



SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, June 6, 2019
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer,
Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent with notification: Mark Ballew

CAC members absent without notification: LisaMarie Betancourt

3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2019:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, LisaMarie Betancourt, and Dorris Vincent,

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason provided an update on the commuter shuttle bus program. The San Jose Avenue bus stop has about 30 buses an hour. It creates back-up problems. There is also congestion at 24th and Church streets. Recently, there was a commuter bus boarding passengers in the traffic lane.

Eva Lee stated that she represents the Chinatown Merchants Association. They are against the Chinatown Central Subway station being named after Rose Pak. There are no SFMTA stops named after anyone. This has caused divisiveness in the community. Rose Pak was a bully.

Jenny Zhang stated that it would be offensive to name the Chinatown Central Subway station after Rose Pak. She stated that her aunt had to pay Rose Pak protection fees. Rose Pak cheated to get affordable housing and threatened supervisors.

Ze Xia is strongly against the Chinatown Central Subway station containing the name Rose Pak. Naming it after her does not fit the SFMTA naming policy. The MTA Board should not make decisions against the SFMTA naming policy and what the majority of people want.

Alicia Zhao stated that she hopes that the SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council will help stop Supervisor Peskin from pursuing the name of Rose Pak for the Chinatown Central Subway station. It is clear from the public comments at the June 4th SFMTA Board meeting that the public are against it. Rose Pak is highly controversial.

Cornelia Ritter has been living in Chinatown for seven years and is a frequent Muni rider. She stated that she opposes naming the station after Rose Pak. Public opposition is about the soul of human existence.

David Bu stated that he is against the naming the Chinatown Central Subway station after Rose Pak. There was a rally in Chinatown in support of naming the station the Chinatown station only. Supervisor Peskin told the media he will block the SFMTA budget if they don't pass the resolution.

Sonia Ng stated that she has lived in San Francisco for 46 years. She waited a long time for the Chinatown station and doesn't understand why the SFMTA would put Rose Pak's name on the Chinatown Central Subway station. She did not represent the entire Chinese community.

Council member Dorris Vincent arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Klara Galperin came to the United States of America in 1990. She stated that she is Jewish and knows what the communist party is all about. She has been practicing Falun Gong since 1999. It would be a nice present to not name the Chinatown Central Subway station after Rose Pak.

Chris Kitze has a business in Chinatown. He knows a lot of the merchants and also does the meditation Falun Gong. He started the practice because he was so touched by the people who were being persecuted but they still practiced tolerance. People come to the United States of America for religious freedom but are still treated the same way they were treated in China.

Eric Huang stated that naming the Chinatown Central Subway station has become a political undertaking for special interest groups. Rose Pak caused a lot of divisiveness in the San Francisco Chinese community. The SFMTA should simply use Chinatown for the name of the station. Clear and simple.

Albert Chang believes that the name of the station should be Chinatown station. The name would be straightforward to not confuse tourists.

Doria Liu stated that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors are not representing the will of the Chinese people. Rose Pak relied on communist power to take advantage of and bully the community. In the past two weeks 8,000 San Francisco residents have signed a petition against naming the Chinatown Central Subway station after Rose Pak.

Shan Long stated that she has visited more than 200 businesses in Chinatown and collected more than 150 signatures. They are all opposing naming the Chinatown Central Subway station after Rose Pak. 80 percent of the businesses oppose this legislation. Rose Pak was a bully and everything she did was for her own interests.

Suhuan Luo is against using the name Rose Pak on the Chinatown Central Subway station. The name Chinatown is enough. It should not be replaced by any particular person's name. The name Chinatown represents the past, present, and future. She stated that this past Tuesday, Supervisor Peskin cheated a lot of residents into supporting him including her mother, who was offered \$5, a free t-shirt, and free lunch.

Lijuan Zng has lived in San Francisco for over 30 years. The Citizens' Advisory Council should be vigilante about the infiltration and control of the Communist Chinese regime in San Francisco. Many countries now have become much more aware of the efforts by the Chinese Communist party. Supervisor Peskin said he wants to name the station after Rose Pak because of her contributions to Chinatown. Hitler made major contributions to the German economy but Germany would not honor him because he is a war criminal.

Rui Wang stated that she was really shocked when she heard the Chinatown Central Subway station would be named after Rose Pak. Transportation stops and stations are typically named by geographic names. She doesn't understand why such a clear place needs to be named after this particular person. She collected over 400 petitions from business owners and their staff and submitted them to the SFMTA Board of Directors and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. 180 shops put a 'support only Chinatown station' sign in their window.

Allen Zeng stated that in the last four weeks, many people took a day off to go to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the SFMTA Board of Directors meetings to speak about this issue. If the SFMTA upholds its own policy and names the station Chinatown, no one will be offended. But, if they name it after Rose Pak, there will be many people offended.

Anonymous said speaking about this endangers his life. In 1986, he overheard Rose Pak talking with his boss. She was trying to convince his boss to use a gangster to kill someone.

Shaohong Deng said she has lived in San Francisco for 19 years. Every stop is named after a geographic location. If Chinatown station is named after Rose Pak, future generations will ask who is Rose Pak. She was a lady with a cigar, a vicious look, and a corrupted character.

Suhoa Han said that it is inappropriate to name the Chinatown Central Subway station after Rose Pak. She is quite controversial and many businesses object to this idea. She pushed Chinese communist parties against Falun Gong in San Francisco. She uses truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance and for that she was arrested and put in jail for three years and her son was tortured to death.

Ming Yu stated that he was sentenced to prison for 12 years for practicing the meditation exercise of Falun Gong in China. He came to the United States of America to obtain freedom. Instead of obtaining a kidney transplant in the US, she went to China to get it where organ harvesting for profit is big business. Naming the station for Rose Pak is equivalent to encouraging organ harvesting.

Siaoqiong Ye wondered why Rose Pak went to China to obtain her kidney transplant. The US has the best technology. In China, people don't want to donate their organs because they want to keep their whole body. Please don't name the station after Rose Pak.

Timothy Cross stated that he has been driving Uber for three years in San Francisco and in his experience, traffic is caused by people who want to make right turns on the green but can't because of pedestrians crossing the street. If the SFMTA is trying to improve traffic flow, they should have no walk signs for pedestrians before the light turns red so that cars can make right turns before the light turns red. He is also in favor of pedestrian scrambles.

Council member Daniel Murphy stated that he believes that the CAC should remind the SFMTA Board of Directors that the CAC supports the SFMTA naming policy. Given the controversial nature of the Rose Pak topic, he suggested that the item at the SFMTA Board of Directors be postponed until the CAC can weigh in at their July 11th meeting.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Southeast Muni Expansion Project. (Adrienne Heim, Public Information Officer. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Tracey Lin, Deputy Project Manager, presented the item. She discussed the current transit plan, outreach results, proposed transit plan modifications, and next steps of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that SamTrans is going to implement an express bus down 19th Avenue to go to Palo Alto. He inquired if Muni has had any dialogue with other transit agencies regarding future development. He inquired what the capacity of the T Third line will be. Muni needs to look further into the regional aspect.

Council member Frank Zepeda left at 6:58 p.m.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Public Outreach & Engagement Team Strategy (POETS). (Deanna Desedas, Manager, Public Outreach & Engagement. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Deanna Desedas, Manager, Public Outreach & Engagement presented the topic. She discussed requirements, accountability, and staff resources of POETS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that the SFMTA knew of all the problems with the new Siemens light rail vehicles long before they informed the public. Muni lost credibility. He stated that he is disappointed in the LRV4 procurement process.

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

10. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Sue Vaughan inquired who is responsible for maintaining the glass on the bridge on Fillmore Street over Geary Boulevard because it is shattered.

Sue Vaughan asked how many commuter shuttle buses have placards.

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Queena Chen inquired if there are unified markings for a scramble system, if they all have to be the same type of marking, and if they do, what's the standard for pedestrian scramble crosswalks.

Neil Ballard requested a presentation on fare policy.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keka Robinson-Luqman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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