

**Citizens Advisory Committee of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan
City and County of San Francisco**



MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Hearing will be held remotely Refer to the "Remote Access to Information and Participation" section below for instructions.

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Cliff Barger
Trevor Chandler
Andrew Cheng

J.R. Eppler*
Henry Karnilowicz
Kelly Kozak

Irma Lewis
Jolene Yee
Kim-Shree Maufas

The Agenda and supplemental information is available on our website at www.sfplanning.org and at the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. **6:30 – 6:45:** Administration (*Irma Lewis, EN CAC Chair*)

Meeting called to order

Attendees: Trevor Chandler, J.R. Eppler, Henry Karnilowicz, Kelly Kozak, Irma Lewis, Jolene Yee, Kim-Shree Maufas

Absent: Cliff Barger, Andrew Cheng

- Approve 02/28/2022 Meeting Minutes. Minutes Approved
- Updates: Irma Lewis

- Developer Architect Lev Weisbach, Presenter to EN CAC February 2022 meeting for In-Kind request:
 - Rich Hills, Director SF Planning, spoke to Mr. Weisbach regarding his poor behavior, and followed up with an email to Mr. Weisbach.
 - Committee requests that Planning staff inform other CAC's and Commissions of the incident and followup.
 - SF Planning currently working on agreement with DPW to plant trees in the requested areas.
- Zoom attack:
 - Police report filing - SFPD requires a warrant to trace the owner of the source IP address in order to further investigate the attack. SFPD declined to do so at this time.

2. Review of 06/13/2022 Agenda:

- The agenda item to rescind approval of \$800K in gap funding for the Esprit Park Renovation Project results from RecPark's formal response in February to the Memo, which failed to align with RecPark's verbal commitments made in the December EN CAC meeting.
- EN CAC can revisit and approve of gap funding upon receiving RecPark written confirmation of verbal commitments.

3. **6:45 – 7:30:** IPIC review and projections – Presentation (*Mat Snyder, SF Planning*)

- Discussion regarding possibility of modifying impact fee structure for office developments to reflect the current reality of open space now being a priority benefit for their employees, not just streetscape.
- 2nd request from Committee to M. Snyder to provide more detailed background - down to the project revenue streams - on how funds were allocated between SOMA and non- SOMA areas, to ensure equitable allocation.

4. **7:30 – 8:05:** \$800K Gap funding for the Esprit Park renovation project. Review and vote (*Irma Lewis*).

- EN CAC February 2022 Memo and RecPark formal response to memo displayed on screen during discussion. EN CAC memo requested that RecPark convene community meetings on a quarterly basis. RecPark responded "Rec and Park will continue to post regular updates to the project page of the Rec and Park website", with no community meetings.
- Committee concerned that it's now June and RecPark has failed to perform the community engagement verbally promised in December.
- Committee discussed rescinding approval of \$800K in gap construction funding until RPD issues a written commitment and plan to perform robust engagement.
- Committee confirmed its ability to hold a special meeting - in the next 4 weeks or sooner - to approve the funding with a written community engagement plan from RecPark in hand.
- S. Bradley/RecPark - General apology for not aligning with expectations and communications. Asserted that a vote to rescind, even with approval to follow within

4 weeks or less, would equate to a major delay by stopping the open bidding process with terrible outcomes to project financials due to inflation. The project was to go out to bid in the next day or so.

- o Ms. Bradley offered a verbal commitment to attend meetings of a few groups -to be named at that moment- as a guest on an ad hoc, undetermined basis.
 - o Public Comment - Community members conveyed their dissatisfaction with RecPark's approach to and level of community engagement over the past 2 years. Other community members conveyed satisfaction with RecPark's approach to community engagement.
- Vote 3-3 on the motion to rescind approval of Gap Funding. No action taken on motion (6 affirmative votes by Committee members needed to take action per bylaws.)

5. **8:05 – 8:15:** 3236 24th Street- Street Tree Planting Program update (Mission Area) (*Julian Bañales, SF Planning*)

Planning Department does not think in-kind agreement is proper mechanism for trees. Planning is working on agreement with DPW to plant trees. Mission community groups are in favor of this approach. Funding for trees will come back to EN CAC at a later date. 24th St Project will pay impact fees separate from any EN funding.

6. **8:16 – 8:17:** FacesSF – An introduction (*Dr. Jon Skolnick, CEO*)

Apologies extended to Dr. Skolnick regarding the loss of his allocated time. We value his time and this project will be the first presentation on agenda for Sept. EN CAC meeting.

7. **8:18 – 8:20:** SF Railyards – Project introduction (*Jeremy Shaw, SF Planning*)

This project will be the second presentation on agenda for Sept. EN CAC meeting. Apologies to Mr. Shaw for the loss of his allocated time on the agenda.

8. **8:21 – 8:25:** Other updates

9. **8:26– 8:27:** Next Meeting (2022 Quarter 3) - Monday, September 12

10. Public Comment.

* This D10 Seat #4 vacant as of Fall 2021.

* **8:28 PM: Meeting adjourned.**