

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Action Minutes August 22, 2005

Meeting started at 5:30

Present: Members: Shirley Bierly; Cheryl Brinkman; Ed Franklin; Ken Kelton;; Pi Ra; and Howard Strassner.

Staff: Frank Markowitz, DPT

1. Minutes: Approved June Minutes. July minutes were not available

2. Hastings Garage: Daniel Frattin and Kyle Sosebee, Hasting students, presented: Hastings is proposing to build a seven story 450 place garage over some ground floor retail on site which formerly had affordable housing but now has a 150 place Hastings parking lot. Part of the lot site will be a eight story YMCA. Hastings is proposing to have the garage studied. A broad coalition of: students, affordable housing advocates and environmental organizations are opposed to the construction of the garage. A new garage will greatly increase auto traffic in the Tenderloin an area which already has high numbers of accidents and pedestrian fatalities. The Larkin Street garage entrance and exit will severely impact the high level of pedestrian movement to and from nearby transit.

PSAC Voted: PSAC agrees to sign on to the July 29, 2005 coalition letter to the Hastings Board of Directors opposing the garage and will also send our own letter.

3. Pedestrian Master Plan: Frank Markowitz, DPT presented the draft PMP scope. **Public**

Comment: Michael Radetsky, DPH: DPH wants to help with outreach and serve on the Steering Committee. **Emily Drennen,** Walk SF: Wants more time to involve other agencies; wants to serve on the Steering Committee; wants to know how the ADA Transition Plan will work with PMP. It is unfair to use PSAC, volunteers as main conduit to outreach. Need Outreach to children as well as seniors and disabled. Consultants should have strong experience with pedestrians as well all modes. **Bob Planthold, SAN** made his comments in writing.

PSAC Voted: PSAC recommends that the SFTCA approve the DPT PMP budget request with the following conditions for modification to the PMP Draft Scope of Work:

1) Include certainty that the different communities will be adequately involved by the outreach effort; 2) The Steering Committee should include adequate representation from community organizations as well as PSAC for the purpose that community input will be adequately considered. 3) All of the consultant's work to provide "best practice" information shall be made available to PSAC and community members.

4. Public Comment: Ana Validzic, DPH: is preparing a resources booklet on SF agencies who work on pedestrian issues and wants PSAC support. PSAC will discuss next month.

Jillian Gillett: Medical Marijuana shops seem to be very auto centric and are often located too close to schools with drivers parking in yellow striped crossing areas. PSAC will discuss next month along with Safe Walks to Schools and proposed legislation.

5. Adjournment: At 7:40 PM

