

BETTER STREETS PLAN-Community Advisory Committee

MINUTES

February 5, 2007

1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

CAC Members present: John Bela, Rene Bihan, Rosi Bustamante, Emily Drennen, John Hirten, Jessie Lorenz, Jane Martin, Jason Patton (chair), Pi Ra, Roger Rose, Nancy Strahan, Amy Tanner, Amy Tran

CAC Members absent: Tim Dunn

City Staff present: David Alumbaugh (Planning), Andres Power (Planning), Adam Varat (Planning), Neil Hrushowy (Planning), Kris Opbroek (DPW), Cristine Olea (MTA), Frank Markowitz (MTA), Britt Tanner (MTA), Ana Validzic (DPH), Rosey Jencks (PUC), Joanna Fraguli (MOD), Susan Mizner (MOD), Kevin Jensen (DPW)

1. Announcements and Committee Matters

- o Comments on January 2007 minutes:
 - No comments.
- o Meeting location:
 - Future meetings will be held at 1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room.
- o Update on committee vacancies
 - There are two new members: Jessie Lorenz and Roger Rose.
 - Frank Markowitz of MTA made an announcement about the remaining vacancies on the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). The PSAC has been unable to provide a replacement for the BSP CAC. It was decided that the spot should be opened up to other groups, such as youth or public health. CAC members were encouraged to make suggestions.
- o Committee members made the following comments:
 - Support was voiced for a youth representative.
 - There was a suggestion to have someone represent homeless issues would be appropriate.
 - There was agreement that such issues, per previous discussions, should be left to service providers.
- o Frank Markowitz introduces Cristine Olea, the new project manager for the Pedestrian Transportation Master Plan

2. Best Practices Presentation

- o Niko Letunic of Eisen-Letunic made a presentation about best practices for both the PMP and the SMP.

- For the PMP, he highlighted examples from Portland, Sacramento and Oakland.
- For the SMP, he showed images from Vancouver, Chicago and Portland.
- Committee members had the following comments and questions (some thematically similar comments are combined):
 - Are the best practices being adapted to local conditions, especially climate and soil conditions?
 - Cities included in the SMP best practice review spend considerably more per square foot than San Francisco on streetscape landscaping construction costs; how is this being taken into consideration?
 - The timeline strategy used by Portland to demonstrate possible build-out scenarios was thought to be useful.
 - Will curb-cut best practices be included?

3. Community Involvement Strategy Presentation

- The community involvement consultant made a presentation summarizing the outreach and media strategy.
- Committee members had the following comments and questions:
 - What will the role be for the website?
 - How will translation be taken care of?
 - To what degree will the outreach be tailored to the local district?
 - What will the strategy be for compiling the mailing list?
- Ana Validzic from the Department of Public Health comment that DPH will be assisting in reaching low-income and minority residents.

4. ADA Presentation

- Joanna Fraguli of MOD and Frank Markowitz of MTA present on the design considerations stemming from the ADA, as well as how the MTA has addressed these issues to date.
- The distinction between accessible design and universal design is highlighted.
- Committee members had the following comments and questions:
 - Several members commend the presentation and voice agreement with the principles underlying Universal Design.

5. Future meetings

- March agenda items

- Several committee members comment on the need to reduce the volume of material presented so that they could have the opportunity to provide more thoughtful comments.

6. Adjourn