

PBPG's Streets & Sidewalks Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

PB Library, November 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Note: No meeting in December. PB Planning Group has switched its meeting date—Board meetings are now on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, S&S will be on the 4th Wednesday. Next meeting for S&S is January 22.

1. Call to order, 5:37 p.m.

2. Sign-in; introductions. Attending were Karl Rand, Ed Gallagher, Paula Gondolfo, Scott Chipman, Tom Coat, Ellen Turkel, Marcella Teran, Chris Brewster, Ron Walker, Liz Segre, Chris Olson, Regina Sinsky, Jennifer Liesthal, Rick Borroughs, Stephanie Rodriguez, Tricia Spangler and chair Eve Anderson; 17 people.

3. Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- **Marcella Teran**—PB Town Council is selling “PB supports SDPD” tee shirts. Please wear to the parade on December 14.
- **Scott Chipman**—Code Management Team is reporting on sidewalks, Garnet (?).

4. Minutes approved—Motion, Karl Rand, Ed Gallagher 2nd.

5. Agenda approved—Motion Karl, Ed 2nd.

6. Chair's Report:

—**Opal Street** was amazing on Halloween, crowded with locals and visitors, great decorations, haunted house.

—**Rose Creek “3 Bridges Walk”**, from Garnet to Mike Gotch bridge at PB Drive; beautiful, volunteers have cleaned out invasive plants, added natives. Spotted egrets, herons, ducks.

—**Joe Bettles' shuttle report:** Joe is unable to attend meeting, but is working with SANDAG and will report to us in January.

Chair asked about scooter riding in PB, changes with new city regulations. Roundtable:

- **Marcella Teran**—Piles of trash are accumulating near/in corrals. Street sweepers can't clean them; near PB Drive/Dawes/Reed.
- **Scott**—Riders use them for real transportation in his neighborhood (near Olney), but ride 20 mph in the street.
- **Chris Brewster**—Scooters are still left on the sidewalks. Need to contact (the city's) Waste Water for street sweeping—don't want debris to wash into the bay.
- **Ed**—Dramatically improved! The boardwalk is way better.

Consensus: Scooter problems have improved; cooler weather and fewer tourists help, but the new regulations are generally working in PB.

7. Regina Sinsky—Working on the **PROW program** (to regulate excess sidewalks signs, etc.). Landlords are often hard to locate. She's formed many alliances and will continue to pursue cleaning up Garnet of potential trip hazards.

8. Eve Anderson—Will begin working on **Garnet Block Captain program** at the end of the year. Suggestion: Send letters to Code Enforcement Department, observing chronic illegal sign boards. Block Captains will eventually serve to educate business owners in each block.

9. La Playa—New sidewalks have been installed from Ingraham to Promontory and also near Shasta. Credit for following through on the sidewalks installations goes to PB resident Don Gross, who worked with city Transportation staff. Don was highly commended by S&S; but was unable to attend this meeting.

10. Foothill Boulevard Traffic/speeding problems:

- **Tom Coat**—In 1992, a Beach & Bay Press story told of citizens pleading for help on Foothill Blvd. Four years ago, the city wanted to increase speed to 30 mph, instead of 25 mph. "We worked with Gary Pence and later suggested a roundabout at Loring. Construction in 2020 (??). There's not one crosswalk from Beryl to Fanuel, over 4 blocks. You have to dash across the street! It needs lighted crosswalks.
- **Stephanie Rodriguez**—Foothill and Opal; she has observed many accidents and frequent honking horns.
- **Tricia Spangler**—Foothill and Vickie; she's witnessed accidents. Neighbor Jeff Rosan's daughter's car was totaled two weeks ago.
- **Marcella**—Crosswalks don't help unless they're lighted crosswalks. People drive too fast in that area.
- **Chris Olson**—(former S&S chair) 4 or 5 years ago, Jeff Rosan brought accident photos to our meeting. Ambrose Wong, (resident, architect) volunteered and drew plans for 4 roundabouts on Foothill. They're on the CIP list for development. We should invite Gary Pence to a future S&S meeting to ask about the status of the roundabouts.
- **Chris Brewster**—I walk a couple of dogs every morning (in Crown Point) with a crosswalk/flashing light. Question: Would a roundabout on Foothill impact people's driveways?

Consensus: All of the cross-streets along Foothill need help. Cars are constantly speeding. Need to have the city examine that area again for immediate relief, as accidents are increasing. It's too dangerous for cars and pedestrians to wait for construction of roundabouts.

Note: The S&S meeting was followed immediately by another PBPG meeting on the Mission Boulevard Plan. Several board members attended part of our meeting too, including Jason Legros and Steve Pruett.