

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee

Minutes January 14, 2020

Meeting started at 6:00 PM.

Present: Jay Bain, D-1; Andrew Jacobs, D-2; Gabrielle Haug, D-3; Martin Rawlings-Fein, D-4; Serena Unger, D-5; Bettina Cohen, D-6; Jon Winston, D-7; Evy Posementier, D-8; Kevin Stull, D-9; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Howard Strassner, Transit or Environmental; Cyndi Bakir, Bike; Jacqueline Chavez, SFUSD
Absent: None. There are currently 13 appointed members. **Staff:** Michael Jacobson

Quorum for meeting (13 total present)

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approve Agenda

- a. Agenda approved
 - i. All Ayes

4. Approve Minutes

- a. Minutes approved
 - i. All Ayes

5. General Public Comment

- a. John Parr
 - i. Spoke in front the Chamber of Commerce
 - ii. Concern over cars alongside Muni trains in Outer Sunset and the risk to pedestrians who are stepping off train
 - 1. No signage and no stations
 - iii. Asking for \$25 million to build proper train stations in the Outer Sunset
 - iv. Meeting with Gordon Mar in the near future

6. SF Police Department Report

Sgt embody SFPD

- 12/2 – 11:53 pm – Van Ness and Market – ped stepped off curb into vehicle, vehicle fled, hit and run, open investigation, minor injuries
- 12/6 – 10:45 pm – 3rd and King – Ped injury
- 12/7 – No time given – Bayshore and Bacon – 80-year-old female struck by car, fatality
- 12/22 – 1 am – Mission and Trumble – ped crossing street, hit by SUV, open investigation
- 1/12 – 1:23 am – Bayshore and Sunnysdale – ped was sitting on LRV coupler link, caught under wheels of train, fatality, open investigation

Public Comment

- John Parr
 - o Kudos to SF MUNI driver for N Judah who stopped train to deal with skateboarder holding onto train

7. SFMTA Report

Michael Jacobson – SFMTA

- Michael not in attendance

8. Resolution – Increase SF Enforcement of Traffic Regulations

Jon Winston and Gabrielle Haug

- Increase enforcement with additional regulations
- Increase traffic enforcements related to pedestrian safety incidents, such as blocking intersections, traveling over city speed limits, running red lights, making illegal turns, and other illegal activities.
- Suggested amendment: Include all of Focus on the 5
 - o E.g. Failure to yield to pedestrian in a sidewalk
- Suggested amendment: Include specificity with numbers, including decreased numbers of citations over time and lack of resources related to hiring of SFPD officers.
- Suggested amendment: Change final phrase in last WHEREAS to either strike language or change the tone of the language related to income/funds

Vote on resolution with suggested amendments:

- o **Approved**
 - All Ayes

9. Resolution – Transit First Pedestrian Signs at Transit Stops

Howard Strassner

- Urges that SFMTA to provide pedestrians yield to transit signs on or near all transit stops that are also visible to nearby drivers and inside and on all transit vehicles
- Resolves that SFMTA provide pedestrians yield to transit educational materials to the SFUSD
- Suggestions/Comments:
 - o Want to see more data and background to support something like this
 - o Confused on certain language, such as scurrying pedestrians
 - o Confusion on potential jurisdictional issues related to this resolution
 - o Concerns on specificity of safety vs quickly
 - o Comments related to positive educational efforts included in the resolution
 - o Appreciate things that will speed MUNI up
 - o Noting that pedestrians have the right of way

Public Comment

- Heidi Peterson
 - o Concerned that quickly crossing a sidewalk as written is a less safe scenario in some cases

No motion to vote on this item

10. PSAC Procedures and Priorities

Combined with

11. Report from PSAC Restructuring Subcommittee

Howard Strassner, Martin Rawlings-Fein

- Want to improve the efficiency of our meetings
- Include preliminary agenda earlier to provide input
 - o Can send drafts of agenda items out to committee members for review
- Resolution process can occur earlier
- Sharing work with broader audience, i.e. SFMTA, Walk SF

- Strengthen relationships with staff, groups, offices, other committees, etc.
- Create an onboarding/initiation package
- Focus on Vision Zero
- Car-Free Streets → Pedestrian-Friendly Infrastructure

Comments:

- Appreciates having SFPD attend and provide information at meetings; Would prefer to not have this go away
 - o Could have accident team one month, enforcement team one month, etc.
 - o Would appreciate email out of report for clearer information
- Appreciates streamlining procedures
- Do not shut down comments and discussion, each of us brings a unique perspective
- Keep working hard to make sure that everyone's voices are involved
- Looks at PSAC as a pedestrian information clearinghouse
 - o Can pass on info at neighborhood meetings, etc.
- Appreciate the guidance included in the document
- Challenges include workload and organization, make sure we're tactical with our efforts
- Education, Engineering, Enforcement

Public Comment

- John Parr
 - o Can model pedestrian planning off of Munich, Germany
 - o Surround City Hall with pedestrian-free
- Jodie Madieros, Walk SF
 - o Happy that car-free streets is a PSAC priority
 - o On January 29th, Market Street is officially going car free
 - Ribbon Cutting – 10:30 am at the Embarcadero
 - o On January 30th, Walk SF hosting a walk down Market Street in honor of the car free Market Street
 - o On April 4th, Golden Gate Park will be car-free
 - Suggestion for resolution that the Park be more pedestrian friendly and car free more often than on celebrations

12. Chairs Report

Kevin Stull, D-9

- Election for PSAC leadership to occur in the future, likely February meeting
- Would like to focus efforts on PSAC improvements

13. Members Report

Martin Rawlings-Fein

- Working on daylighting street corners all over D-4, cross-collaborative effort
- Affordability study
- Vision Zero goals for D-4

Thomas Rogers

- Encouragement to try for a leadership position in PSAC
- Bayview improvements report scheduled to be shown to Board of Supervisors

Jon Winston

- Bring Vision Zero monthly progress reports

Serena Unger

- Meeting with planning department
- Some neighborhood plans are being updated

Jackie Chavez

- Safe routes to schools at all SFUSD schools this year
- Safe routes now under SFMTA umbrella rather than DPH umbrella

Bettina Cohen

- Term is up for renewal and won't be seeking reappointment
- D-6 office is actively working to find a replacement

Jay Bain

- Knows someone who would be interested in joining PSAC for a senior/disability seat
- Sunday Streets having a planning summit this month for all Sunday Streets events in 2020
- D-1 bike ride on January 26th from the Conservatory out to the west edge of Golden Gate Park
- D-1 Supervisor and SFMTA having public meetings around changes to California Street

14. Future Agenda Items

- 2020 PSAC Elections
- 2019 Draft PSAC Report
- DPH report out – Severe Injury Report
- Jeff Tumlin Project Promotion

Public Comment

Jodie Madieros

- Capital Improvement Plan currently being drafted, to be approved ~April 2020. PSAC should look into this and provide feedback.
- Lighting and the public utilities commission. How is the PUC looking at lighting and safety?
- Waiting for California's Zero Death Task Force report. PSAC should review.
- Prop D money designated for bike and ped safety. Potentially \$15M annually. PSAC should put in preferences for expenditures.

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:50 pm. Next Meeting: February 11, 2020.