

MINUTES OF SVBC PENINSULA COMMITTEE MEETING OF 4 SEP 08

Attendees:

Corinne Winter	Caryl Gay	Didrik Hoag	Margaret Pye
Al Meckler	Bob Cronin	Mark Eliot	Mike Harding
John Langbein	Karen Davis	Gladwyn D'Souza	Bob Page
JerriAnne Meyer	Paul Wendt	Billy James	

Agenda Items:

1) The meeting was called to order, to be jointly chaired by Caryl and Mike, in Steve Vanderlip's absence.

2) No new faces were present; no introductions needed.

3) Reports and discussion on the N-S Route and the County Bike Map:

Mike: At the Aug. 28th C/CAG BPAC meeting, it was voted that SM County's insistence on a route other than Middlefield Rd must appear on the map; leaving a blank was not allowed. The route is by way of Bay Rd, nearly a mile detour.

Al M: If all the cities must agree for routes to be published, how is that to be accomplished? So. SF chose the Gateway route over Linden for the possibility of development there and grant money. They may be amenable to connecting Gateway to Bayshore at Oyster Point, where Brisbane's route starts.

Caryl: C/CAG's charter is to "serve the cities", with no independent input allowed.

Bob P.: The Board of Supervisors depends on staff reports, Public Works, etc. for decision-making. This makes input difficult, as we don't know the staffers. Since the detour to Bay Rd. is bad policy, all we can do is write letters to the Board members and Public Works. Can we get a meeting with James Porter, PW Director or Supv. Rich Gordon?

Corinne: It's important to avoid confrontational language in communication with the County, but seek cooperation.

Caryl will draft a letter. Corinne will sign a letter under the SVBC letterhead.

4) City reports (moved up):

Margaret: The San Carlos Art and Wine Festival, Oct 12th, will have bike parking; Surprise! San Carlos Green might help this year. The Chamber of Commerce needs to put it on their website. Can we get raffle items for bikers? The Menlo Park Bike Commission will discuss the Caltrain bike/ped underpass at the Sept. 8th meeting, 7:30 PM.

Mike: The Menlo Park Block Party had a successful SVBC/Bike Commission outreach table. Next year we need to plan early for parking.

Margaret: The Holly St/101 overpass received ambiguous bike pavement markings as a result of an un-official Caltrans contact. San Carlos needs to add signs giving motorists more warning, even if the markings cannot be corrected. Corinne will send Margaret's letter to SC Public Works.

Caryl: They created "San Carlos Green Bike Buddies" to offer support to new cyclists. A family group ride drew 30 riders.

Corinne: San Jose is thinking about an Open Street day, like San Francisco.

Al: So.SF has a new city bike/ped map, paid for by Kaiser. Parks and Rec with the BPAC has created the city bike routes.

Billy: Redwood City staff may recommend formation of a BPAC to the City Council in October after a year of "advisory group" meetings.

Paul: The Caltrain JPB meeting minutes of the Aug 7th meeting and Sept 4th meeting agenda were distributed.

5) SVBC and Peninsula Committee issues:

Corinne: Advocacy training and support for San Mateo Co. is offered. The Committee should pick issues that we wish to pursue, subjects to develop.

Gladwyn: Examples of issues: -- List County agencies and people as power and money paths.

-- Connected bike routes; "Complete Streets".

-- Rating city bike friendliness.

-- Find city TDA projects for your city and lobby for them.

The first and last items were selected for further development.

JerriAnne: SVBC Board Elections are at the end of the year. A schedule of coming events and information on elections is forthcoming.

Corinne: What SM Co. meetings should she attend? The C/CAG BPAC is definitely useful. SMCTA Board meeting is another candidate. (Secretary's note: The SMCTA bike advisory committee should be attended by someone.)

Mark, Corinne: SVBC's response to Caltrain on bike access is forthcoming and will critique their bike plan. We will be talking to the JPB as well. SVBC is not aligning with SFBC, thinking that wayside solutions are important, along with onboard access. Taking a non-confrontational stance offers a "good cop/bad cop" approach. Electrification will change everything, as new equipment will be required.

-- Bike To Work Day: BABC has a new director, so planning may change. Will the Alliance continue to do BTWD in San Mateo Co., now that Daniel Zurfluh has left?

-- Announcements: SVBC Board meeting in October will discuss goals for 2009. There will be a meeting with Gary Brustin (bike lawyer on SVBC Board) in Redwood City on Thursday, November 13th.

"Historic Santa Clara" bike ride, Sunday, Sept 28th, 3 PM. Can we do bike rides in other cities? Suggestions, ideas are hereby solicited.

6) Peninsula Committee chair:

Who will take Steve Vanderlip's place? There were no outright volunteers, so Caryl agreed to act as Chairperson, while Mike continues as Secretary.