

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Sub-Committee
Action Minutes – October 26, 2009

Meeting started at 5:30 PM,

Present: Members: John Ehrlich, D-2; John Lowell, Youth Advocate; and Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate.

1. **Announcements: Howard:** At September's DPW tree hearing, committee decided to preserve the trees near Mr. Strassner's residence.

2. **Safe Routes to School/Walking Buses:** In addition to the Committee's previous recommendation, Committee recommends that **PSAC** send a letter to the superintendent of schools, and others, stating that **PSAC** supports the rapid expansion of the Walking School Bus Program component of Safe Routes to Schools and that **PSAC** is anxious to work with the Safe Routes to School Program, if possible, to help:
 - A) Outreach to additional Parent Teacher Associations, beyond the fifteen schools scheduled using our members and current School Bus "driver" parents; and
 - B) Organize walking routes, evaluate and analyze parent surveys and how children get to school.

PSAC seeks to have the walking buses occur more than one day per week at each school in order to solidify the program with the children and parents. Committee assigned Mr. Strassner to obtain answers for the following questions from the program coordinator:

- Do the schools with walking school buses in the morning have walking return trips in the afternoon? If so, which schools?
- Do any of the schools with walking school buses walk more than one day a week? Which ones and how many days?
- What is the greatest number of years a SF school has been running a walking school bus? Which one?
- What other US cities have long term walking school buses? Which ones and how many years?

3. **Adjournment:** At 6:45 PM.
Next Sub-Committee meeting Nov. 23, 2009