

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes June 27, 2005

Meeting started at 5:30

Present: Members: Shirley Bierly; Ken Kelton; Helen Kwan; Jeanne Lynch; Pi Ra;
Howard Strassner; Excused: Cheryl Brinkman and Susan Vaughan.

Staff: Sam Fielding, DPT

1. PSAC Member Status: **A) Planning to Resign:** Jeanne Lynch; Susan Vaughan and Sharon Priest (no longer lives in SF). **B) Terms Expiring in 3/2006:** Shirley Bierly; Cheryl Brinkman; Helen Kwan; Sharon Priest; Howard Strassner; and Susan Vaughan. **C) Terms Expired in 3/2005:** Ed Franklin; Ken Kelton; Jeanne Lynch; Ancel Martinez; and Pi Ra. **D) Rules Committee** will call for new appointments this summer.

2. Minutes: Could not approved May Minutes because this was not agendized as action item.

3. Pedestrian Master Plan: Sam Fielding, DPT presented: DPT staff working on PMP are transitioning into MTA Planning. MTA 3/2005 letter with names and qualifications of proposed PMP staff will be circulated to PSAC members. Outreach planning and start of the PMP process was delayed to include more community members from each supervisorial district as well as disabled, seniors and youth etc.

Public Comment: Roger Bazely: Outreach to disabled, working families, and school kids with economic balance. PMP should include consideration of costs and benefits of solutions. **Lotchana Sourivong:** Do outreach to ethnic group and underserved communities.

PSAC Discussion: Add bicycle/pedestrian collisions to Outline CH.2. C; Print flyers to start outreach. The will be further discussion of the completed outreach portion of PMP.

4. Driving Under the Influence, DUI, Prevention Program: Nicomer Tolentino and Ana Validzic, DPH presented: DUI was cause of 252 deaths (total of pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers and passengers) over five years. Map of DUI caused deaths and injuries is similar to total deaths and injuries except that incidents are located near alcohol supply locations. Store keepers are supportive of alcohol sales restrictions because this improves conditions in front of the store. Road checks are effective. Request that PSAC be more involved in DUI issues.

Public Comment: Roger Bazely: More education to limit drinking is necessary as part of PMP.

PSAC Discussion: DPH request fits within the scope of PSAC duties and directed the Secretary to draft a resolution for addition to the Bylaws. **Secretary** (after meeting): Bylaws are only procedural and not a useful place for a proposed change. Proposed Draft: PSAC Statement (If deemed necessary - probably not necessary because PSAC duties do not exclude concerns with DUI) PSAC will consider making legislative recommendations to limit deaths and injuries to pedestrians from DUI and PUI.

5. Golden Gate Park Concourse Circulation Plan: Howard Strassner presented: There are separate efforts to limit MLK to two traffic lanes and limit traffic and drop off within the

Concourse using ballot and/or Supervisor ordinances. PSAC has previous positions opposing four lanes on MLK and supporting a pedestrian oasis in the Concourse.

Public Comment: Lotchana Sourivong: Four lanes on MLK are less safe for pedestrians. Some people will need closer access. **Howard:** Autos can use the garage for close access to the institutions. **Roger Bazely:** A pedestrian oasis is good but PSAC should be balanced.

PSAC Voted: PSAC supports: limiting MLK Drive in Golden Gate Park to traffic two lanes and limiting access in the Golden Gate Park Concourse to Muni buses, automobiles with Disabled Placards and service and emergency vehicles.

6. Public Comment: Roger Bazely: Schools still having problems with drop-off zones. New signs have been prepared. Supports comprehensive planning for pedestrian areas. BRT on Geary should include pedestrian safety provisions.

7. Adjournment: At 6:45 PM