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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, March 5, 2015
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell,
Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Steve Taber,
Alex Reese, 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 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Joan Downey and Daniel Murphy

CAC members absent: None

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

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – None

ABSENT – Joan Downey and Daniel Murphy

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver stated that the CAC received information regarding the cell phone citations. This item will be discussed at the April CAC meeting.

No public comment.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason commented on Assembly Bill 61 which would legalize the use of Muni bus stops for corporate commuter buses and would like to know the SFMTA's position on this. Mr. Mason stated that this is a gift of public asset and in Noe Valley, these buses run every 2 ½ minutes creating a conflict with Muni buses during peak hours. Mr. Mason believes this should be carefully examined.

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Wiggle Neighborhood Green Corridor.
(Miriam Sorell, Senior Transportation Planner)

Miriam Sorell provided an overview of the Wiggle Neighborhood Green Corridor project. Ms. Sorell stated that project goals are: reduce the amount of storm water that drains to combined sewer systems; minimize congestion and encourage safe speeds; and improve conditions for people who walk, bike and live along the Wiggle. The Wiggle is a flat zig-zag bike route that is located between two hills that run through the Haight.

Proposed elements of the project include adding larger bulbouts; permeable paving; raised crosswalks and rain gardens; green treatment on neighborhood streets; reducing traffic on Scott Street; prohibiting left turns on some streets; and adding traffic signals. This is a Public Utilities Commission project and that the area chosen was based on where best to implement storm water management practices in San Francisco. The cost of the project is between two and four million dollars.

Joan Downey arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Daniel Murphy arrived at 5:47 p.m.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason inquired about the source of funds for the project. Mr. Mason commented that cyclists do not always stop at stop signs and inquired if there will be enforcement to ensure cyclists abide by the laws.

Motion 150305.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors adopt the Wiggle Neighborhood Green Corridor Project.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
NAYES – Steve Ferrario
ABSENT – None

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Muni Forward Projects. (Julie Kirschbaum, Manager, Service Planning and Sean Kennedy, Project Manager, Muni Forward)

Julie Kirschbaum provided an overview of the April 25 service increases; service reliability and planning; the Haight Street Rapid Project; the McAllister Street Rapid Project; the launch of a new system map; new route number changes; and limited stop service. Service changes in April include: increasing in frequency on the 8AX, 8BX, 14L, 14X, and 41 lines during peak hours; increasing mid-

day frequency and longer a.m. hours; adjusting running time to improve OTP; introducing the 38L Geary on Sundays; and longer hours for the 14L Mission on Saturdays and Sundays.

Sean Kennedy provided an overview of “ Muni Forward” which is focused on safety, transit reliability, and improving the customer experience. Muni Forward project categories include creating a rapid network by prioritizing frequency and reliability on heavily used routes; improving the reliability of Muni service system-wide; making the system smarter by using state-of-the-art technology; and enhancing safety and access.

Frank Zepeda left at 7:33 p.m.

Stephen Cornell left at 7:34 p.m.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason stated that there seems to be a shuttling of young people with dogs between the Haight and Castro districts. Mr. Mason believes the Planning Department’s renderings for the project are fine, but states they do not reflect reality because there is never any sign of a homeless person. Mr. Mason inquired if there is data that shows if travel time is slowed by bicyclists on the 5L Fulton line since busses can’t pass them.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

This item was not discussed.

10. Council Members’ requests for information. (For discussion only)

Dan Weaver would like to know the SFMTA’s position on Assembly Bill 61, which would legalize the use of Muni bus stops for corporate commuter buses.

Steve Ferrario would like to know why disabled seating are upright and locked on new and rehabbed vehicles. Mr. Ferrario says he often notices passengers sitting on the upright seats anyways.

Susan Vaughan would like to know the current status of the Transit Sustainability Program (TSP).

Susan Vaughan would like a breakdown of the total number of street parking, garage parking and residential parking now in existence and what is in the pipeline for expanding/decreasing parking.

Joan Downey would like to know how Car Share got parking spots on the street and how much is paid for this.

Joan Downey would like to know what happened to the Chariot SF shuttle service.

Joan Downey would like to know what the policy is for an ADA stop; how to get an ADA stop; and if staff spends time on ADA requests where there is an ADA stop four blocks from a request.

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m.
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by:
Roberta Boomer
CAC Staff Liaison

