



SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, August 1, 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,
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 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Queena Chen and Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent with notification: Joan Downey and Susan Vaughan,

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2019:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Joan Downey, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Betty Louie stated that the SFMTA rejected naming the Chinatown station after Rose Pak and came up with a naming policy that stated they will name stations by geographic locations only. The Board of Supervisors were sworn in to uphold San Francisco rules and regulations.

Eva Lee took an informal poll of Stockton Street Merchants and they were for naming the station Chinatown only. Chinatown is a very famous destination. The Chinatown station name should not be attached to someone else.

Allen Zng stated that it is not fair that Director Heminger just started and he is going to be the deciding factor in the serious issue of whether or not to name the Chinatown station after Rose Pak. He presented a petition against naming the station after Rose Pak of 10,328 names of people that is 728 pages.

Richard Ow stated that he is a retired postal worker so he knows a lot of people and 90% of Chinatown residents don't want Rose Pak's name on the Chinatown station. Putting her name on the station will create confusion.

Jason stated that if they put Rose Pak's name on the station, tourists will be confused. He appreciates what she did in San Francisco for Chinatown but keep it simple and just name it Chinatown station only.

Albert Chang has owned his business in Chinatown for 51 years. They should name the station Chinatown and make it simple and easy for tourists. Rose Pak's name is far from noble. She cheated and obtained the city low income housing. That hurt a lot of the truly low-income families.

Lotus Yee Fong stated that the owner of The Wok Shop is very much against naming the Chinatown station after Rose Pak.

Cathy Zhang stated that the SFMTA needs to listen to the community. Public transportation is for the community and not for politics. She spoke against naming the Chinatown station after Rose Pak.

Council member Queena Chen arrived at 5:48 p.m.

Yuen Siu Lau stated that the name of the station should be very simple. Many people do not know Rose Pak. When tourists come to Chinatown, they will be confused. It will complicate the tourist destination.

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

Long Shan has been visiting businesses in Chinatown and 90% of the merchants agree that the name should be Chinatown station only. Many of them cannot agree with the character of Rose Pak. She was a bully and spoke vulgar words.

Ze Xia has talked with neighbors about the Chinatown station possibly being named after Rose Pak and the majority of them are not happy. Many people consider Rose Pak a bad person.

Lori Stasukelis stated that there are serious safety issues with the Lyft Bay Wheels bike program. There should be SFMTA oversight of this program. She inquired whose job it is to monitor that they are doing what they are supposed to do. They're taking five parking spaces away next to an urgent care facilities. She believes their data is tainted.

Edward Mason stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) considers Treasure Island a community of concern. He stated that he was stuck there for two hours recently when full buses kept passing him up. It's unacceptable. There are now 100 buses authorized at 24th and Church streets.

Herbert Weiner stated that he is concerned about the SFMTA Task Force. There is no critical party on that board. They are going to have insolated feedback. It's a cheering session for the SFMTA. The SFMTA is in trouble and Ed Reiskin paid with his job. Citizen participation is necessary, and it does not exist. The SFMTA is under fire and the public is very angry because they are not being listened to. There should be direct citizen participation.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA Public Outreach and Engagement District Liaison Program. (Deanna DeSedas, Manager, Public Outreach and Engagement and Adrienne Heim, Public Information Officer. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Adrienne Heim, Public Information Officer and District 10 Liaison discussed the purpose and process of the SFMTA Public Outreach and Engagement District Liaison Program.

No public comment.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Cable Car service update. (Brent Jones, Acting Chief Transportation Officer. No explanatory documents.)

Brent Jones, Acting Chief Transportation Officer held a Q&A with Council members regarding Cable Car service. The system is very old. He stated that traffic creates a problem but also underneath the ground there are pullies and cables that could fail at any moment as the system and the cable cars are over 100 years old. The Powell and Market stop is the only place in the system where multiple lines converge in one location. There is no crossover there. It was left out from the 1983 rehab.

No public comment.

CAC MOTION 190801.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that because cable car passengers experience long wait times at the Powell and Market turnaround, the California line be promoted as an alternative for those passengers who wish to ride cable cars without regard to destination.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Joan Downey, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

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

Council member Frank Zepeda, Chair, EMSC gave an update on Better Market Street as presented at the June EMSC meeting.

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

Neil Ballard requested a SFMTA legislative strategy update.

Neil Ballard requested a presentation from the Mayor's Transportation Liaison Paul Supawanich.

Jarie Bolander requested a presentation on how the priorities in signaling are established.

Aaron Leifer requested a presentation regarding LRV4 seating.

Daniel Weaver asked if a business has the right to restrict the use of a white zone with a sandwich board.

Queena Chen asked if Lyft Bay Wheels will be fined if they are parked improperly and why isn't SFMTA notified when there is a dockless bike parking violation complaint made through 311.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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