

Community Advisory Committee of  
Market and Octavia Area Plan  
City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 5<sup>TH</sup> Floor

Monday, June 17, 2013

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Robin Levitt, Ted Olsson, Dennis Richards, Michael Simmons,  
Krute Singa, Lou Vasquez, Kenneth Wingard, Nick Wolff

Committee Members Absent: Jason Henderson

City Staff in Attendance: Alexis Smith (Planning); Ariel McGinnis (MTA)

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1. Call to order and roll call
2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping  
[discussion item]

The Duboce Park Historic District was signed by the Mayor.

A formula retail project at 2100 Market St will be at the Planning Commission on June 20.

There will be a public meeting for the Living Alleyways program on July 9.

The Planning Commission adopted a recommendation to let the fee deferral program expire.

3. Approval of minutes for April 15 and May 20 regular meetings [action item]

**Action:** Approval of the minutes for the April 15, 2013 meeting.

Motion: Vasquez; Second: Richards.

Aye: Levitt, Richards, Simmons, Singa, Vasquez, Wolff

No: None

Absent: Henderson

Abstain: Olsson, Wingard

**Action:** Approval of the minutes for the May 20, 2013 meeting.

Motion: Simmons; Second: Wingard.

Aye: Levitt, Olsson, Richards, Simmons, Singa, Vasquez, Wingard, Wolff

No: None

Absent: Henderson

Abstain: None

4. Allocation of funds from the sale of the former freeway parcels: finalizing CAC recommendations for short-term projects [action item]

The CAC considered eight short-term projects as potential recipients of funding from the central freeway land sale proceeds. See attached chart for CAC recommendations.

*Reopening Fell and Gough crosswalk.*

- questioned the costs involved in reopening the crosswalk
- Seven out of the eight members present considered this a high priority project.

*Pedestrian safety spot improvements.*

- Members were concerned with how the improvement locations were selected; MTA staff confirmed that locations were chosen based on safety needs.
- Seven of the eight members present considered this a high priority project.

*Oak and Octavia intersection improvements.*

- CAC members questioned the project costs, and ways that these short term improvements could potentially reduce the costs of the long-term improvements to come, and could serve as a pilot to inform the long-term improvements.
- Members articulated that this is a very dangerous intersection for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Seven out of the eight CAC members present considered this a high priority project.

*Buchanan and Market intersection improvements.*

- Though it was discussed that eastbound bicycle traffic onto Market Street is not as heavy as westbound traffic turning onto the wiggle,
- members generally felt that this project offered high benefits for relatively little cost.
- All eight members present considered this a high priority project.

*Right turn prohibition enforcement camera at Market and Octavia.*

- Members generally felt that the existing median extension is effective in preventing right turns onto the freeway,
- and were interested in seeing violation statistics for the intersections.
- Members questioned whether a camera would be effective in deterring illegal turns.
- Two members considered this a low priority, and six members considered it to not be a priority.

*Pedestrian countdown signals on Gough Street.*

- Members agreed that countdown signals are valuable for pedestrians and are needed on Gough Street, particularly given new development there.
- Some members expressed that it should be the City's responsibility to install these across the City, and this is not an appropriate use of these local funds. MTA staff said

that, without this funding, the earliest the City would install ped countdown signals would be FY2017.

- Three members considered this a high priority, three members considered this a medium priority, and two members considered it a low priority.

*Bike share extension.*

- The CAC generally support bike share and appreciates its potential to relieve MUNI overcrowding.
- However, members felt that it would be premature to find an expansion before the pilot is running, questioned whether SF's program would be successful given its light coverage, and didn't see how it directly mitigated the freeway teardown.
- One member considered this a low priority, and seven did not consider it a priority.

*Page Street short term improvements.*

- Support for Robin's idea of a 4' buffer zone for bikes down the center of Page Street, or re-routing bikes onto Lily St.
- Doesn't make sense to do the highest amount of spending, since it's unlikely it will survive the longer term changes in 2017
- General support for the lowest tier (\$10-25k) of improvements. Seven members considered this a high priority, one considered it medium priority.

5. Update on plan area fee projections; introduction to 2013 IPIC process [discussion item]

Item not heard.

6. Resolution on the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit project [action item]

**Action:** Approval of a resolution in support of Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit (resolution attached).

Motion: Levitt; Second: Richards.

Aye: Levitt, Olsson, Richards, Singa, Vasquez, Wingard, Wolff

No: None

Absent: Henderson, Simmons

Abstain: None

7. Development Pipeline Report and Legislation/policy Pipeline Report [discussion item]

8. Committee members comments & Issues the Committee may consider in future meetings [discussion item]

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment