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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, September 3, 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, Steve Ferrario, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent: Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp and Steve Taber (All with notification)

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 August 6, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES - Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Steve Ferrario, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT - Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp Steve Taber and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver noted that the last EMSC meeting almost didn't have a quorum. Committee members need to let staff know as much in advance as possible if they can't attend a meeting.

6. Public Comment.

None.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Muni Forward Capital and Service Changes. (Sean Kennedy, Manager, Muni Forward)

Dorris Vincent arrived at 5:37pm

Sean Kennedy presented the item including recent and upcoming service changes and capital projects.

The September service changes include additional service on ten lines and new connections on eight routes. He also discussed transit and pedestrian safety corridor projects; plans to address transit reliability and collisions and pedestrian safety and the outcome of the 5L Pilot Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathie Studwell stated that her stop will be eliminated and the only other option for her neighbors will be the 57 Parkmerced. Residents take the 18 Sunset to get to Stonestown. The schedule for the 57 line isn't published and the planned route change will add time to our trips. Many seniors are dependent on the 18 line and they don't like to drive. Sometimes drivers are pulled from her route so buses come every 40 minutes. There has been no notice to the community.

David Pilpel expressed agreement regarding the concerns about the 57 Parkmerced line. He stated that the CAC should pass a resolution urging the SFMTA to go back to the white base. It's safer and easier to see. Grey blends into the fog and is a safety issue. The CAC should also pass a resolution regarding the route of the 29 19th Ave. along Geneva. In 2010, Muni service was cut by 10% and those changes have not been restored. Service ends now at 11 and in the past, it ended at 12. Restoring that hour will improve access for those neighborhoods. Some frequencies need to be adjusted.

Edward Mason discussed the rationale behind the color of the buses. The current color is a nightmare. The red stripe at the bottom is at risk of sideswipes and damage. Staff has to keep red paint in stock. The grey color blends in with the fog and can't be seen. He expressed agreement with comments about the cable cars having long lines. There is a lot of demand but no management. Tourists also board further up the line as well as at the end.

Motion 150903.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that a timed connection be made between the 18 Sunset and 57 Parkmerced at Skyline and Sloat to enable people to get to Stonestown.

On motion to approve:

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

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Transit Economic Benefits Study. (Jason Lee, Manager, Performance Reporting Unit and Jason Moody, Economic Planning Systems)

Jason Lee and Jason Moody presented the study including the context for and results of the study. With a 10-15% increase in population by 2040, we have to move people away from single use cars.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathryn Studwell questioned the parking assumption. Parking is finite in San Francisco and existing policies don't allow the cost to increase. Private parking is a small percent of the total parking supply. On street parking and public garages are limited to cost recovery.

Edward Mason stated that the Texas Institute of Transportation calculates how much time people are stuck in traffic due to congestion. When he worked, it was faster for him to drive but he felt a moral obligation to take transit. He can stand on a neighborhood corner and see three or four Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) drive by and wondered how many more TNCs there are in the City. He asked about the congestion due to cars that are passing through San Francisco.

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

OCSC Motion 150811.01

The SFMTA CAC would like to thank and commend the SFMTA for the well planned and expertly executed service operation during the weekend of August 1 and August 2. The SFMTA's participation greatly helped BART maintain a smooth operation thereby giving the riding public a minimally disruptive yet a safe and comfortable journey across the bay. The SFMTA CAC recommends the SFMTA Board of Directors acknowledge the work of staff in this endeavor.

No public comment.

Motion 150903.02

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On motion to approve:

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ABSENT - Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp and Steve Taber

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

EMSC Motion 150826.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that SFMTA Board of Directors approve funding for installing the modified rotational stanchion to the existing rubber tire fleet.

No public comment.

Motion 150904.03

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On motion to approve:

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ABSENT - Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp and Steve Taber

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

Sue Vaughan asked about the ability of people to get route maps. She inquired when they are going to be available again and if they are available now, where can people get them.

Mark Ballew noted the new signage in the subway. Two signs have been added. He asked when the other two signs are going to be added.

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m.

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

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Submitted by:

Roberta Boomer

SFMTA CAC – Staff Liaison