

BALBOA PARK STATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 6-8pm  
City College (55 Phelan Ave), Multi-Use Building on first floor, Room 140.

### DRAFT MINUTES

CAC Members: Dan Weaver, Rita Evans, Robert Muehlbauer, Gwynn Mackellen, Veronica Garcia

Meeting commenced at 6:08PM

1. Introductions & Admin
  - November meeting minutes approved as amended and January meeting minutes approved
  - March meeting agenda approved
  - Two vacancies for CAC: Seat 1 representing Muni riders and Seat 4 representing students, faculty and staff. Visit website to apply:  
<http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=15921>
  - Announcements:
    - i. TEP City Hall meeting on Friday at 8am
    - ii. SF Transit Riders Union meeting Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Ped Safety Town Hall meeting Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Corridor planning process in March and again in May, coming to present at April Balboa Park CAC meeting
  - Public Comment
    - i. None
2. Maintenance of Balboa Park Station area

Chair Muehlbauer provided background on the issue, that this has been a concern from the community since the origins of the CAC. He explained it is hard to focus on envisioning what it could be with the projects being proposed when its current state is so dismal and so has asked those charged with maintenance to share with the public their process and get feedback from the public.

Rita Evans noted the station area is grim and uninviting which is unacceptable given the ridership/usage. It lacks amenities, it is faded and conditions have deteriorated and it is disheartening for locals. Ms. Evans cited a suggestion from the public meeting that BART brighten the station with murals such as those found in the Mission.

Gordon Row from the public noted there are no signs to discourage feeding pigeons, no enforcement, dirt on walls, pigeon excrement, lighting is dim, and seats need to be replaced.

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Linda Chiu from the public said there is little maintenance and lighting on the frontage road on the west side, the homeless use it as a restroom and suggested bringing in a food vendor.

Robert Muehlbauer recalled his neighbor's encounter of people sleeping at Balboa Park and that he too has witnessed the homeless camps.

SFDPW Director Mohammed Nuru announced their commitment to bring the team (maintenance staff from BART, SFMTA and SFDPW) together to remedy the issues at Balboa Park. The team has met since the meeting in February and agreed additional resources are necessary given station demand. Some significant cleaning changes are needed, some have been identified and implemented and others are being vetted but the team is committed to finding solutions. Director Nuru encouraged the public to call 311 if any other issues are identified.

Larry Stringer also from SFDPW provided more details on the team meeting which identified who was responsible for what and will move forward with a coordinated approach including steam cleaning at bus stops and coordinated efforts with BART and SFMTA of shared space and determine appropriate frequency

Molly Burke from BART introduced Ron Moland from their system and service maintenance division which oversees areas internal to the station and the two patios and Glen Eddy who works on external landscaping and maintenance (e.g. west side walkway aka Tony Sacco, maintains the triangular parcel and has a power washing crew 1/week). There has been a major staff reduction but with the coordinated effort with SFDPW and SFMTA, there will be better coverage.

Robert Muehlbauer inquired if all stations get the same level of attention. BART responded that Glen Park, 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Street Stations get power washed 2/week.

Ted Aranas, manager from SFMTA added that Larry Stringer brought SFMTA, BART, SFDPW and Caltrans together as there have been issues at other sites too. He noted that with some new capital projects coming, there will be new landscaping on Ocean and San Jose within 2 years and notified the public that a tree on San Jose was dead so would be removed so as not to jeopardize safety. With respect to their duties, they clean weekly and have taken on the Cam Beach yard perimeter which is under Rec & Park and the Paint Shop responds to graffiti calls weekly and also encouraged the public to call 311 if additional issues arise.

Public and CAC comment:

Gordon Row suggested the combined key stop for the J/K and M

Gwynn Mackellen suggested a community clean-up or planting event to which Director Nuru responded the Larry is coordinating an event and will reach out to the CAC to identify problem areas and to schedule it



Dan Weaver commented that the stairs down to Ocean are not used, they are neglected and should also be addressed

Robert Muehlbauer asked if the agencies are cleaning the shelters weekly and Director Nuru confirmed they were

Rita Evans wanted to acknowledge the effort and is pleased with the team approach for these long term, chronic issues

### 3. Transportation Task Force

Gillian Gillett from the Mayor's Office introduced Monique Zmuda from the Controller's Office to present San Francisco's Capital Plan & the Mayor's Transportation Task Force 2030: Funding the next steps for transportation (see meeting webpage for presentation)

Public Comment:

Member of community suggested using the citywide mode share goal as one of the targets to achieve SF Environment goals

Dan Weaver asked if the bond will ensure new fleet and have rehab resources. City staff responded that many factors are being considered but a focus is to replace fleet at the end of useful life and overhaul at midlife

Robert Muehlbauer inquired about an equity analysis such that prioritization is being examined with lens of equity. Gillian Gillett responded that geographic equity is a consideration, that the Mayor heard strong support for neighborhood plans.

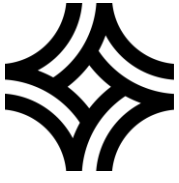
### 4. Balboa Park Circulation Study update

Liz Rutman from the SFCTA provided a wrap-up of the Circulation Study and asked the CAC if they would like to make a motion.

Rita Evans requested a copy of the presentation/report and Mari Hunter said she would send the CAC materials from the SFCTA.

Dan Weaver suggested rather than a kiss & ride on the frontage road, that it be made for transit to which Ms. Rutman explained Alternative 1 would not discount use by transit. Mr. Weaver went on to say that it would be better to have multiple small locations rather than a large underutilized one

Public Comment:



Henry Pan inquired about the feasibility of a transit reroute for Alternative 2 to which Ms. Rutman explained it would require SFMTA to do the route and to build the frontage road

Aaron Stone asked if there was consideration to move the tracks and the pedestrian overpass. Ms. Rutman explained no because the goal is to implement within 2-10 years

The CAC was not in consensus on a motion regarding the Circulation Study and agreed to table voting on a motion until the April meeting

5. Parking Lot and agenda review/CAC requests

The Chair will work with city staff to develop an agenda for April to include the action item regarding a motion for the Circulation Study and other station area projects/efforts

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM