

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes March 22, 2004

Meeting started at 5:35 pm

Present: Members: Shirley Bierly; Cheryl Brinkman; Ken Kelton; Helen Kwan; Jeanne Lynch; Sharon Priest; Pi Ra; Howard Strassner and Sue Vaughan

Excused: Ed Franklin

Absent: Ansel Martinez

Staff: Frank Markowitz,

1. Announcements: Jeanne: attended Richmond neighborhood meeting, of about 60 people, during which Fulton Street was discussed. Still no stop signs.

2. Public Comment: Bruce Livingston, Senior Action Network: Requests that PSAC agendaize Supervisor Ma's Pedestrian Protection ordinance and Supervisor Dufty's Pedestrian Hazard Reporting and Monitoring ordinance. Other comments: Need lights at the 6th and Minna mid-block crossing. DPT is proposing more pedestrian warning signs at this and similar crossings without ladder striping. Bruce said that it is safer to direct people to marked crossings.

3. February Minutes: Approved

4. Illegal Transportation on Sidewalks: Captain Springer SFPD, Traffic Division presented: As introduction: SFPD wrote 85,000 moving violations last year - including 8,400 for red light; 1,300 for pedestrian right-of-way; 4,000 for speeding; 8,400 speeding - plus 12,000 red light by camera. Pedestrian deaths increased from 26 in 2002 to 44 in 2004. SFPD is working to educate pedestrians on safety - 1/3 of pedestrian deaths are due to ped fault; 1/3 to driver fault and 1/3 unclear. Last year there was a large increase in pedestrian fault deaths and they found that 28% of ped deaths are due to unlicensed drivers. SFPD is doing more random stops and they find lots of DUI and no licenses in this way. He promised Walk SF that the SFPD will start a test pilot sting operation with decoy plain clothed officers.

On sidewalks: Segways and motorized skate boards are not allowed on sidewalks. Bikes, roller skates and skate board are not permitted on commercial blocks. SFPD wrote 127 vehicle violations on commercial sidewalks in 2004 with a \$64 fine. Bikers under 13 are allowed on residential streets. ADA three wheelers are allowed on sidewalks. Bike messengers are licensed because of their employment. Licenses for bikes are not required by State law.

Bruce Livingston: His child in a stroller was struck by a bike messenger - luckily no damage. There was a close call with a biker and his child near school. People do not know that it is against the law to ride a bike on the sidewalk. SAN is promoting more signs to educate bikers that biking on the sidewalk is not allowed. Frank: There are about 200 signs, hopefully in place. DPT will consider more signs when requested for busy commercial street but that more enforcement is necessary.

Bob Planthold: People take regulations of their group personally.

5. JFK Traffic Calming: Discussion of pros and cons of diagonal parking on JFK as method of traffic calming. Voted down.

6. Golden Gate Park Concourse Circulation Plan: Decided to continue because of unknown impact of ongoing litigation.

7. Adjournment: At 7:10 PM