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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2015
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, 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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Mark Ballew, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Alex Reese

CAC members absent: Stephen Cornell, Steve Ferrario and Dorris Vincent,

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 December 4, 2014:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber,
Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Alex Reese

Alex Reese arrived at 5:33 pm.

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver welcomed Steve Taber to the CAC

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason provided an update on corporate commuter buses in Noe Valley. This week there were two buses operating on Guererro Street which is a weight-restricted street. The San Antonio shopping center is being redeveloped. Mountain View decided to proceed with a hotel at that site to gain revenue. This just puts more pressure on housing needs. There needs to be some push within San Francisco to work with different regional cities to try to mitigate these types of decisions. The decision was based on economics.

Cheryl Brinkman expressed appreciation for the CAC's work. The priority for this year is to continue to support staff with Muni Forward projects. The board's job is to support staff in enacting Board policy.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the SFMTA's 2015 Legislative Program. (Kate Breen, Director, Government Affairs)

Kate Breen reviewed the annual legislative program at the local, state and federal level. This program will be presented to the State Legislative Committee next week. Many of the initiatives focus on Vision Zero and Muni Forward. Staff is advancing some initiatives regarding potential charter changes and a vehicle license fee. There are also conversations about a transportation sustainability fee. Other initiatives are embedded in major projects such as Vision Zero, Central Subway and Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit. The Governor noted a need to re-invest in transportation and we'll see what is in the state budget for transportation when it's released next week. The State's "Cap and Trade" funds are invested into programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Staff has been working to craft guidelines that will benefit SFMTA programs. The centerpiece of the State program is Vision Zero which is based in initiatives that came out of a city-wide effort. These initiatives include automated speed enforcement and exploring lower speed limits. The Transit Only Lane Enforcement (TOLE) program needs to be re-authorized and expanded to allow citations to be issued for driving in a TOLE lane and parking in other bus stops. Ms. Breen also discussed decriminalizing youth fare evasion, accessible parking policy reform and legislating Transportation Network Companies. On the federal level, congress needs to find permanent funding for transportation and staff will be discussing with Secretary Fox whether Vision Zero can be embraced at the federal level. Staff will continue efforts to get funding for the Central Subway Project and for Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit. Our top priority for TIGER funds is the 16th St. Corridor project. The ultimate goal for 16th Street is to make it a rapid transit corridor but that requires a more significant capital investment. Staff is also pursuing equality for pre-tax commuter benefits between people who drive and those who take transit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason discussed the EcoPass. Based on a company's size and location, employees can get a discounted transit pass. This program has been expanded to residential units and condos. Everyone in the entity has to participate to get the discounted pass.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding revisions to the SFMTA's FY15 and FY16 Operating budget. (Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology.)

Sonali Bose reviewed the four items being presented to the SFMTA Board on January 20th for their consideration. The Director of Transportation is recommending a seven percent increase in transit service (based on "Muni Forward proposals"); providing "free Muni" to seniors and people with disabilities who have a low-moderate income; eliminating the phone and on-line service fee and providing more funding for fleet cleanliness. The Board included these items as part of the FY15 and FY16 budget but wanted to review the fiscal status of the SFMTA once the financial impact of labor

negotiations, the state and federal budget and the outcome of the November 2014 election were known.

No public comment.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding appointing Steve Taber to the Bond Oversight Committee.

Chairman Weaver asked that CAC members receive a copy of the Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report and that the report as well as the work of the General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee be scheduled for a CAC meeting.

No public comment.

Motion 150108.01

On motion to appoint Steve Taber to the SFMTA's Bond Oversight Committee.

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

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

Katie Haverkamp inquired about the projects that are being planned in the vicinity of Grove between Baker and Lyon. Currently there are new car counting strips at that location.

Mark Ballew stated that at Castro and Market, the Eureka Portal tracks were painted over. He would like to know if it was accidental and whether there is a plan to clean it up

Joan Downey requested a current organization chart including names.

Joan Downey inquired about the posting and removal of notices on poles, etc and whether there is a plan and/or timeline for removal of the signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louise Vaughan stated that she had asked to be on the mailing list over a year ago but never got an agenda. She recently became a homeowner at Oakdale and Third St. but was never told how Below Market Rate buildings worked. Buildings are being built without parking which is a burden on the community. Street sweeping on Third Street every day is a problem and needs to be changed.

Edward Mason stated that he looked for the CAC's agenda on-line but didn't see it until Wednesday night. There should have been a more proactive discussion from staff about route changes.

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

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

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

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by:
Roberta Boomer
SFMTA CAC – Liaison

