

PBPG's Streets & Sidewalks Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

PB Library, May 8, 2019

1. **Call to order**, 5:33 p.m.

2. **Sign-in; introductions.** Attending were Ed Gallagher, Karl Rand, Paula Gandolfo, Joe Bettles, Scott Chipman, Bill Zent, Chris Brewster, Don Gross, Jim Reynolds, Maryanne Reynolds, Holly Cloud, Sue Lindsay, Linda Tarke, Katie Matchett, and chair Eve Anderson; total 15 people.

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

–Paula Gandolfo–It's National Bike Month; she attended PB Elementary's Bike Rodeo, with 90 students riding bikes to school.

–Don Gross–Problems with sidewalks at PB Drive and Crown Point Drive.

4. **Question–need help with PBPG projector.** Joe Bettles volunteered to help if Karl Rand can't make S&S meeting.

5. **Agenda approved.** Motion, Scott Chipman, 2nd Paula Gandolfo.

6. **Minutes approved.** Motion Bill Zent, 2nd Ed Gallagher.

7. **Chair's Report**, Eve Anderson:

–Mayor's proposed Scooter Regulations passed City Council, with additions to come; large turnout of community people.

–Congressman Scott Peter's PB rep, Cesar Solis, will help us to get sidewalks on Bluffside, East Mission Bay Drive. City's responsible, but he will connect us with Admiral Hartmann Military Housing rep.

–Discussion by chair of growing up without a car in West Philadelphia years ago. Small stores were on many corners in residential blocks, frequent home deliveries of milk, bread, etc. and fresh produce was sold in season along pedestrian alleys. How can we emulate? Comments: Ed, most people leave PB for employment. Zoning changes would be needed. Will the trolley help? Not sure.

8. **Academy Place and Chalcedony**, Katie Matchett: Difficult to see vehicles coming around the corner. They're often speeding, trying to avoid rush-hour traffic on Beryl. Are there speed limits? Yes, signs for 10 MPH, but ignored. Kate Sessions Elementary is nearby, with students on foot, parents driving. Motion, Ed; 2nd Bill: PBPG to request Traffic Engineering to evaluate Academy Place and Chalcedony intersection for traffic calming measures. Unanimous.

9. **Mission Blvd and Felspar pedestrian obstructions**, Katie Matchett: Two orange poles, placed to avoid steep storm drains, partially block the path of the crosswalk. Motion, Bill, 2nd Ed, PBPG requests that Traffic Engineering investigate the southeast corner of Mission Blvd. and Felspar to improve pedestrian access. Unanimous.

9. **Grand Avenue Lifeguard Tower needs vehicle parking for staff**, Joe Bettles: It's standard practice at other beach lifeguard towers for reserved parking. Currently, 4 disabled spots are nearby, also 6 public spots. Vehicles often park all day ("van-lifers"), have access to bathrooms. Comments: Chris Brewster, a lifeguard for 22 years, 13 as chief of lifeguards—he rode his bike. But most now live in East County. Questions: Should that area have 2-hour parking? Does parking need to be near their building or in the area? Motion, Joe, 2nd Scott, to investigate further; discuss at PBPG board meeting. Joe will seek a letter from the lifeguards. Unanimous, except Paula opposed.

10. **Fanuel and Reed Street, all-way stop sign**, Holly Cloud. It's now 2-way, on Reed Street only. Neighbors gathered 131 petition signatures in 2 hours. Recent accident drew SDPD, they have photos. Traffic engineers surveyed on a rainy Wednesday in winter; problems are worse on weekends in warmer weather. Chris Brewster noted the appeal process: It's a high criteria for an all-way stop, 25 points. Traffic accidents count as 9 points each and there have been several. Bill said drivers go way too fast on Fanuel. Motion, Joe, 2nd Bill, PBPG supports the reevaluation of the Fanuel and Reed Street intersection to qualify for an all-way stop sign.

11. **Prioritize Pedestrian-Activated Flashing Beacons**: Trailed to the end of the meeting, then ran out of time. Reschedule for June meeting.

12. **Driveway added to front of house, discussion**. Anthony Savoy added a driveway, thus decreasing street parking. Scott Chipman says he paid \$275 years ago to *remove* a driveway and the city still hasn't replaced the curb. Should be discussed by full board.

13. **Code Violations**: Don Gross. Missing sidewalk at Reed Street and Oceanfront. S&S approved last year, but everything's on hold by the city due to the PB Parks project.

14. **Meeting adjourned**, 7:05 p.m.