



## **BALBOA PARK STATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### *Meeting Minutes*

Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6-8pm

City College (55 Phelan Ave), Multi-Use Building on first floor, Room 140.

#### CAC Members:

1. Robert Muehlbauer, Chair, Neighborhood resident' interests - Present
2. Rita Evans, Vice Chair, BART riders' interests - Absent
3. Dan Weaver, Senior/Disabled Community Interests- Present
4. Scott Falcone, Land Use and Housing Group - Present
5. Gwynn Mackellen, Community and Economic Development - Present

Meeting commenced at 6:09pm

1. Introductions & Admin, Chair (10 minutes)
  - Approved minutes from August meeting
  - Agenda approved as amended
  - Four vacancies for CAC – Visit website to apply:  
<http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=15921>
    - Seat 1 representing Muni riders
    - Seat 3 representing Bicyclists and Pedestrians
    - Seat 4 representing Students, Faculty and Staff
    - Seat 8 representing Youth and Families.
  - Public Comment: None
2. Overview of Balboa Park Station Transit Operations (30 minutes)

Lupita Ibarra and Ernesto Del Barrio presented rail transit operation and changes at the Balboa Park Station. They explained that operations are coordinated in order to maximize efficiency of the trains. Ernesto Del Barrio updated that the work at Cameron beach is now complete and explained the train operations once the new platform is completed. He explained that the track area on San Jose Avenue at Geneva cannot be closed because it provides ADA access to the BART station.

A member of the public commented that there is not adequate signage for the stop changes surrounding the current construction of the new platform. Ernesto Del Barrio explained that the most up to date stop changes can be found on the Agency communication page.

A member of the public asked whether another K stop could be introduced prior to entering Ocean Avenue. Ernesto Del Barrio explained that stop has not been proposed and that operators are not permitted to board passengers at non-designated stops and furthermore operators are accountable for any injuries incurred in such instances.

A member of public expressed that it is difficult to catch the J-Church inbound at San Jose Avenue and San Innes stop. Ernesto Del Barrio explained that the a combination of factors is causing some gaps in service such as, rescheduling, reduced vehicle numbers



(trains are being pulled out of service due to maintenance needs) and not enough operators.

3. Transit Effectiveness Project (aka Muni Forward) and Rail Updates.  
Sean Kennedy was not able to attend due to a scheduling conflict. This presentation is to be rescheduled for the next upcoming meeting on December 16.
4. Balboa Park Station Citizen Advisory Committee Follow- Up, Chair (10 Minutes)
  - a. Overhead Trolley Line Pole Relocation  
Update: Engineers are investigating alternative designs
    - i. For Action: Authorization for Chair to send letter on behalf of CAC
  - b. Pedestrian Scale Lighting – Request presentation of lighting options  
Chair, Robert Muehlbauer, like to the committee to consider entertaining a lighting presentation in order to determine the committee’s opinions on lighting. CAC members recall at the March 2013 meeting, members determined their lighting preference for options 1 and 2. Danielle Harris, SFMTA staff, verified this determination from the March 2013 minutes.
5. Ocean Avenue Corridor Design Project Update (30 minutes)  
Presentation by Lily Langlois, Planner, SF Planning Department

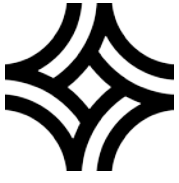
Tony Esterbrook presented phase 1 of the Ocean Avenue streetscape improvements, which will be located at three T-intersection; Ashton, Capital, and Granada Avenues. Treatments include street trees, decorative paving, landscaping, seating, bike racks, and potted vegetation.

Member of the public inquired as to what type of street trees are being considered. Tony Esterbrook responded Palm tree are likely to be planted, but they are considering alternatives.

Member of the public asked whether permeable pavers are being considered and Tony Esterbrook responded they’re not a feasible option considering the required excavation for their installation.

Scott Falcone asked if project it could be a collaborative project with PUC in order to share costs. Tony Esterbrook responded that the PUC is not accepting partnering projects at this time.

Member of the public asked how the locations were selected and Tony Esterbrook explained the sites were chosen based on feasibility ensuring they did not impact transit or parking.



Robert Muehlbauer asked where the special paving treatment will be continued through the corridor and Tony Esterbrook responded that the paving treatment will only be located at the three T intersections identified as part of phase 1.

Member of the public inquired whether bike racks would be included in phase 1 and Tony Esterbrook confirmed that yes, bike racks would be incorporated in the project.

Lil Langlois from the Planning Department and Fiona Cundy from DPW presented phase 2 of the project which will seek funding after the planning process. They explained that part 2 will be separated into two time segments; 5 year and 15 year. Project features include bike lanes (and sharrows), bulb outs, signage, lighting, sidewalk widening, greening, gateway treatments. There are also discussions to encroach on to City College and Balboa Park in order to widen Ocean Avenue roadway.

Member of the public expressed a concern regarding safety with the proposal to place street trees adjacent to the skate park.

A member of the public expressed concern with widening the sidewalk near the Ocean Avenue highway on-ramp if the Geneva ramps are to close, suggesting this improvement may have to be reversed due to traffic volume demands.

6. Balboa Park Station Citizen Advisory Committee Elections (10 minutes)

a. Chair

Dan Weaver nominated Robert Muehlbauer for Chair and Scott seconded that motion. Members unanimously approved Robert as Chair.

b. Vice Chair

Committee decided to hold the Vice Chair election at the December 16 Meeting

7. Closing Business, Chair (5 minutes)

Dan Weaver introduced a motion to have the Chair draft a letter to Lily Langlois at the Planning Department to express the committee's suggestion to include the land freed by the I-280 off ramp realignment and have it dedicated toward a community preferred use.

Danielle Harris summarized potential agenda items for the December 16 meeting including, station wayfinding signage from MTA staff, update from DPW staff regarding station maintenance and cleanliness efforts, SFCTA 280 off ramp configuration, and Muni Forward service changes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

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