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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

December 3, 2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: (415) 915-0757 | Conference ID: 589 180 11#

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Neil Ballard (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair),
Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man,
Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel
Weaver

COUNCIL LIAISON
Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Council Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Meeting Room (Union Square Conference Room) is closed.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Karim Salgado

CAC members absent with notification: Dorris Vincent

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2020:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Karim Salgado and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason stated that GetAround vehicle with license plate number 7rql902 was parked in the carshare zone at 23rd and church. It has February 2020 stickers. Mr. Mason stated that he reported this over a month ago and the vehicle is still operating. He wondered if they have an exemption. He recommended having a policy of turning on the heat on the buses. with the windows open, the brisk breeze comes in.

Roger Marengo stated that the situation is dire and grim. TWU Local 250-A is working on a 10-step plan to avoid and minimize layoffs. He is confident they will be able to move forward in a productive manner in order to avoid layoffs. Even though the news sounds dire and gloomy, he's trying to bring hope.

David Pilpel stated that things look bad. The wait and see strategy that is being pursued by the SFMTA is a risky strategy. If Georgia doesn't turn around and there isn't a federal bailout, the

fewer the choices, the harder the choices, and the less time to implement things. It remains to be seen whether the agency can hold together for another two years unless there is a ballot measure and new funding and whether that ballot measure will be successful. Limiting the services that are available makes the system less accessible and may translate into less support. It's all very dire and scary.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding fines, fees, and fares. (Jonathan Rewers, Senior Manager; Budget, Financial Planning, and Analysis. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Timothy Manglicmot, Manager, Budget and Analysis and Jonathan Rewers, Senior Manager, Budget, Financial Planning, and Analysis presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that there needs to be head signs and interior streaming about transit fare compliance. The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has considerable advertising. There needs to be consideration for regional transit to regain confidence in transit. There's a considerable amount of money that gets drained by other departments from Prop K. Everyone thinks that the \$100 million in Prop K money is all for transit and only Muni receives it, which is not true. He suggested that the SFMTA coordinate with other transit agencies to do a marketing program to rebuild transit utilization.

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by David Pilpel for Minutes of SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council Regular Meeting December 3, 2020: Agenda Item #7, fines, fees, and fares:

The SFMTA should do the following:

1. Seek and consider ideas from labor, other stakeholders, and the public.
2. Review, defer, and cancel capital projects.
3. Shift all flexible funds from capital to operating, both transit and non-transit.
4. Cut all non-essential programs, services, and staff.
5. Reduce accrued paid time off and set lower accrual limits.
6. Offer voluntary furloughs and unpaid time off. Director Heminger is absolutely right.
7. Maintain at least pre-virus Saturday-level service.
8. Incentivize early retirement for targeted job classifications only (if allowed by Charter).
9. Consider negotiated base pay reductions, either targeted or organization wide.
10. Only after all other options have been exhausted should the SFMTA pursue layoffs.
11. I become more pessimistic every day about how many riders will return and how soon. It is scary.
12. Even a 10% salary cut across the board only yields 70-80 million annually and isn't enough.

Roger Marengo stated that TWU Local 250-A came up with some possible feasible solutions to the budget crisis in the form of a 10-step proposal in order to avoid layoffs. They do not want to see anyone laid off. One person is one too many. Way too many operators are calling him crying because they are concerned about layoffs.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Vision Zero Update. (Ryan Reeves, Program Lead, Vision Zero. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Ryan Reeves, Program Lead, Vision Zero presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked if the SFPD issues a report for who is at fault for deaths and incidents. He read that someone climbed aboard a gasoline tanker, fell, and died in the South of Market area. There should be a report of who is at fault for the deaths. He stated that the police enforcement of traffic laws should be the main way of traffic law enforcement, not camera enforcement. If you see the police, it is more impactful on changing behavior than just getting a ticket in the mail.

CAC MOTION 201203.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends relocating bike lanes in between parked cars and traffic lanes to between the parking lane and the curb wherever possible on the high-injury network.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, and Susan Vaughan
NAYES – Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Dorris Vincent and Daniel Weaver

CAC MOTION 201203.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends prohibiting right turns at red lights throughout the whole high-injury network, and not just the Tenderloin.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Susan Vaughan, and Daniel Weaver
NAYES – Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Karim Salgado, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Dorris Vincent

CAC MOTION 201203.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends banning turns at green lights on the high injury network that conflict with a walk signal, making sure that pedestrian crossings and car turns occur at different times.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Susan Vaughan, and Daniel Weaver

NAYES – Karim Salgado and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Dorris Vincent

CAC MOTION 201203.04

The SFTMA CAC recommends that the SFMTA work with the SFPD to enhance routine enforcement on the most problematic areas in the high-injury network.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Dorris Vincent

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding legislative update. (Kate Breen, Director, Government Affairs. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jadie Wasilco, Senior State & Federal Legislative Analyst, Government Affairs, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that land use with Senate Bill 50 and 35 is sponsored by legislators and funded by developers. The Transportation Impact Fees are watered down. Growth does not fund growth. The T Third line failure results in the restoration of the 15-line. He inquired what the population capacity is of San Francisco. The SFMTA should proceed cautiously when talking about land use, housing, and transportation.

David Pilpel stated that he would like to hear more about TDA reform and transit integration. He asked when this topic will be before the SFMTA Board and the State Legislation Committee. The planning department is usually the lead in the City on CEQA reform legislation. There is a settlement pending on the bike share lawsuit.

CAC MOTION 201203.05

The SFTMA CAC recommends that the SFMTA pursue legislative efforts to gain regulatory oversight of Transportation Network Companies.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, and Susan Vaughan

NAYES – Daniel Murphy and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – John Lisovsky, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

CAC MOTION 201203.06

The SFMTA CAC endorses the SFMTA's 2021 state & federal legislative priorities.

On motion to approve:

FAILED ADOPTION: AYES –Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES –Neil Ballard, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Karim Salgado, and Susan Vaughan

ABSENT –Dorris Vincent and Daniel Weaver

10. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Administration, Operations, and Customer Service Committee (AOCSC) report and recommendations.

Council member Aaron Leifer presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that the meeting was supposed to cover fare enforcement, but Kathleen was unable to present. He asked if it will be rescheduled.

11. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

David Pilpel stated that staff should send a memo on transit service changes.

Edward Mason stated that the Transportation Authority should give a report on the expenditure of Prop K funding. Muni is a beneficiary of that. We need to look at that for future consideration in molding a future Prop K as this one will expire in 2030 or so.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 7th at 5:30pm | Online via Microsoft Teams