

PBPG's Streets & Sidewalks Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

PB Library, July 10, 2019

1. Call to order, 5:42pm (Had to wait for room to be cleared.)

2. Sign-in, introductions: Attending were Karl Rand, Ed Gallagher, Joe Bettles, Bill Zent, Gordon Froehlich, Don Gross, Liz Segre, Ron Walker, Andrea Glover and Chair Eve Anderson.

3. Non-Agenda Public Comment: Don Gross–Dangerous area on Rose Creek Bike Path, near East Mission Bay Bridge.

4. Agenda approved.

5. Minutes–Read June 12 summary; to be approved next month.

6. Chair's Report: Suggested each person read the "Circulation Element" of the PB Community Plan, dated 1994 (!) It's on the PBPG website. The need to update is urgent and requested that Karl, as PBPG's chair, contact appropriate City staff to begin the process. Also, TOD (Transit Oriented Development), and how it will affect PB.

7. Scooter Discussion–New ordinance and its roll-out, July 1:

- **Joe**–Was pleasantly surprised. Lifeguards said scooters had been a big problem for them, now it's "like night and day". Geofencing–works most of the time. Riding and staging are better (down near the beach). 8mph is OK. July 4th, was pleased with the improvement.
- **Liz**–Doesn't see the purpose for scooters on the boardwalk–there should be a summertime ban. She sees 6-8 parked together on the sidewalk and lots of sidewalk riding.
- **Ron**–Friend had an accident. Some companies have higher handlebars and can be a problem for some riders–test first!
- **Gordon**–It's a lot better in his area of mid-PB. Some are still going too fast. Sees 20 staged in a row, single ones left all over.
- **Don**–"Have a scooter committee. Scooters have totally destroyed Streets & Sidewalks–that's all you do."
- **Andrea**–"I ride my bike on Bayside regularly." Sees scooters going very fast. She volunteers to re-paint 8mph signs herself–they're very faded. Also sees groups of people: a Yuma bike club with 100 riders, not yielding to cars or anyone. "Shared Lanes" are terrible.

- **Karl**—Building a home in Mission Beach, across from old elementary school. He’s down in MB frequently, rode a scooter to save time. Is really optimistic.

8. Need different location for August 14 S&S meeting. The library has another event that night. Liz will confirm PB Woman’s Club for our meeting.

9. Bill Zent’s Scooter Proposal: SDPD is missing minors (citing them). He interviewed officers; they’ve been instructed to “not pay much attention” to scooter problems. Can’t detain minors. Bill suggested PD deploy a mobile substation. Also, to ask PD to have officers on bikes patrol the boardwalk in 2-hour shifts at least occasionally—visibility is important.

Motion—To form a “task force” to talk with Northern Division, SDPD. The full board needs to vote on it. Karl pointed out that we can’t include PB Town Council, since bylaws are quite different in each group. PBPG must adhere to the City’s specific policies, #600-24.

10. Fire-Hydrant red zones: Ed Gallagher. More fire hydrants have been added at regular intervals in PB. Parking requirements are 15’ in either direction. Ed spoke with city rep; they don’t always paint curbs red, however on busy streets they do, mostly in commercial areas. There is no protocol, however, requests for red curbs are generally filled.

Motion: That requests for red curbs are to be reviewed by PB Planning Group, so the community can voice its concerns and nearby neighbors are notified. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Bill Zent’s Garnet Avenue Proposal: Make Garnet one-way west and Felspar one-way east, between Mission Blvd. and Ingraham.

- Garnet is 45’ wide. Divide it into 4 zones: A Mobility lane (bikes, scooters, etc.) 10’ wide, 5’ in each direction; next are bollards and paint, then the main vehicle lane, 18’ wide. Last would be diagonal parking, but *reverse* diagonal. (No parallel parking.) Bill says it’s used successfully on West Mission Bay Drive near Fiesta Island. He’s concerned about bikes and scooters on Garnet’s sidewalks and feels this would solve the problem.

– **Joe**—A plan like this exists—Discover PB and Beautiful PB are supporting a version of this. Check with them.

– **Don**—This was proposed 3 months ago and the City shut it down. (due to concerns about bus routes, heavy through traffic.) You can pass something 1 block long, but if it’s more than that, it goes to the City.

– **Gordon**—Anything you do on Garnet affects my neighborhood on Emerald. It affects the bus routes if Garnet is one-way. If buses are re-routed to Felspar, then property values would go down. There are new condos on Felspar—and those people don’t know about this. Felspar and Ingraham is a busy intersection now—it would be a mess down there (if buses and more traffic were routed that way.)

–**Andrea**–Grand and Garnet are the major streets through PB. Turning Felspar into a major street...I'd lead the lawsuit against it if I lived there. The reality is that we need to look more to the Community Plan. It may need a parking structure, more money and more planning.

– **Bill**–Then you're not going to solve the scooter problem.

Consensus: Bill should research the Discover PB/Beautiful PB proposal.

Chair: This is a major proposal that should be part of the PB Community Plan update. We would need wide community input and support, which we cannot provide at this time. Let's save this for the future.

13. Adjourn, 7: 24 p.m.

Chair's Note: Liz confirmed our next meeting on August 14, 5:30 p.m.. It will be held at the PB Woman's Club, 1721 Hornblend, with parking along the east side of the building. Our guest will be Gary Chui, the sidewalks expert from the City's Traffic Engineering division.