

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes August 12, 2008

Meeting started at 5:30 PM

Present: Members: Andrew Bley, D-7; Kevin Clark, D-1; John Ehrlich, D-2; Gerry Hurtado, D-3; Katy Liddell, Public Service ; John Lowell, child advocate; Richard Rothman, D-8; Pi Ra, PS; Raymon Smith, D-6; and Howard Strassner, Transit. There are currently 15 appointed members. **Staff:** Keith Mattox, DPT **Not Present:** Debra Anderson, schools; Shirley Bierly, Public Health; Dan Brook, At Large; Delvecchio Finley, D-9; and Billy Riggs, AL.

1. Announcements: Pi: DPH sent out grant proposal requests for pedestrian safety and ways to increase walking. **Raymon:** Traffic and increased foot patrol police are greatly improving pedestrian safety south of Market. A police sting issued 60 tickets.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Minutes: PSAC approved the July minutes.

4. Hayes Valley: John L: Provided up date on the status. Supervisors passed a resolution generally supporting neighborhood requests but funds are not committed. **Francis Nagley,** Hayes Valley Neighbors: Requested PSAC support for a return to two-way traffic on Hayes Street to enhance neighborhood livability and improve pedestrian safety. Hayes was converted to one way to relieve traffic during the Octavia Boulevard rebuild. They want one traffic lane each way to preserve curb side parking for the businesses and as a buffer for pedestrians. **Russell Prichard,** Hayes Valley Merchants: Supported two-way traffic from Van Ness to Gough. **Malcolm Fredricks:** Requested reopening cross walks on Gough for pedestrian convenience and help bring foot traffic to existing and future merchants. **Heath:** Reported that the MTA approved the return to two way traffic and reopening the crosswalks, which were closed in the 1950s.

PSAC voted 7 Ayes 1 No and I abstention for: PSAC urges all SF agencies, to as quickly as practical, to convert Hayes Street back to two-way traffic from Van Ness to Gough; and to reopen the south side Gough Street crosswalks at Hayes and Fell. All work should be implemented with corner bulbs and ADA ramps, as applicable, and coordinated with other street improvements for the greatest economic efficiency.

5. Better Streets Plan: Heath: Presented an overview of the current Plan document. **Pi:** Reported that the community is working to improve and expand the Plan with more details and definitions including agency responsibilities and to bring the Plan back to what was originally requested. **PSAC:** Concerned with maintenance and responsibility problems with trees.

6. Bylaws and Roles and Responsibilities: PSAC made a number of small revisions to the drafts and voted 9-0 to approve. **Howard** will correct the draft.

7. Sunday Streets: Katy: Presented: Streets from Third and Oakdale to along Illinois Street to the Embarcadero to Washington and Portsmouth Square will be open to pedestrians, bikes, skaters and events in the north bound direction from 9 AM to 1 PM on August 31 and September 14, similar to Bogota, Columbia. The Mayor supported to help move the process.

PSAC voted to endorse Sunday Streets as a fun public non-motorized event.

8. Transit Effectiveness Plan: Pi: TEP has been partially revised to deal with some complaints. Communities are concerned with loss of hill service and insufficient concern with future needs.

9. Biking on Sidewalks: Richard: Will reach out to Bicycle AC and SF Bicycle Coalition to designate a member for PSAC.

10. Future Agenda Items: Richard: Members who miss meeting and bicycle problems. **John E and Andrew: Accident Report Data. Howard:** Better Streets.

11. Adjournment: At 7:30 PM. Next meeting September 12.