

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes –August 24, 2009

Meeting started at 5:30 PM,

Present: Members: Andrew Bley, D-7; Kevin Clark, D-1; John Ehrlich, D-2; Delvecchio Finley, D-9; Katy Liddell, Public Service; John Lowell, child advocate; Pi Ra, PS; David Pelfrey, D-4 Raymon Smith, D-6; Richard Rothman, Senior; and Howard Strassner, Transit.

Absent: Mark Benjamin, D-8; There are currently 12 appointed members. **Staff:** Oliver Gauder, MTA.

1. Safe Passage of Transit (SPOT): PSAC voted unanimously for the July 27 recommendation of the Sub-Committee and PSAC approves SPOT with the following suggestions for improvements:

- a) Use PCOs to report problems.
- b) Use existing staff, DPW and/or PCOs to enforce because we are concerned that the City not expand positions and classifications during a time of City worker layoffs.
- c) Record all violations and make the data available to all agencies, especially the DPW.
- d) Contractors should successfully complete a Blue Book class on minimum requirements before being granted a permit to impact sidewalks,
- e) Contractors should repeat the class after three violations in one year.
- f) Repeated violation should be considered in selecting City contractors.
- g) SPOT violations should supersede DPW violations to avoid double jeopardy.
- h) Initial citation fees should be high enough to cover all expected costs.
- i) There should be a sunset clause to review the program.

We are also concerned that the City might be liable if citations don't lead to quick correction because of decriminalization.

Howard will prepare a draft letter for **Pi** to send.

2. Sub-Committee: **Pi** appointed **John L.** chair of the sub-committee which will meet nearly regularly, on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30, based on need, in Room 508. This time and space is reserved for **PSAC**. **John L.** and **Pi** will meet to develop procedures.

3. Safe Routes to School: Philip Louie, MTA presented: The MTA selects areas to develop projects to propose based on State and SF criteria. MTA has an experienced grant writer to edit and polish proposals developed by MTA staff. MTA gets funding for a good percentage of their requests and nine of the districts have gotten one or two projects each. MTA will do more advertising the availability of funding. Three schools have walking buses that don't require any state funding. **PSAC** had comments to improve the criteria in order to more equitably distribute projects by district. 1) Need more community in put; 2) Need standardized written criteria; 3) should consider citations as a measure of need; 4) Need more attention to none English speaking communities. The next round of funding is October and the MTA would like to come back then.

4. Piezoelectric Pavements: David: This is a method of using of producing energy from walking. Item was continued to allow writing to include roadways and adding more SF agencies. **Howard** and **Andrew** will work with **David**.

5. Announcements: **Katy:** The last Sunday Streets is 9/6. PSAC members should volunteer. Walk SF will have its annual peak walk on 10/24. **Raymon:** Concerned with enforcement against bikes and skate boards on sidewalks. Need more red light cameras south of Market. **Oliver:** They report these problems to the SFPD for action. I will be your new MTA staff contact. MTA policy rotates people around. **Howard:** MTA should consider changing these infractions to misdemeanors so that PCO's can enforce. This will be similar to the MTA getting State changes to change illegal use of disabled placards to misdemeanors. **Pi:** Senior Action Network is holding pedestrian assessment walks in the Richmond. **Richard:** Concerned about charging disabled for parking, will gather more info.

6. Minutes: PSAC approved the July minutes.

7. Public Comment: None.

8. Future Agenda Items: **David:** Piezoelectric. **Howard:** Walking Buses (for Sub committee). Change of meeting date. **Pi** will initiate via email. PSAC members who have other agenda items should call **Pi** at 225-2080. to make sure that their issue is ready for discussion.

9. Adjournment: At 7:00 PM. Next meeting September 11, 2009.