

## **PBPG's Streets & Sidewalks Subcommittee Meeting Minutes PB Library, October 9, 2019**

### **1. Call to order, 5:36 p.m.**

**2. Sign-in; introductions:** Attending were Karl Rand, Ed Gallagher, Joe Bettles, Jason Legros, Paula Gandolfo, Sara Berns, Regina Sinsky, Don Gross, Gordon Froelich, Dan Allen, Tom Brady, John Terell, Kim Clinton and chair Eve Anderson; 14 people.

### **3. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

–**Gordon Froelich**–Traffic accident at Fanuel and Missouri; car upside down.

–**Ed Gallagher**–Garnet needs TLC the day after St. Patrick's Day. It's on a Tuesday in 2020, proposes to organize a clean-up, which would include bar workers.

–**Don Gross**–photos: (Don has pursued these independently.)

- Vegetation growth overhanging the sidewalks along the curve of Grand next to the golf course. City crew of 10 cleaned out overgrowth, fixed the problem.
- Drainage problem at NW parking lot, Mission Bay High. Who's responsible to clean out the area–city or MBHS?
- 1760 La Playa/3803 Shasta; no schedule of work to be done.
- Sidewalks were installed by the city near Rocky's on Ingraham and La Playa. Completed to alley, next will continue on toward Promontory with new sidewalk.

**4. Agenda approved,** Joe Bettles, motion; Karl Rand, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**5. Minutes approved from August** (no Sept. meeting) Karl, motion; Ed, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **6. Chair's report:**

- **BeachFest**–Presented a petition for renaming the new trolley station "Balboa/Pacific Beach". Positive comments. Also much interest in the potential return of the "SunRunner" shuttle or something like it.
- **Fanuel and Reed Streets**–Gary Pence said all-way stop sign didn't meet his Traffic Engineering Department requirement. Instead, he suggested an alternate route: A letter to Council member Jen Campbell's office, which should accomplish that goal.
- **Kate Sessions Park**–Gary says it should be about 3 months for a flashing sign to be installed on Soledad Road, just before the park entrance.
- **Agate Street**–Gary is checking his budget for sidewalk addition in 800 block of Agate.

**7. PROW–Public Right of Way** program on Garnet Avenue. Eve described history: 5 years ago, there were many offending signs, so PB Planning Group's Code Enforcement Subcommittee worked with the City Council office and organized a survey of Garnet, with the help of 10 local people from PB Planning Group and others. The Council office sent warning letters to offenders, then worked with Discover PB and Sara Berns to sign businesses up for the PROW program.

- **Regina Sinsky**—Sees lots of signs, banners and windsocks that are not allowed under PROW. She’s “pro-neon”, but would like to see fewer temporary signs.

- **Sara Berns, Executive Director, Discover PB**—“BIDs manage the PROW program, but only for signs in the BID area. It’s \$100 for an annual permit for stickers, placed both on the window of the business and on the sign. Business owners must carry liability insurance. Signs may ONLY be placed in front of the store, a regulated height, 2’ from the curb. Displays are a ‘slippery slope’ and need to be monitored.

“There are 1600 businesses in PB—most people don’t know the regulations. It’s not a very enforceable program. Mailing the info costs \$3,000 and the city doesn’t give us an email address. My priority is not to go around and upset my business owners.”

## Q & A

—**Karl**—What happens if there was enforcement? —**A.** They would get a warning first, then a fine later.

—**Joe**—It can’t be off-site and he understands that. “Konito’s is deep in the shopping center, but I agree about littering the sidewalks.”

—**Sara** has sent renewal notices to PROW permit holders, hopes to hear from them. (Total unknown.) She recently lost her program manager who assisted with PROW.

—**Eve**—Suggests that we (individually) talk to businesses, since Sara doesn’t have the time.

—**Jason**— One self-policing method is a Block Captain system, where one person in each block could share info on PROW to educate neighborhood businesses. It’s like a Neighborhood Watch program for businesses.

—**Eve**— Discover PB *had* a Block Captain system when it was created, in 1997, but it eventually faded out. That’s a great idea—to re-form it.

## 8. Oceanfront Parking, Grand to Thomas: Should it remain 24-hour parking?

—**Joe**—Conrad Wear, of the Mayor’s office, is completing a 45-day study of the 20 spots. There’s discussion of removing those spots in the Mission Boulevard Plan.

—**Don**—There are areas below, in the Lifeguard Tower, for parking lifeguards’ private vehicles.

—**No signs are listed forbidding 24-hour parking, but they do say “No parking, 2-4 a.m.”** Not enforced very often. Item to be continued after 45-day study is completed.

## 9. The SunRunner Shuttle, should it run from new trolley to the oceanfront?

–**Eve**–History of the SunRunner, 1982-’87. There were 3 shuttles, running Wednesday to Sunday, June to September, with 25 loops a day around PB, down to Belmont Park and back.

–**Joe**–Everyone at BeachFest was asking how to connect PB to the trolley. He has a contact at MTS. Joe likes technology to reduce friction, like FRED (Free Ride Everywhere Downtown), using an app.

–**John Terell**–FRED took parking money downtown and used it for FRED–wealthy people, who could afford UBER, use it. He prefers a shuttle with a route.

–**Dan Allen, representing La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board**–“We have the same wording in our community plan (about connecting the trolley to La Jolla with a shuttle). About 1 ½ years ago, we started asking MTS, and they said, ‘We’re listening’–but there’s no action to date.”

–**Joe**–There’s an MTS website, asking for future transit ideas. An article in the San Diego Union Tribune used the PB shuttle as an example! Please vote for that shuttle.

–**Regina**–It should be an electric shuttle. Oceanside has an electric shuttle system.

–**Don**–Agrees. There are also solar-powered vehicles.

–**Joe**–**Motion: The PB Planning Group supports connectivity to the Balboa Avenue trolley station through a dedicated shuttle service that would reduce automobile congestion and ensure residents and visitors can access Pacific Beach and the surrounding beach areas.**  
Ed, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

–**Ed**–Frequency is important. He wants a free shuttle. Perhaps free to residents? Much discussion; consensus–not to add “free” at this time.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

**7:30. Adjourn.**

Minutes, Eve Anderson, chair  
Streets and Sidewalks Subcommittee