pi: There will be a Press Conference on 1/16 at 2:00 at Nineteenth and Taraval to discuss **Light House for the Blind** work on sidewalk blockage. There will pedestrian training sessions in the Sunset. Double fines for traffic violation are in affect on Nineteenth, Lombard and Van Ness. **Raymon:** Is planning a District 6 pedestrian Summit. **David:** Is our new member from District 4. He has been working on pedestrian issues in his neighborhood. **Richard:** Will seek appointment to a Senior seat on PSAC from the Rules Committee.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Minutes: PSAC approved December minutes with a correction.

4. Bicycle Issues: Bert Hill, chair of the Bicycle AC distributed copies and discussed a Draft Resolution "Bicycles in the Pedestrian Realm", which after more review, could lead to a joint resolution. There could also be future joint discussions on: Bikes on Embarcadero Sidewalks; Bike Parking on the Streets vs. Sidewalks. The BAC will take the lead on these issues keeping PSAC informed.

5. Collision Report: Heath distributed a map showing injury intersections and list of the top 27 ped crash intersections. PSAC voted to establish a sub-committee to develop a definition of dangerous intersections to bring consistency to the many collision reports. Raymond appointed volunteers **Andrew; John E; David and Richard** to this sub committee. Some questions to be answered are: importance of the number of: incidents, injuries, pedestrians and quantity of traffic at intersections. **Andrew** will try to obtain more information on the causes of the injuries in collision reports. **Raymon** will check to see that the Fourth Monday is still available for their meeting.

6. Intersection Selection for Study: This should include neighborhood involvement. Funding for any improvement is very limited. **Heath** reported that the MTA has submitted a list of "shovel ready" projects as Federal stimulus projects. **Heath** will provide a list of the pedestrian projects to PSAC so that PSAC can assist the City to develop support for funding.

7. Elections: PSAC elected **Pi Ra** Chair for 2009, 5-1. PSAC tabled the election of Vice-Chair because a possible candidate was not present. PSAC elected **Howard Strassner** as Secretary for 2009, 6-0. PSAC thanked **Raymon** for his service,

8. Future Agenda Items: Vice-Chair Election. **Pi:** Review Traffic at Whole Foods on Stanyan; and Congestion Pricing (if ready). **Howard:** Members who miss meetings. **John E/Heath** Explanation of Traffic and Walk Signals

9. Adjournment: At 7:05 PM. Next meeting February 10, 2008.