

BALBOA PARK STATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 6-8pm*
City College (55 Phelan Ave), Multi-Use Building on the first floor, Room 140.

Draft Minutes

CAC members in attendance: BP CAC Members: William Walker, Dan Weaver, Rita Evans, Veronica Garcia, David Mauroff, Robert Muehlbauer

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm

1. Introductions & Admin
 - *Approve agenda to extend meeting past 7:30pm to 8pm
 - With cancellation of item #5, extension was not needed
 - Agenda approved with moving item #7 up in the agenda to follow item #2
 - Approve minutes from July 10th meeting
 - Approved
 - Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Robert Muehlbauer selected for Chair
 - Rita Evans selected for Vice Chair
 - Public Comment (Members of the public may address the Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee on matters that are within the Board's jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar)
 - None
2. Presentation from Supervisor John Avalos on the Vision for the Balboa Park Station Area Community Advisory Committee
 - Supervisor Avalos thanked the member of the CAC for their service. He explained that his staff recently completed a retreat to discuss district priorities, Balboa Park being one of them. Residing on several committees and board, Avalos sees transit and development funding going elsewhere in the city but as Balboa Park is the largest BART/Muni stop outside of the downtown area with development in the pipeline, there is great need for that funding to be directed to the area and hopes the CAC will keep the city accountable for focusing resources in the BP area.
 - Supervisor Avalos suggests the CAC request a real timeline for projects, to get updates and keep the departments accountable for hitting milestones and other improvements they would like to see. Avalos mentioned the Upper Yard is zoned for housing but there is lots of resistance by the MTA. Delays to development and lack of resources will keep BP a no man's land until more investment into the community are made including the Car Barn.





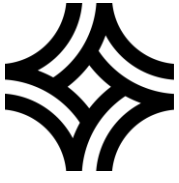
- Avalos offered his office as a resource for questions if the CAC is not getting a response from the city
 - Robert Muehlbauer noted that there is a Plan and work is being done but is unsure how it all fits or satisfies the Plan. Avalos responded the plan is a backbone and staff are to put meat on the bones and the CAC should hold the agencies accountable fulfill the intent of the plan with relevant projects such as NextBus
 - Dan Weaver asked the supervisor to explain his approach to the CAC's discussions about station area maintenance. Avalos replied that his office supports the CAC's effort and going directly to the departments and he will back the CAC request.
 - William Walker suggested the city create a phone app to take photos of problem areas to which Avalos responded we do so Mr. Walker encouraged the CAC to promote it. Mr. Walker went on to point out that the arrival predictors of the J/K are never correct and the process for transit planning has not been sufficient, it is not connecting with those who use it to which Avalos encouraged the CAC to ask these questions and get agency staff to respond.
 - Dan Weaver recalled his discussion with Ed Reiskin about the shift in the decision about rail on Geneva and looking for more information to which Chester Fung from the Transportation Authority responded that Harvey Geneva study is convening a new CAC to address this very topic about which is most appropriate for various sections—Bus Rapid Transit or Rail.
 - Supervisor Avalos closed with if there are any other questions or concerns, people may contact him directly at 415.359.8367
3. Discussion and possible action on Ocean Avenue Public Plaza Committee
- John Katz from the SFMTA announced the Phelan Loop groundbreaking event on Sept 18th and a new effort to name the plaza and submissions with name suggestions are being accepted through October 15th. Mr. Katz went on to say that members of the CAC and other members of the community are encouraged to submit inquiries to be on the naming committee
 - William Walker suggested Milton Marks III and indicated he would submit it
 - Robert Muehlbauer stated that he participated in the art installation process and thought it very effective and hopes this naming process is the same. Mr. Katz responded that they anticipate a very similar process
4. Discussion and possible action on the Maintenance of the Balboa Park Station Area
- William Walker to send out the letter requesting better maintenance to the whole committee as well as to Mohammed Nuru
5. Discussion on Priorities of the Community Advisory Council



- Dan Weaver suggested having a member from Planning Staff attend CAC mtgs in the future
- David Mauroff stressed needing a better mechanism for the timeline of projects and that PMs for priority projects should attend mtgs
- Supervisor Avalos suggested having a report at every moth to review updates
- William Walker suggested developing a survey to identify priority projects
- Steve Rehn, SFCTA staff, presented list of current projects so CAC can hold deaprtments accountable for progress
- Mari Hunter, SFMTA staff, noted that the draft list she has developed also has future and potential projects so the CAC can prioritize them
- Rita Evans suggested identifying a point person from the CAC for each project to track rather than everyone trying to track everything
- David Mauroff commented on Mr. Walker’s suggestion and offered that if should go out to the entire community.
- Robert Muehlbauer asked about the priorities in the Station Area Plan— should those guide their priorities? Steve Rehn confirmed that the Plan has priorities
- William Walker inquired about why projects are programmed so far out to which Chester Fung from the SFCTA responded it’s less about funding availability but more staffing availability
- Rita Evans asked if the CAC was in a position to push projects for faster implementation, for example the flashing beacon to which Mr. Mauroff replied the CAC should try.
- Robert Muehlbauer requested copies of the project lists for the CAC
- Chester Fung noted that staff has done the technical analysis to identify problems and viable solutions which are multifaceted and proposed a good way for the CAC to weigh in would be on areas of priorities e.g. safety, access, etc to which Mr. Muehlbauer suggested it would be good to capture this and the high priorities in the project lists supplied by city staff and Veronica Garcia added the CAC should identify platforms to share this info and get feedback such as the survey on the website. Mr. Walker agreed with Ms. Garcia but also wanted to be sure they were able to isolate the CAC’s priorities
- Ms. Hunter said she would work with the SFCTA to complete the project list

6. Geneva Car Barn presentation, Dan Weaver

- Dan Weaver presented on the past, present and future of the Car Barn (see attached chronology) and closed by saying this was an opportunity to create a place—events, meeting space, café, etc but financing has been tricky
- Robert Muehlbauer asked if it was identified in the Plan which Mr. Weaver confirmed that it was, as a transit building



7. New Business and agenda review/CAC requests
 - Mr. Walker request that vacancies be listed on the website
8. Upcoming CAC-related events, meetings or announcements
 - Thurs. Sept. 12, 7pm: Ocean Avenue Public Plaza Meeting, CCSF, 50 Phelan
 - Wed. Sept. 18, 12:30pm: Groundbreaking for 1100 Ocean Transitional Housing, Ocean at Lee.
 - Mon. Sept. 30, 6-8pm: Balboa Park Station Area Circulation Study Public Workshop, CCSF, 50 Phelan, Multi-use Building Room 140.
 - Mon. Oct. 7, 6:30pm: Town Hall with Congress member Jackie Speier, West Portal Playground, 89 Lenox at Ulloa.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

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