



**CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City Hall Council Chamber
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA 94952

**DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, June 07, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bond called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kevin Bjorke, Kelly Bond, Nicole Camarda, Marja Tarr (departed at 7:08pm), Patricia Webb, Blake Hooper, Stacey Earl, Brian Barnacle, Jerry Wilkinson

ABSENT: Pamela Asselmeier

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

During **General Public Comment**, the public is invited to make comments on items of public interest that are within the City Council's subject matter jurisdiction and that are not listed on the current agenda. Public comments are limited up to three minutes per person. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Council, time will be allocated in equal shares totaling no more than twenty minutes, subject to the Council's discretion (Cal. Gov't. Code §54954.3(a), Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies and Procedures, III).

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

NOTE: Chair Bond noted change in order of discussion for Presentations. It was determined to address Presentation 2 then 1.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation from the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee's Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Committeemembers Wilkinson and Tarr and Ad Hoc participant Justin Adams introduced the Agenda item.

Committeemember Feedback:

- Would like the Ad Hoc research to continue and agendize for the future
- Would like more information on connections to schools
- Complete connections
- Encourage education and bike riding with students
- Focus on trail maintenance
- Add trash cans to amenities

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Note: Committeemember Tarr departed meeting at 7:08pm.

1. Presentation from the American Institute of Architects Petaluma Sustainable Design Assessment Team

Pete Gang presented, answered questions, and held discussion with Committee.

Committeemember Feedback:

- Encouraged suggestions introduced in this presentation are integrated into City guided adopted documents; i.e., Bike Plan, General Plan; Street Design Standards, traffic calming program, etc.
- Encourage to focus on planting trees and removing lanes.
- Consider incentive programs
- Recommends more education around density
- Look at opportunities for zoning changes; (IZO) Implementing Zoning Ordinance
- Consideration of creating ordinance for food trucks and events
- Noted concerns with wildfires in regard to recommended changes to Washington Street
- Focus on public transit and funding; need smaller vehicles instead of big busses and a more flexible transit system
- Encourage education for these efforts

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED
There were no public comments.
PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

3. Presentation on the Draft Sonoma County Trail Entry/Exit Design Alternatives

Bjorn Gripenburg gave presentation, answered questions, and held discussion with Committee. Encouraged all to review the document and send comments to Bjorn Gripenburg by July 1st to send to the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department - bgripenburg@cityofpetaluma.org.

Committeemember Feedback:

- Consideration of exploring volunteer efforts

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED
There were no public comments.
PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of May 3, 2023.

Minutes of Regular meeting of May 3, 2023, were approved as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Recommendation to Authorize the Chair to Provide a Letter of Support for the City's Applications to the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program for the Citywide Intersection and Crosswalk Safety Improvements Project and Lakeville Corridor Multi-Modal Improvements Study

Bjorn Gripenburg presented, answered questions, and held discussion with Committeemembers.

Committeemember Feedback:

- Would like list of uncontrolled intersections from staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED
There were no public comments
PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Motion to Approve Recommendation to Authorize the Chair to Provide a Letter of Support for the City's Applications to the US Department of Transportation's Safe

Streets and Roads for All Grant Program for the Citywide Intersection and Crosswalk Safety Improvements Project and Lakeville Corridor Multi-Modal Improvements Study **made by Voting Member Barnacle, seconded by Voting Member Webb.**

Vote: 8-0

Yes: Voting Member BJORKE, Voting Member BOND, Voting Member CAMARDA, Voting Member WEBB, Voting Member HOOPER, Voting Member EARL, Voting Member BARNACLE, Voting Member WILKINSON

No: None

Absent: Voting Member ASSELMEIER, Voting Member TARR

Recused: None

6. Receive Presentation and Provide Feedback on Proposed Safe Streets Nomination Program

Bjorn Gripenburg gave presentation, answered questions and held discussion with Committeemembers. Noted updates will be given at future meetings.

Committeemember Feedback:

- Recommended to post on social media sites, i.e., Facebook, Nextdoor
- Important to keep applicants informed of status/next steps and post relevant information as necessary
- Consideration of adding bonus points, i.e., climate mitigation
- Noted possible neighbor conflicts with changes; recommended small steps
- Add family resource centers, transit stops, mobile home parks to the list
- Put toolkit out there often
- Explain “terms” in application when needed
- Recommends more open text fields in application for opportunities to “tell their story”
- Ask applicant if they are willing to educate/reach out to neighbor(s)
- Factor in other criteria, i.e., population, traffic
- Give opportunities to plant trees

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Councilmember Barnacle
Committeemember Bjorke
Chair Bond
Committeemember Earl
Committeemember Hooper
Committeemeber Wilkinson
Committeemember Wilkinson
Committeemember Webb

STAFF COMMENT

Bjorn Gripenburg gave staff comments. See attached for full details.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bond adjourned meeting at 9:32PM.