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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, May 1, 2014
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Mark Ballew,
Art Cimento, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp,
Marc Salomon, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Marc Salomon, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: None
Joan Downey,
CAC members absent: Art Cimento and Daniel Murphy

3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- March 6, 2014
- March 20, 2014

The minutes of the March 6, 2014 meeting were continued to the June 5, 2014 meeting.

Public Comment:

None

On motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2014: Approved

Ayes – Ballew, Ferrario, Haverkamp, Salomon, Vaughan, Vincent, Weaver, Wong and Zepeda

Nays – None

Absent –Cimento, Downey, and Murphy

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver noted that Item 10 regarding a zero tolerance policy was previously approved so the item has been removed from the agenda. The March 20 minutes noted that certain items would be continued to the May 1 agenda. They will be on the June 5 agenda.

Joan Downey arrived at 5:40p

Steve Ferrario asked for information regarding the SF Weekly article regarding central subway finances. CAC Liaison Boomer stated that a consultant has been unable to properly configure and accounting system software developed by EcoSys. As a result, budget and expenditure reports generated by the software were inaccurate. To correct them, Central Subway staff has had to “hard code” the correct numbers. Once this was brought to the attention of the Chief of Staff, she

reached out to the Controller's Office to conduct an independent audit. The first phase of the audit is complete and phase two will be completed in the next eight to ten weeks. Staff will provide a copy of the audit to the CAC. The FTA has been aware of the software problems since 2012. After consulting with others who use the same product, staff is confident that the cause of the problem is the incorrect software configuration.

Councilmember Vincent requested the cost of the EcoSys software. Councilmember Salomon requested the fund source for the software system. Councilmember Ferrario requested a copy of the audit.

6. Public Comment

None

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Transportation 2030 program and associated revenue measures including a \$500 million General Obligation Bond and a local increase to the Vehicle License Fee of 1.35% to fund street and transportation infrastructure projects. (Alicia John Baptiste, Chief of Staff)

Candace Sue, Director, Communications presented the item. Ms. Sue discussed funding, status of San Francisco streets and public transportation service and infrastructure and next steps. There are three items that may be on the ballot including a GO bond, a Vehicle License Fee and a policy measure regarding how VLF funds would be used.

Councilmember Haverkamp requested a breakdown of the statistics regarding Light Rail Vehicles.

Councilmember Vaughan requested that a copy of the Controller's report regarding peer cities be provided to the CAC.

Councilmember Ballew requested information about open space for operator training.

Councilmember Vincent requested information about the ability of property owners to pass through a portion of any costs to renters.

Public Comment:

Eric P. Scott stated that he doesn't understand how the measures didn't increase property taxes. Renters are victims of tax pass-throughs. The "poorest of the poor" get hit hard by bond measures. A GO bond is an inefficient way of raising revenue. The SFMTA is giving away Sunday parking revenue. It's disingenuous to forgo money and then saying the agency is hurting.

Edward Mason stated that the MTA is taking over DPW's responsibility to maintain streets. He questioned the wisdom of redoing accessible curb ramps. The TSP (SPELL) is languishing and could bring in \$30 million annually. The MTA isn't setting aside money to take care of bus maintenance needs in the future for buses that are being purchased today.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the SFMTA's Equity Strategy Framework. (Julie Kirschbaum, Manager, Service Planning)

Julie Kirschbaum reviewed the equity strategy framework, methodology and policy. Social equity and access is a core value in the Strategic Plan. Muni service is disproportionately used by low income households. Ms. Kirschbaum reviewed customer demographics. Equity strategy is a neighborhood based approach.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason endorsed the motion. He also wondered why the K/T line had low on time performance.

Motion 140501.01

The CAC supports and recommends adoption of the Equity Strategy Framework and Policy:

Ayes – Ballew, Ferrario, Haverkamp, Salomon, Vaughan, Vincent, Weaver, Wong and Zepeda

Nays – None

Absent – Cimento, Downey, and Murphy

APPROVED

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding transit service to the Warrior's arena.

Frank Zepeda introduced a motion to support extending Central Subway underground stations to accommodate three or four car trains.

Public Comment:

Eric Scott stated that when the Central Subway Project was originally proposed, the stations were supposed to accommodate three car trains but that was changed to two car as cost reduction. Running four car trains on the surface isn't practical and the idea probably won't fly. He expressed concern about the liability when running in mixed flow traffic in the Bay View commercial corridor.

Motion 140501.02

The CAC recommends that with the pending move of the Golden State Warriors to a new arena in Mission Bay, the SFMTA explore expansion of the Central Subway underground stations to accommodate four car trains

Ayes – Ballew, Downey Ferrario, Haverkamp, Salomon, Vincent, Weaver, and Zepeda

Nays – Vaughan and Wong

Absent – Cimento, and Murphy

APPROVED

10. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation from the Operations & Customer Service Committee (OCSC)

Motion 131112.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA should have a zero-tolerance policy to people who trespass in the tunnels/subway and in the station areas after operating hours.

This motion was removed from the agenda as it had been previously approved.

11. Committee Members' requests for information. (For discussion only)

- Joan Downey asked the CAC to revisit Sunday meter enforcement in December.
- Sue Vaughan asked for the cost of America's cup to Muni.
- Sue Vaughan asked for a list of people who served on the Mayor's Transportation Task Force.
- Sue Vaughan asked if there had been any physical changes started for Commuter shuttle buses and wants to know what was done at 24th and Valencia.

12. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, # 7080

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Roberta Boomer
SFMTA CAC – Liaison