Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee Draft Minutes June 11, 2013

Meeting started at 5:32 PM.

Present: Howard Bloomberg, Walk Advocate; Robin Brasso, Child Advocate; Christopher Coghlan, D-7; John Lowell, Senior & Disability Advocate; John Ehrlich, D-2; Becky Hogue, Sonja Kos, D-10; Thomas Rogers, D-10; Zack Marks, At-Large; Howard Strassner, Transit Advocate; Devon Silvernail, D-9; Christina Tang, D-3; and John Winston, SFUSD. Excused: Gary McCoy, D-8 and Kevin Clark, D-1. Unexcused Absent: Pi Ra, Ped Org. There are currently 16 appointed members. Staff: Darcie Lim, SFMTA.

1. Minutes: PSAC approved the May minutes.

2. Public Comment: A) Kimberley Jones: Presented Zack with a sketch and thanks for being effective. Still waiting for approval from Rules Committee for appointment to PSAC. B) Mark Bolton: Also waiting. C) Taylor Whitman: Hysteria about loss of a few parking spaces may prevent Pedestrian safety improvements on Polk. Notices increasing driver disregard for pedestrians. Supports corner bulbs.

3. Bicycle Advisory Committee: PSAC Voted: PSAC will seek to seat a PSAC member (without a BAC vote) with the BAC and encourage BAC to seat a BAC member with PSAC (without a PSAC vote). Howard S, Robin, Thomas and Chris volunteered to occasionally attend BAC meetings. BAC meets on the fourth Monday.

4. SFPD Traffic Company: They are doing pedestrian enforcement at school and senior sites. PSAC: A) SFPD should spend more on pedestrian issues; B) Should add distracted driving to traffic schools; C) Want more reports on investigation on collisions.

5. Sergeant Tobin: PSAC Voted: Commendations and thanks for his support and community outreach. Retired Sgt. Tobin: Will continue to be active on Pedestrian Safety issues.

6. Pan Handle: PSAC Comments: No need for further discussion with RPD on this issue.

7. Pedestrian Safety Legislation: Cecilia Tran. Assembly member Ammiano's Office: Presented AB 840, to add acknowledging distracted driving to driver license applications and AB 1194, to maintain funding for safe routes to schools.

8. Sloat Boulevard: Jon: Pedestrian improvements at three intersections will include: new signals, countdowns, pedestrian initiated signals and corner bulbs.

9. Education Sub-Committee: Robin, Chris and Howard B: Ambassador Program still seeking to set up a pilot and get some funding. Need to demonstrate consequences of dangerous driving, cycling and walking.

Public Comment: Kimberly Jones: Keep up the effort; streets are not civil.

10. SFMTA Staff Report: Darcie Lim: A) MTA seeking State funding for signal infrastructure improvements on: South Van Ness; Polk and Geary. B) Polk survey is closed. C) JFK report on line: http://www.sfmta.com/news/project-updates/jfk-drive-bikeway-final-evaluation PSAC: What are we doing to meet the Mayor's policy to reduce pedestrian collisions by 25% by 2016?

11. PSAC Website: PSAC Comments: Needs updating including member telephones and emails. Public Comment: Susan Katuzawa: Site should include meeting site.

12. Future Agenda Items: A) Devin: Amend the SF Transportation Code to create permanent red zones at all intersections, following the guideline outlined by the MUTCD. By doing so all road users will see an improvement in visibility at intersections. B) Howard: Recommend that the MTA consider providing corner bulbs whenever new ADA ramps are being constructed.

13. Chairs Report: Zack: A) Related recent auto collisions with pedestrians. B) We still have a lot of work to do.

14. Adjournment: At 7:10 PM. Next regular meeting, July 9, 2013.

Howard was note taker.