

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee Minutes

- January 8, 2013 -

Meeting started at 5:32pm

Present: Kevin Clark, D-1; John Lowell, Disabled Advocate; Raymond McCoy, D-11; John Ehrlich, D-2; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Zach Marks, At-Large; James Rhoads, D-5; Richard Rothman, Senior Advocate; and Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate. Excused: Robin Brasso, Child Advocate and Christopher Coghlan, D-7. Unexcused Absent: Pi Ra, Ped Org; There are currently 12 appointed members. Staff: Darcie Lim, SFMTA

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the December minutes.

2. SFPD Traffic Company: Eric Mahoney, Major Accident Investigation (MAI): They have a new Captain, Flaherty. Reviewed recent collisions: Twin Peaks: One fatality and two injuries, DA pressing DUI charges; Turk and Lyon: One serious injury, hit and run case; 21st and South Van Ness: One pedestrian fatality caused by vehicle fleeing felony, homicide case; Pine and Stockton: Serious injury to foreign juvenile probably due to her opposite side traffic experience. Traffic Engineering is also studying each collision. Each District Captain will concentrate enforcement at their five worst areas. Lt. Joe Engler is new MTA police head.

PSAC Comments: A) PSAC wants to see TE study results. B) SFPD should add serious injuries to summary list.

3. SF Transportation Plan, CAC: PSAC voted to have Paul Supawanich continue as our representative on the CAC, to allow him to use his experiences to help complete the work of the CAC, even though he is no longer a member of the CAC.

4. Draft 2012 PSAC Annual Report: PSAC voted: to approve the draft, prepared by Tom Rogers, allowing for minor corrections before printing and submittal to the Supervisors. We will work to be more pro-active in 2013.

5. PSAC Elections: PSAC voted: To elect by acclamation: Zach Marks as Chair; John Lowell as Vice-Chair and Howard Strassner as Secretary. PSAC thanked Thomas for his service and Thomas thanked PSAC for the opportunity to serve.

Thomas Rogers thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve as Chair the past year, and reminded members that a number of seats are up for renewal in 2013- some of the full Board seats expire in March, and all of the individual Supervisor district seats expire in June. He mentioned that, going forward, he would like to continue helping to stabilize and expand the membership roster. He also mentioned that he would like to see PSAC address distracted driving (drunk driving, texting while driving, etc.) at some point in the coming year.

6. SFMTA Staff Report: Darcie Lim: A) Hired new school guards; B) Polk Project scheduling meetings with merchants; C) Draft Report on performance of JFK bike track will be completed in March. PSAC Comments: A) Need to know how traffic calming new medians were selected and designed; B) Jefferson Street changes should be reviewed with PSAC. C) We will the performance of bike tracks relative to pedestrian safety.

7. New Issues: Distracted Driving of any sort.

8. PSAC Membership: Some Board appointed seat expire in March and the Rules Committee should be notified of intention to continue. They are often late with a hearing because they may wait for some one else to file for the seat. All District seats expire in June and members will have to tell their Supervisor of their intentions.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 5:30pm in City Hall Room 408.

Notes taken by Howard Strassner, Secretary