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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, July 9, 2015
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell,
Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Steve Taber,
Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Alex Reese

CAC members absent: Joan Downey (absent with notification) and Daniel Murphy (absent with notification)

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

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel commented that when motions are adopted, he would suggest noting the total vote in the minutes.

On motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, and Alex Reese

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver stated that item 7 was continued to the August meeting and that the CAC's Rules of Order states that the election occur at a regular meeting. The July meeting is a special meeting.

Chairman Weaver discussed the parking policy management plan with Ed Reiskin. Mr. Reiskin stated that the main issues with parking is creating, establishing and changing residential parking permit areas and parking meters. The Residential Parking Permit plan is undergoing review by the SFMTA, and that staff will present preliminary findings to the Council in November.

Chairman Weaver introduced Director Cristina Rubke. Director Rubke acknowledged the work of the Citizens' Advisory Council and she commended the CAC for their work. The SFMTA Board appreciates the CAC's recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel commented that the Council was started in July 2000 and that's why elections are held then. Mr. Pilpel stated that the CAC's Rules could be changed.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason commented on the corporate commuter program; buses that continue to violate weight restrictions; and the problems with pigeon droppings at the West Portal station.

David Pilpel commented on the E-Line service starting in August; the Twin Peaks Tunnel construction. At the end of July, bus shuttles will start at 9 pm every night for the next six months. Mr. Pilpel believes that the Council should be informed in advance of capital projects that affect service.

John Edmund Abraham commented that the 47 Van Ness (outbound) bus stop at 11th and Folsom has disappeared. Mr. Abraham stated that it was a key stop for him; that chairs are disappearing on the buses; and that people with disabilities don't count any longer. Mr. Abraham stated that he no longer qualifies for paratransit services.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the election of the CAC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

This item was continued to the August meeting.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding SFMTA's 20-Year Capital Plan. (Darton Ito, Assistant Director, Strategic Planning & Policy)

Darton Ito reviewed the Capital Plan and discussed the two-year capital budget planning process, including defining capital needs and developing prioritization criteria for the funding. Mr. Ito stated that the plan is a needs-based assessment; is financially unconstrained; and is a big component of how a project helps the SFMTA meet the goals within the Strategic Plan. Mr. Ito stated that the Bike and Pedestrian Strategy and State of Good Repair documents are considered and that the Capital Plan is used to inform other documents, both within the City and regionally.

Alex Reese arrived at 6:13 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason noted a misspelled word and talked about funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mr. Mason inquired if the SFMTA does an analysis of benefits for the cost per person for infrastructure and suggested that developers should pay the full cost.

David Pilpel recommended that replacement be prioritized over expansion. It's important that existing assets be maintained first, primarily facilities and then vehicles. Construction projects should include the cost of maintaining them. There needs to be some expansion but it can't be at the expense of core assets. It's problematic that expansion projects scored higher than maintenance projects.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Rail Capacity Study. (Grahm Satterwhite, Program Manager)

Grahm Satterwhite provided an overview of the Rail Capacity Study and the actions taken to date. Mr. Satterwhite discussed the fleet plan which identified significant needs for additional light rail vehicles; expanding the light rail system; near-term development to expand the system; and other projects, such as the Central Subway Phase 3 and 19th Avenue. Mr. Satterwhite also discussed strategies, stakeholder workshops, and next steps for the study.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that he is encouraged and finds it important to distinguish near, mid and long-term projects. Mr. Pilpel is interested in near-term projects that will have real benefits to riders, such as improvements at West Portal; a pocket with a turn back at St. Francis Circle; and ticket-vending machines at UCSF as well as other projects that will improve throughput and capacity.

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

Frank Zepeda stated that the EMSC had a presentation on the Rail Capacity Study; private shuttle services in the Marina; and construction at the Glen Park station. Mr. Zepeda stated that staff will come back in the fall to provide an update on the shuttle services.

11. Council Members' requests for information. (For discussion only)

Katie Haverkamp would like the status of repair on Car 162.

Susan Vaughan would like to know why and when the bus stop at 11th and Folsom Street was removed and what the public notification process was.

Susan Vaughan would like to know the members are of the Urban Planning Initiatives. Chairman Weaver asked staff to invite Peter Albert to update the CAC on the workings of the group.

Daniel Weaver would like to know the paratransit appeal process.

Steve Ferrario would like to know the status of the ADA seating in the buses that were disabled for safety purposes. Chairman Weaver suggested that the item be discussed at an OCSC meeting.

Steve Ferrario would like to know the current policy and status of the taxi script program.

Stephen Cornell stated that along 3rd Street, just before the Lefty O'Doul Bridge, certain private vehicles are allowed to park during events at the ballpark. He would like to know who parks there.

12. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, # 7080

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yvette Torres', written in a cursive style.

Yvette Torres
SFMTA CAC – Secretary