

BALBOA PARK STATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPSCAC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23 2015, 6:00-7:30pm

City College (55 Phelan Ave), Multi-Use Building on first floor, Room 140

CAC Members Attendance:

1. Mark Kress, MUNI Riders interests - Present
2. Rita Evans, Vice Chair, BART riders' interests – Arrived at 6:08 PM
3. Alex Mullaney, Pedestrian and Bicyclists interests - Present
4. Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Students, Faculty and Staff - Present
5. Dan Weaver, Senior/Disabled Community Interests- Present
6. Chuck Burwell, Community and Economic Development interests – Present
7. Christina Hue Dang, Land Use and Housing Group - Present
8. Aaron Goodman, Youth and Families Interests - Present
9. Robert Muehlbauer, Chair, Neighborhood Resident' interests - Present

Chairman Robert Muehlbauer called meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

1. Order of Business, Committee Chair Robert Muehlbauer (5 minutes)
 - a. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Chairman Muehlbauer postponed item 2 until Rita Evans arrived.
 - b. Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction not on the meeting agenda.
No public comment on matters outside of the meeting agenda was provided.
2. Update on Phelan Avenue signal timing, Danielle J. Harris SFMTA staff (5 minutes)
Item was moved after Item 3.
3. Update on Balboa Reservoir, Jeremy Shaw Planning Department (PD) staff (20 minutes)
Jeremy Shaw provided a brief update on the status of the proposed housing development and appointment of the Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Committee. The Planning Department is currently studying what is possible, legally and financially, for the SFPUC site and gearing up for the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The Balboa Park Reservoir CAC as they will be advising and structuring the RFP Process. Due to a delayed appointment of the Balboa Reservoir CAC members, the RFP process is being postponed, but the RFP development phase will not be rushed and will maintain the same 4-6 month time period. Although the CAC selection has been delayed, Planning Department expects members will be approved sometime this summer and meet before once or twice as a unit before meeting with the community once selected. The RFP process is expected to begin by the end of the year, with the selection of proposals commencing at the start of 2016. The community design process will proceed for 1-2 years and the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) is expected to last 2-3 years.

Committee Discussion:

Rita Evans inquired about the delay in selection of Balboa Park Reservoir CAC members. Jeremy Shaw reiterated that, despite the delay, the RFP process will not be compromised. SFMTA staff, Danielle Harris stated that the Mayor has not yet appointed his seats, but should be releasing that information soon after the completion of the budget.

Rita Evans discussed parking initiatives outlined in the Balboa Park Station Plan, noting that a revised residential parking program was planned in the 2008 document but nothing has happened to improve the parking process. She stated that citing changes to the permit process as parking mitigation was illegitimate, as it was not realistic to frame a program on an initiative that was never implemented. She concluded that the solutions suggested for parking initiatives in the area were not sufficient.

Robert Muehlbauer questioned the Planning Department's prevailing thoughts on what will happen to the through routes of the streets near the project area. He also asked whether or not a structured parking facility was planned for the housing development. Jeremy Shaw responded that such questions will be thoroughly considered during the community design process. He also stated that while he could not confirm the presence of a parking structure, however it was not off the table.

Mark Kress requested clarification as to whether only the SFPUC parcel would be developed. Jeremy Shaw confirmed that the project area included only SFPUC property.

Public Comment:

A community member expressed her concern about the project and questioned its purpose. She stated that the SFPUC parcel was needed for educational purposes and an undesirable location for housing.

Jennifer Heggie asked how this project contributes to the citywide housing goals and other developments scheduled for the area. She also inquired about the scope and size of the project. Jeremy Shaw stated that he did not have the unit counts and that it was too early to presume them. He said he can inquire about the unit counts for the project and provide this information at a future CAC meeting.

A member of the community asked whether the delay in selection of the Balboa Park Reservoir CAC would reduce the time for the RFP process. Jeremy Shaw clarified that the process would still have an allotted time of four to six months once the CAC begins to meet.

Madeline Muller, who has worked on previous master plans for the City College of San Francisco, highlighted that some of the CCSF parking areas were only temporarily designated as such, and have footprints in the campus master plan for completion of the campus. She stated that CCSF would like to be at the decision making table. Jeremy Shaw stated that the Planning Department is in close communication with the CCSF regarding their Master Plan and transportation is a key element of their coordination efforts.

Another community member suggested the reservoir should be reinstated, as planned 30 years ago, instead of moving forward with the housing development.

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to amend Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Legislation to add two seats for District 11 (D11) residents, Aaron Goodman BPSCAC Member, Seat 8: Youth and Families Interests (5 minutes)

Aaron Goodman made the motion and was seconded by Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen.
BPSCAC Motion 150623.01

The Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee requests the San Francisco Board of Supervisors amend the prior Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Committee legislation (Ordinance No. 45-15 File No. 150247) to add two additional seats for residents of District 11.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Alex Mullaney, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell, Christina Hue Dang, Aaron Goodman
NAYES – Robert Muehlbauer, Rita Evans, Dan Weaver
ABSENT – None

Alex Mullaney made the motion and was seconded by Dan Weaver.
BPSCAC Motion 150623.02

The Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee requests the San Francisco Board of Supervisors allow Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee to work with the San Francisco Planning Department, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to serve as the community advisory committee to aid in the development of the Balboa Reservoir Request for Proposal (RFP) until the Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Committee is seated and first meeting is scheduled.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Alex Mullaney, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell, Christina Hue Dang, Aaron Goodman, Robert Muehlbauer, Dan Weaver
NAYES – Rita Evans
ABSENT – None

Committee Discussion:

Robert Muehlbauer stated that he understood the basis of Aaron Goodman's motion and believed the suggestion had merit. He expressed, however, that he was concerned pursuing two additional D11 seats for the Balboa Park Reservoir CAC might further delay the RFP process, which has already experienced significant interruption.

Rita Evans expressed that the motion to serve as the Balboa Park Reservoir CAC until the actual committee is seated might be overly burdensome for Balboa Park Station CAC. She also suggested that this was not the solution and may not be helpful.

Aaron Goodman noted that the issue is similar to the prior Balboa Park Station CAC having an equitable balance of neighborhoods due to the BPSCAC covering and impacting significantly D7 and D11. Also it is not correct to ignore D11 as they have significant impacts based on getting across Ocean Ave, and the joint impacts of all major projects including the future CCSF should be seriously considered as impacting both sides of the freeway. BPSCAC covers both sides and so should the Balboa Park Reservoir cover both sides of the freeway that the development will impact.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Heggie questioned whether D11 needed as much representation as the other communities that would be more directly impacted by the Balboa Park Reservoir project.

Another member of the community stated that more representation for D11 on the Balboa Park Reservoir CAC would be wonderful; however she was also concerned about the representation of other neighborhoods as well.

Robert Muehlbauer made the motion and was seconded by Alex Mullaney.

BPSCAC Motion 150623.03

The Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee motions to extend the June 23, 2015 meeting from 7:30PM to 8:00PM.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Alex Mullaney, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell,
Aaron Goodman, Robert Muehlbauer, Dan Weaver

NAYES – Rita Evans

ABSTAIN – Christina Hue Dang

ABSENT – None

Committee Discussion:

Rita Evans explained her plans for the evening and how the meeting extension would prevent her from fulfilling those plans.

Public Comment: None

2. Update on Phelan Avenue signal timing, Danielle J. Harris SFMTA staff (5 minutes)

Danielle Harris provided an update on the signal and delay issues on Phelan Avenue highlighted in the May CAC meeting. The signal shop appears to have identified and rectified the problem. If problems continue, the public was encouraged to email her at Danielle.Harris@sfmta.com

Committee Discussion:

Dan Weaver stated that traffic appeared to move better and signals seem to be connected.

Mark Kress said there are still issues, particularly at the intersection Geneva and Phelan, where cars are sometimes forced to sit through multiple signal phases. He stated that due to the signal timing, cars on Phelan Avenue were blocked by vehicles on Ocean Avenue and only those on Geneva could get through; cars on Phelan were stuck at the green light which would often turn red again before they could proceed.

Public Comment: None

4. Discussion of Historic Streetcars returning to Cameron Beach Yard, SFMTA staff (15 minutes)

Dan Weaver made the motion and was seconded by Mark Kress.

BPSCAC Motion 150623.04

The Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee requests the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) return the historic and vintage streetcar fleet headquarters to the

Cameron Beach Yard after the completion of the Green Light Rail Center Track Replacement project.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Alex Mullaney, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell, Aaron Goodman, Christina Hue Dang, Rita Evans, Robert Muehlbauer, Dan Weaver

NAYES – None

ABSENT – None

Committee Discussion:

Dan Weaver stated that the cars were the most historic element of District 11.

Alex Mullaney supported the motion, stating that many neighborhood associations and organizations, including Market Street Railway, the District 11 Council, and Mission-Geneva Neighborhood Association, were in favor of the cars being returned to Cameron Beach Yard. He also highlighted that the cars are currently stored at Muni Metro East without protection and are thus exposed to the elements.

Chuck Burwell agreed with the motion, stating that the neighborhood enjoyed having them.

Aaron Goodman noted that this is an excellent idea, to help bring the historic streetcars back to the neighborhoods. We all pay taxes, and all pay money towards these streetcars being re-furbished, therefore they should not be only available to tourists downtown. They should be a part of the fabric of the city, in all districts where the Muni LRV lines go, and this can also help in promoting the renewal of the Geneva Car Barn Powerhouse.

Public Comment:

A member of the public explained the utility and attractiveness of the historic streetcars coming from and going to Balboa Park.

5. Presentation on Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Frank Markowitz and Tony Henderson SFMTA staff (20 minutes)

The feasibility study for Geneva-Harney BRT was led by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and is in the process of being finalized. SFMTA will take leadership of the project upon the finalization of the study and will proceed with a pre-environmental study to revisit and refine alternative, prior to starting the environmental review process. Community outreach and involvement will be on-going and continued as the project progresses.

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to expand scope of Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Feasibility Study, Aaron Goodman BPSCAC Member, Seat 8: Youth and Families Interests (5 minutes)

Aaron Goodman made the motion was seconded by Dan Weaver

BPSCAC Motion 150623.05

Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee requests the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) amend the Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) extension and feasibility study to incorporate an assessment of light rail opposed to purely BRT.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Alex Mullaney, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell, Aaron Goodman, Christina Hue Dang, Rita Evans, Robert Muehlbauer, Dan Weaver

NAYES – None

ABSENT – None

Committee Discussion:

Dan Weaver was concerned by the impacts the BRT system might have on bus operations at Balboa Park BART Station, particularly during the morning rush hour. He inquired about headway/volume of buses planned and highlighted the limited amount of space available for buses at the station. Frank Markowitz responded that about 12 buses per hour were planned and suggested the completion of a station capacity study to examine how the morning service would be impacted.

Mark Kress inquired about the inclusion of Crocker, Excelsior, and Mission in the plan. Tony Henderson, SFMTA staff explained that those neighborhoods were included in the Muni Forward proposal and would also be considered.

Aaron Goodman noted that there were significant surrounding development impacts and that the SE-SW corridor needs to have more forward thinking solutions. Aaron suggested that SFMTA go beyond BRT bus planning to provide connectivity to the area. Aaron recommended the two middle line option as long as they have adequately vetted the transition from BRT to LRV and that the physical change and space required is already planned for in street section.

Chuck Burwell questioned whether or not a cost analysis of BRT versus light rail had been conducted. Frank Markowitz confirmed that the costs had been examined and but they would consider looking into it further. He explained that light rail could cost \$400 - \$600 million more than a \$15 - \$40 million BRT system.

Public Comment: None

6. Discussion of Balboa Park Station CAC Rules of Order, Chair Robert Muehlbauer (15 minutes)
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to establish subcommittee to develop committee rules of order, Committee Chair Robert Muehlbauer (5 minutes)

Committee Chair Robert Muehlbauer made the motion and was seconded by Dan Weaver.
BPSCAC Motion 150623.06

The Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee motions that the Committee Chair Robert Muehlbauer develop draft BPSCAC Rules of Order to be reviewed and potentially acted on by the body at the next committee meeting.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Alex Mullaney, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell, Aaron Goodman, Christina Hue Dang, Rita Evans, Robert Muehlbauer, Dan Weaver

NAYES – None

ABSENT – None

Committee Discussion:

Robert Muehlbauer proposed that the group create a subcommittee to draft rules of order for future committee meetings. Aaron Goodman, Rita Evans, Mark Kress and Robert Muehlbauer volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

Due to the requirements associated with establishing a subcommittee, Robert Muehlbauer suggested that it might be more efficient for him to develop a draft that could be discussed with the entire committee and the public in the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to extend future meetings from 90 minutes to two hours, Committee Chair Robert Muehlbauer (5 minutes)

Committee Chair Robert Muehlbauer made the motion and was seconded by Dan Weaver.
BPSCAC Motion 150623.07

The Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee motions to extend all future meetings from 90 minutes to two hours.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell, Dan Weaver,
Aaron Goodman, Christina Hue Dang, Robert Muehlbauer, Alex
Mullaney

NAYES – Rita Evans

ABSENT – None

Committee Discussion:

Robert Muehlbauer explained that during the past few meetings the agenda has been more than full allowing little room for discussion and causing meetings to go over time.

Public Comment: None

7. Closing Business, Committee Chair Robert Muehlbauer (5 minutes)

- a. Approval of Minutes

- March 25, 2015
- April 22, 2015

Robert Muehlbauer made the motion and was seconded by Dan Weaver.

BPSCAC Motion 150623.08

The Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee motions to approve the March 25, 2015 and April 22, 2015 Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Kress, Alex Mullaney, Gwynn Kaliher-Mackellen, Chuck Burwell,
Aaron Goodman, Christina Hue Dang, Rita Evans, Robert Muehlbauer,
Dan Weaver

NAYES – None

ABSENT – None

Committee Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

- b. Next meeting July 28, 2015 at CCSF Ocean Campus, Multi-Use Building (55 Phelan Avenue), Room 140. The July meeting will focus on the development and improvements planned for the south side of the station including MOHCD's Upper Yard housing development, BART south entrance, BART kiss and ride relocation, and M-line termination stop.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM