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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, February 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

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, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda.

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent: Steve Ferrario

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 January 8, 2015:

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

ABSENT – Steve Ferrario and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver introduced SFMTA Board Member, Cristina Rubke and Dillon Auyoung, Manager, Government Relations. Chairman Weaver also welcomed Stephen Cornell to the CAC and congratulated Katie Haverkamp on her reappointment.

Director Rubke expressed appreciation to the CAC for their hard work and recommendations.

Mark Ballew noted that Eric P. Scott had passed away.

6. Public Comment:

Louise Vaughan stated that when she was at the CAC before she was disrespected. She doesn't know what the CAC does but District 10 has a lot of problems. Third Street has street sweeping every night between 3-6am which prevents people from sleeping. People can't park on Third Street during the night. There have been several shootings there.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the work of the Sustainable Streets Division including Vision Zero and the future of parking in San Francisco. (Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets.)

Tom Maguire discussed his focus on VisionZero, Muni Forward and later this year, how to build on the success of the SF*park* pilot project in areas outside of the downtown core. Mr. Maguire summarized the progress made in the past year regarding VisionZero, reviewed the high injury streets, and talked about changes in city processes and project delivery and the interactive dashboard. On Feb 10, Mayor Lee will announce a two year action strategy including implementing safety treatments, enforcement, education, evaluation and monitoring the effectiveness of the projects and project delivery and policies about what the appropriate speed limit should be in San Francisco. The strategy will also include accountability and benchmarking.

Katie Haverkamp requested information regarding what projects are being planned to improve safety on Taraval St. between Sunset and 19th Ave.

Frank Zepeda requested the VisionZero report that was published in New York City.

Dorris Vincent arrived at 5:48pm.

Daniel Murphy left at 6:25pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louise Vaughan asked whether Mr. Maguire was involved in the entire city. Nobody advocates for what's happening in the Bay View where she bought property. She wondered where her neighborhood fit in and asked what the bond monies would be used for. She noted that street sweepers come through her area between 3 and 6am and wake people up. Those machines are louder than buses and trains.

Sue Vaughan moved that the CAC urged the SFMTA to strongly encourage the SFPD to include cell phone use while operating a moving vehicle including cars and bicycles in the enforcement section of VisionZero.

Chairman Weaver asked that the motion be continued to a future meeting and that staff invite the new head of the Traffic Detail. Without objection, the motion was continued.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Polk Street Complete Streets project. (Paul Stanis, Transportation Engineer)

Paul Stanis talked about the Polk Streetscape Project and the history of collisions and injuries along the corridor. The three project goals are to improve safety; make the street more inviting for those who walk or ride a bicycle and create a green, vibrant corridor. Staff met with various groups over 65 times in the past few years and received a lot of public input. He reviewed the proposed changes from

transportation, transit, bicycling and pedestrian perspectives. The environmental review is complete and staff is engaged in detailed designs which will be completed in fall 2015. Construction is expected to start in summer 2016 and will be complete in winter 2016. Staff won't wait to address safety concerns and will be adding things such as pedestrian safety zones and temporary bulb-outs; will be addressing the "right hook" crash pattern; revising signal timing and timing for pedestrian crossing the street.

Mark Ballew requested information about the various streetscape elements being planned for the area.

Stephen Cornell asked that the Environmental Impact Report be provided to the CAC.

Steve Taber left at 7:36p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louise Vaughan asked if Mr. Stanis was the engineer. She added that the SFMTA has something to do with parking, streets and how things are. The Polk Street community is able to determine how they can live a more healthy and safe life.

Council Member Vaughan moved that the CAC recommends that the Board adopt the project and further recommended that an economic review of the construction impacts on local business on Polk Street be made part of this project.

Motion 150205.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors adopt the Polk Street Streetscape Project and recommends that an economic review of the construction impacts on local business on Polk Street be made part of this project.

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT – Steve Ferrario, Daniel Murphy, and Steve Taber

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC) report and recommendations.

Joan Downey stated that Diana Hammons discussed revisions to the Clipper Card program and suggested that the Clipper Card program should be presented to the full CAC. She added that Councilmembers should be alerted the month before so members could think about what capabilities the new card should have. She noted that John Haley discussed lessons learned from heavy rainstorms. Mark Ballew stated that the new Radio System should be scheduled for presentation to the CAC. Chairman Downey stated that staff also presented the service changes that went into effect on January 31 including the 55 16th St. line and the recent retirement of 15 '60 foot buses.

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

Frank Zepeda stated that at the last EMSC meeting, the committee discussed the Castro St. Streetscape project, received an update on the automatic train control system and implementing double-berthing, and the operation of the cable car system.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louise Vaughn requested a copy of the meeting minutes.

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

Dorris Vincent wants to know why the seating has been removed at Evans and Third outbound.

Katie Haverkamp requested the status of both the Sunset Tunnel and Twin Peaks tunnel re-rail projects.

Katie Haverkamp asked for citation information from the SFPD on Taraval for people for speeding and not yielding to Light Rail Vehicles.

Joan Downey inquired what the rules of decorum are when city workers post no-parking signs. She noted that music from city trucks is blaring; they keep the motors running and step on people's plants.

Joan Downey asked for an update on the Masonic Plan.

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m.
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by:
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