

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes June 28, 2004

Meeting started at 5:30 pm

Present: Members: Shirley Bierly; Cheryl Brinkman; Ken Kelton; Helen Kwan; Jeanne Lynch Pi Ra; Howard Strassner and Sue Vaughan **Staff:** Frank Markowitz,

1. Announcements: Kelton: SFPD has done three two hour pedestrian stings with about 100 tickets issued each time. On a few occasions the police officer decoy had to jump back for safety. The stings are staffed by officers on overtime and funded by a grant. Many drivers have no knowledge of pedestrian rights. Typically 120 cars yield while 98 did not. The media coverage for these stings was insufficient. Grant funding is available from the Mission and Tenderloin pedestrian safety studies. **Lynch:** Large increase in auto accidents at Geary and Arguello Frank: Pedestrian fatalities down by 44% and auto fatalities down by 50% over four month period last year. Howard: I will miss July meeting. Cheryl will take minutes.

2. Public Comment: Michael Radetsky, DPH: Last year fatalities were up 50% over the previous year. Typically numbers vary widely each year. By reviewing over the last few years to counter the yearly fluctuation, it appears fatality numbers are going down. The Health Dept. has produced "slow down" banners for Tenderloin and Mission neighborhoods. These banners have a long life and will be moved around as openings are available. They also held student contests to produce ped safety posters at two elementary schools where a student was killed or injured by traffic.

3. May Minutes: Approved with correction - speed sign

4. Sidewalk Parking Enforcement follow up: Commander Sylvia Harper presented tabulations and discussion to answer PSAC list of previous submitted questions. There are 304 budgeted Parking Control Officer, PCO, positions. Max weekday has 186 PCO and there are only 44 PCO on Sundays. A table shows staffing levels for various shifts. Two large shifts do 587/588 work to handle peak hour towing and special functions and requested towing. There are three large shifts to do general enforcement including meters and boots for scofflaws. Two smaller shifts do Residential Permit enforcement and are supposed to do sidewalk parking enforcement too. PCO are often diverted for: accidents, fires, special events and parades, with no compensation to DPT - the Giants Ball Park typically diverts 23 PCO. In two days the PCO fined 6,000 cars parked on the sidewalk and gave out warnings that the fine will go up to \$100 in July. If a ticket car is considered a hazard, they are towed. 1% of ticketed cars are towed. During peak hour towing times there is little chance for sidewalk enforcement. Only neighborhoods with Residential Parking Permits have regular sidewalk parking enforcement. The problem of cars parallel parked on 19th Avenue with two wheels on the sidewalk was discussed. The Commander stated that because residents feel that their cars will be damaged due to the narrow, busy, high speed lanes this has not been enforced. Assemblyman Yee's double speeding fine on 19th Avenue may increase enforcement on that street. Prop 'K' also has funds for traffic calming and corner bulbs to help. The Commander regularly meets with SFPD to discuss enforcement.

5. Golden Gate Park Concourse Traffic Circulation Resolution: The Concourse Authority will select a plan for the traffic pattern in July. Cheryl prepared a proposed resolution supporting alternatives two and three which have no through traffic in the Concourse. Frank provided the following predicted traffic data:

Option	Day	Location	Auto Count
Two	PM Peak	Concourse Loop	120
Two	Saturday	Concourse Loop	230
Three	PM Peak	JFK Loop	80
Three	Saturday	JFK Loop	160
Three	PM Peak	MLK Loop	40
Three	Saturday	MLK Loop	80
One	PM Peak	Tea Garden	640
One	Saturday	Tea Garden	500
One	PM Peak & Saturday	Academy Drive	Similar to TG

PSAC voted to support a preference for Option Three over Option Two with Cheryl revising the resolution for approval via email.

6. Safe Routes to School and Health and DPT Quarterly Report: PSAC voted to continue these items until next month.

7. Adjournment: At 7:20 PM