

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

Monday, July 20, 2020

6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Hearing held remotely

*Refer to the “Remote Access to Information and Participation”
section below for instructions.*

Committee Members present: Chase Chambers, Jason Henderson, Robin Levitt, Ted Olsson, Krute Singa, Tony Tolentino

Committee Members absent: Paul Olsen

City Staff in Attendance: Seung Yen Hong (Planning), Stacy Bradley (REC), Yael Golan (REC), Antonio Guerra (REC), Michelle Woo (DPW), Daniel Sheeter (MTA), Chava Kronenberg (MTA), Jesse Rosemoore (MTA), Oscar Quintanilla (DPW), Kyle Smeallie (BOS)

The Agenda is available electronically on the Department’s website: www.sfplanning.org. *Please note that timing of agenda items is subject to change.*

1. Call to order and roll call 6:30-6:35
 - Singa called order to the meeting.
2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping [discussion item] 6:35-6:40
 - Levitt to give a few comments about Ron Miguel – who passed away at the end of June and was the past president of the Planning Commission.
 - HUB/Market Octavia Plan Amendment updates by Ambati and Smeallie
3. Approval of minutes for February 2020 regular meeting 6:40-6:45
MO CAC Members [action item]

- CAC members approved (6 ayes, 1 absence)
- 4. Market and Octavia Area Plan Amendment (The Hub) – 6:45-7:00
Transportation Mitigations
MO CAC Members [action item]
 - Henderson – asked for stronger consideration of loading, and less parking in the HUB. It's basically been severed into two parts. 3 sites were moved forward today. Jason described opinion on the hub.
 - Levitt – ask a question about whether general San Francisco trends due to the COVID situation, so the pressures on housing seems to be lightened. Jason confirmed no.
 - Olsson – Now we are under stricter rules for COVID, does this take into account that regulation? Jason to talk about this during shared spaces
 - Henderson - Bicycle network needs more work on Franklin and Gough. More slow streets and traffic calming on Laguna St and Buchanan St.
- 5. Hayes Street Shared Spaces 7:00-7:15
MO CAC Members [action item]
 - Henderson – Discussed a protected bike lane and wider paths that follow SFTMA's guidelines to create more shared space along Hayes St.
 - Amended resolution to make it more effective in layout and consistency.
 - Motion approved (6 ayes, 1 absence)
- 6. Public Works Capital Improvement Project Update 7:15-7:45
Public Works [discussion item]
 - Michelle Woo presenting on DPW Capital Improvement Project Update
 - Upper Market Corridor Safety Improvements includes bulbouts and pedestrian crossing improvements, streetlights, uplighting, between Castro and Octavia. Finalizing construction drawings now, advertising by end of August 2020.
 - Living Alleys program is an ongoing effort to re-imagine network of alleyways by reconstruction streets as places first and roads second. Creating lively spaces that reinforce slower speeds and safer driving behavior. Align the program with existing ongoing projects such as repaving or utility projects. Is being allocated as time passes on.
 - Olsson – what does it take to be a living alley? Michelle answered - The criteria for living alley is posted online at the DPW website. Hoping to utilize the money current in budget to prioritize projects that receive the most survey votes. Will new applicants be considered? Seung Yen answered – at some point last year DPW took over the Living Alleys program so now DPW selects alleys rather than private interests proposing alleys. DPW will use their own standard to make the project happen. If alleys have already received improvements, they may not be considered by DPW.
 - Levitt – How much funding is available for the program? Total is \$4 million, currently at DPW there is only \$500k right now and should be receiving another \$500k this

year. Hoping this is funding for one or two projects this year. Mentioned that there are a lot of alleys in the Market Octavia plan where there could be improvements. Felt like it was a popularity contest rather considering whether there are instances of speeding, connections to schools or parks, or opportunities for recreation. Michelle answered that the voting is to give everyone a voice or part of the process. DPW is taking into account ongoing projects as the biggest factor in trying to utilize these funds – trying to get the biggest bang for their buck in terms of joining up with existing efforts.

- Singa – is the survey still available? Michelle – just ended.
- Henderson – why is Rose St by Buchanan and Linden excluded on the map? Are businesses asking for shared space being factored into the decision making? Michelle – those alleys should be included in the map. The locations were chosen as part of the design toolkit, so would need to refer to that to understand why certain locations are not on there. And yes, trying to partner with folks out there who are interested in using the space.
- Singa – comment on the upper market st – has seen some of those improvements especially the bike ones. Expresses thanks for those improvements. Hopefully the bicyclists are able to use that safely.
- Levitt – why are alleyways with treatments Included? Michelle – we didn’t remove those, they’re included in the rubric to compare to locations that have not yet received treatments to decide on best location to receive funds. If treatment has been received, it is unlikely that the same location would receive additional treatments.

7. Recreation and Parks Capital Improvement Project Update 7:45-8:15
Recreation and Parks Department [discussion item]

- Rec and Park Presentation by Stacey Bradley (REC):
MO parks: Buchanan Street Mall, Margaret S. Hayward (currently active projects)
Margaret S. Hayward Playground is currently under construction, about 90% complete, about \$30 million budget funded by geo bond, impact fees, and grants and open space funds. New children’s playground, new community building, multiple fields, courts and central plaza.
Buchanan Street: expected to receive \$2 million from health and recovery bond, also pending impact fees, general bond allocation, and let’s play SF funding. Turk to Golden Gate is initial phase: will have a playground, community open space, memory walk through all five blocks.
Completed projects: Hayes Valley Playground Courts, Page Street Community Garden, Duboce Park Courts.
2020 health and recovery bond: Equity zones review, developed through CalEPA data and used ten other disadvantaged community demographic data. Also conducted a recovery/parks capital needs analysis using these equity zones, high growth areas, life safety & seismic needs, multi-use community hubs, poor or deficient condition, project readiness, leveraged funds for all “untouched parks.”

Provided a breakdown of investment priorities separated into categories for “named projects”, “administration” and “programs”.

- Henderson – comment on community support from lower end of Buchanan to open up the mall gate/barrier at Fulton and Buchanan. Also a comment on successfully using green connections in the Page Street process. Problem in Hayes Valley with walking and cycling north/south due to congestion, which could be a problem for accessing Hayward playground safely.
- Olsson – Interested in working with kids educationally on what estuary and seashore means not only in biology but also with teaching commercial skills.
- Levitt – Commented on the importance of connections. Working with Living Alleys and DPW, and using Parks Alliance as a good connection between the agencies. Stacey Bradley – one of the programs is to help bolster micro enterprises.
- Singa – comment on looking at what the open spaces area. Making sure that there are playgrounds for children especially in more car-dominated areas in the southern part of the city and South of Market.

8. SFMTA Capital Improvement Projects Update
SFMTA [discussion item]

8:15-8:45

- SFMTA Presentation by Chava Kronenberg:
Looks at 20 years at transportation needs in the city – also want to make sure at long term vision such as bus replacements. It’s a financially unconstrained plan and includes capital needs for which funding has not yet been committed. This plan was just adopted in 2019, when the plan had increased due to Vision Zero, Electric Bus Fleet Transition, Updating Costs based on Actuals, State of Good Repair, Next Generation of Muni Forward.
IPIC money is meant for or allocated for: 13th street protected bike lanes, more western addition mid-term improvements, page street Neighborway (market to webster), upper market street pedestrian improvements, and Valencia street bikeway improvements. Signal improvements along Haight/Steiner, Gough Street, and Western Addition.
- Henderson – Comment on unsafe biking on Hayes Street, Van Ness, proposing a cycle track on Gough and Franklin and how to make those streets more accessible.
- Levitt – feeling very happy about doing something with 13th street. Do we know when the Van Ness BRT is going to be done? With Page Street and Laguna St, and lack of access to Octavia, have noticed a lot of drivers who run stop signs on Laguna because they know there’s no cross traffic and this is dangerous.
- Singa – felt that it was hard to have a conversation after a lengthy presentation. What else is needed from CAC members? Kronenberg – help to identify the next set of needs from the last set of dollars from Central Freeway.

9. 555 Fulton / Trader Joe’s
MO CAC Members [discussion item]

8:45-9:00

- Henderson – HV&A put together a community benefits agreement in response to Trader Joe’s on 555 Fulton parcel.

Parcel north of Hayes valley with a proposal for Trader Joe’s - possible through a one-time exemption of formula retail. Then supervisor had lifted the formula retail limit on the parcel only if it was Trader Joe’s and if they could come to a CBA with HV&A. Had three parts: local hire, transportation, and affordable groceries. Initial CBA from Trader Joe’s was rejected, and a response was sent over : and late last week both Trader Joe’s and Z&L responded saying that they were asking for too much and beyond the scope of what they thought they were obliged to do. The entrance to the parking garage could be blind, recommended doing something like Dolores Whole Foods. Need to also consider TNCs and coming up with a creative solution to the bike lane as well. Think about making an action item at the next CAC meeting.

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| 10. <u>Public Comment</u> | 9:00-9:15 |
| 11. <u>Adjournment</u> | 9:15 |

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