

From: Dietz, Sidney
Sent: 7/16/2014 11:08:44 AM
To: Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov (Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Fwd: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

Also, he should spell it out. I don't want my bike stolen, but if I switch to the bus it will cost this much, switch to car would cost this much, all of these switches would dwarf the monthly cost of an iou rate increase. And they give notice, etc.

Do I seem terse? Blame the thumb keyboard.

From: Campbell, Michael [mailto:Michael.Campbell@cpuc.ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 10:40 AM Pacific Standard Time
To: Dietz, Sidney
Subject: Fwd: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

FYI. I hadn't thought of the due process argument. I will give it a B for crratibility!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shia, Terence" <terence.shia@cpuc.ca.gov>
Date: July 16, 2014 at 10:17:29 AM PDT
To: "Harris, Paul" <paul.harris@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Lamming, Jean A." <jean.lamming@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Gubman, Joanna" <Joanna.Gubman@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Zelazo, Michael" <michael.zelazo@cpuc.ca.gov>, "White, Richard" <Richard.White@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Fong, Brewster" <brewster.fong@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Cooke, Michelle" <michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov>, CPUC Bikes <cpuc_bikes@cpuc.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

All,

I have drafted the following letter expressing my thoughts and concerns about this new policy that I intend to send to the respective individuals, but I am open

to input and thoughts on this. I am also open to a more formal petition with multiple signatures if anyone else would like to sign on.

Thanks,

Terence Shia, P.E.

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An Open Letter to DGS, our Building Manager, and to whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the email dated July 11th at 4:54 PM that effectively changes the bicycle storage policy at the CPUC building beginning on July 21st. This email in two words basically states that this new policy is being enacted for "safety purposes." However, this email does not elaborate further on any specific safety codes or building codes that have been violated through the storage of bicycles in workspaces, aisles, or cubicles areas of the building. I can personally testify that I store my bicycle in an empty cubicle that is well out of the way of any common area. I can also avow that fellow bicyclists make every effort to not obstruct pathways or common areas of the building with their own bicycles. Without evidence that the current bicycle storage policy is causing safety hazards, this email is baseless and unfounded.

This email then goes on to direct all employees to park their bicycles in locations that have proven to be unsafe at the bike racks in the courtyard and the garage. Both of these locations are known hazards as bikes and bike parts have been stolen while being parked at these facilities. The only other location that is given as an option in this email is the bike room located in the P1C-5 area. Although there has been much thought and effort put into the creation of this bike room, this room is currently at half capacity with 24 wall hooks and 10-12 being used daily. This usage only reflects the current policy where there are bicyclists that do not use this room, who store their bicycles near their workspaces and who store their bicycles at 455 Golden Gate because they are currently located there. Unfortunately, the launch of this bike room coincided with the Restack Project, so the capacity has not been fully tested by the entire number of CPUC bicyclists. With the proposed policy, this room may very well be stressed to its limits with the storage of bicycles at its full capacity leaving little room to maneuver around and may in fact create unsafe conditions within the room itself.

At a time when this Commission has a renewed focus on safety, we still should not lose sight of due process. This email lays out a fundamental shift in policy on bicycle storage and dictates this policy go into effect 10 calendar days after service of this email. As policymakers here at the Commission, we are bound by the PU Code and the Rules of Practice and Procedure when effecting change. For example, comments on proposed decisions must be filed within 20 days of the date of service. With this email, only questions and concerns about the new policy may be levied within the 10 days allotted. Here, we must ask whether we received our due process or are we simply being dictated to in a totalitarian state? Even the utilities we regulate are required to give proper notice and hold public hearings for any rate increases, but with this email, our voices are not given the opportunity to be heard. I just ask now that we have an open dialogue of this policy change before it is enacted or else how can we really practice what we preach here at the Commission?

From: Harris, Paul

Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 2:57 PM

To: Lamming, Jean A.; Gubman, Joanna; Zelazo, Michael; White, Richard; Fong, Brewster; Cooke, Michelle; CPUC Bikes

Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

If DGS makes policy, it only makes sense they pay for any stolen bike – can we have DGS compile the # of people hurt by bikes in the bldg. so we can see the need for such drastic measures for “safety” in the 1st place – this isn’t a very “green” policy, and it seems to absolve DGS of any responsibility for thefts/damage. I don’t really like depending on this place to safeguard my bike.

From: Lamming, Jean A.

Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 1:19 PM

To: Gubman, Joanna; Zelazo, Michael; White, Richard; Fong, Brewster; Cooke, Michelle; CPUC Bikes

Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

I agree – I can’t lift my bike and manipulate it into a hook, etc.

I was just using my kickstand and locking my bike to itself in that room and I felt OK about it.

But I’ve heard that there are no more garage attendants which might make it easier for someone to carry a locked bike out of the garage if they gain access to that room.

I’m a little worried the room isn’t big enough for all of us.

Jean

From: Gubman, Joanna

Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 1:08 PM

To: Zelazo, Michael; White, Richard; Fong, Brewster; Cooke, Michelle; CPUC Bikes

Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

Hi Michelle,

For those of us who have a hard time physically lifting our bikes up onto wall hooks, is there any wheels-on-the-ground alternative?

Thanks,
Joanna

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From: Zelazo, Michael
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 1:04 PM
To: White, Richard; Fong, Brewster; Cooke, Michelle; CPUC Bikes
Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

I believe there are 24 wall hooks and about 10-12 are used on average daily. First-come, first-served.

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From: White, Richard
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 12:55 PM
To: Fong, Brewster; Cooke, Michelle; CPUC Bikes
Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

All,

It appears that there may be a jump in the number of people using the bike room.

Is there a max capacity on the bike room? What is DGS's plan when the room exceeds capacity? Where will bikers park if there are no more bike spots?

Apparently DGS is setting a priority for Electric Vehicles(EV) and setting aside spaces for them. Will bike parking have a similar priority?

From: Fong, Brewster
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 12:39 PM
To: Cooke, Michelle; CPUC Bikes
Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

Michelle,

Is there any way we can get DGS to give us more time before barring bicycles in the building? The deadline of July 21, 2014 is only a week away. Since it is unclear whether the bike room is sufficiently secured, many of us need additional time to go out and get security devices like a lock to try to prevent our bikes from being stolen.

I would like to request that we be allowed to continue bringing our bikes into the building for another two weeks or until Monday, August 4, 2014.

We appreciate your support. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brewster

From: Cooke, Michelle
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 5:35 PM
To: CPUC Bikes
Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

DGS now controls the 505 Van Ness Avenue building and establishes the parameters of what the CPUC can do as tenants in the building. DGS has decided that they will no longer allow bicycles in the building, consistent with the rules for 455 Golden Gate Avenue.

I encourage people to store their bikes in the Bike Room on P-1, which is more secure than the alternatives in the garage and courtyard. If you have been parking your bike elsewhere at 505 Van Ness, I definitely recommend you try out the Bike Room. Sean Simon did a fabulous job putting it together and it has had plenty of space on the times I've ridden in.

Michelle

From: Barnsdale, Andrew
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 5:04 PM
To: CPUC Bikes

Subject: RE: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

I'm sure there have been an inordinate number of very serious injuries to several people due to bicycles stored in cubes and hallways.

They wouldn't be doing this if it didn't make complete sense and if it weren't for our safety.

It's good to see they're jumping right onto one of our biggest safety issues as a Commission.

I feel like all the gears are well-greased and we're firing on all cylinders ...

From: Lamming, Jean A.
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 4:58 PM
To: CPUC Bikes
Subject: FW: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

They're directing people to store bikes in two places where there have been bike thefts: the racks in the courtyard, and the garage rack

From: WebMaster
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 4:54 PM
To: ALL PUC
Subject: On behalf of DGS Building Manager - Bicycle Storage Memo & Bike Room Policy

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 10, 2014

To: California Public Utilities Commission

From: Department of General Services

Building & Property Management Branch

505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2012, San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: BICYCLE STORAGE

For safety purposes bicycles are not to be stored in the workspace, aisle/hallway or cubicle area of the building.

Beginning July 21, 2014, the building security personnel will deny access to any employee, contractor, or intern attempting to carry a bicycle onto the main lobby elevators or into the main stairwells. Security will redirect staff to the bike racks, located in the Courtyard, Golden Gate entrance; on level P1 of the garage; and to the bike room, located in the PIC-5 area, across from the former daycare center office.

To use the bike room, employees must email CPUC Facilities at cpucfacilities@cpuc.ca.gov to get the access code for the door lock.

These areas are to be used for day parking of bicycles only, no overnight storage. They are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If there are any questions or concerns contact the **Building Managers office at 415-703-2936.**

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