

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

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 4TH Floor

Monday, September 16, 2019

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Paul Olsen, Robin Levitt, Jason Henderson, Ted Olsson, Krute Singa

Committee Members Absent: Chase Chambers, Mohammed Soriano Bilal

City Staff in Attendance: Andrea Nelson (SF Planning), Casey Hildreth (SFMTA)

1. Call to order and roll call

- Krute called the meeting to order

2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping

- Robin – there is a Better Market Street meeting on September 30, 2019 at 6:00PM

3. Approval of minutes for August 2019 regular meeting

- CAC members approved the August 2019 minutes (5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent)

4. Streetscape Projects Update

- Casey Hildreth, SFMTA provided an update to the MO CAC on SFMTA projects in the plan area (see presentation).
- Robin – intersection signaling should take the fact that bicycles are slower than cars into account (e.g. Polk and Market Street).
 - Casey – Better Market Street will handle that on Market
- Ted – I appreciate the pedestrian flashers at unsignalized locations at crosswalks that alert drivers that pedestrians are walking.
- Robin – is Franklin receiving treatments as well?

- Casey – yes, that is my understanding.
- Jason – I was surprised that the Hub Plan exists separately from Better Market Street especially in the DEIR. This early, quick build approach should be done at Market and Van Ness. It is good mitigation for the Hub and should be done before the building construction happens. You said 11th Street has been punted because of wires, but the intersection at 11th and Market Street could be solved.
 - Casey – 11th and Market has not been solved as of now. We understand it is a problem and will find any possible way to improve it.
- Robin – I commend you or whoever came up with the idea for the Herman, Laguna, and Market Street intersection. It's too bad that the soft hit posts have to stay. Maybe a raised median so fire trucks could still go over it?
 - Casey – we will put new soft hit posts in at the very least.
- Casey – there are residents with garages on Linden who will need access to their units. We aren't allowed to restrict access only to residents. Early thinking on my part is to revert ownership from SFMTA to Recreation and Parks Department, examine opportunities with Parcel L, or address in another way to adjust ownership of the public right-of-way.
- Robin – in Cambridge, England, there is an area with retractable bollards. We had a meeting and the contra flow bikeway came up. We think one for bicycles on the West side of Patricia's Green
 - Casey – it is a pilot project.
- Krute – what do you need from us to support ideas?
 - Casey – attach a request to the Parcel K RFP.
- Jason – I went to the workshop and it was well attended. Isn't it worth discussing it at the SFMTA Board October 15th anyway? It is frustrating to listen to people attack the staff. There are many garages on Haight Street that are filled with belongings and people are parking in front of their garages. SFMTA Board should know about this dynamic.
 - Casey – it isn't ready to go yet. It will be worth engaging more people. We want to be responsive to everyone.
- Paul – neighbors are concerned about losing parking. I recommend reminding people of the benefits of fixing circulation. Love that you are working with Haight Street Art Center – people feel protective of art made by youth. Concerned about how the alleys are going to handle the overflow traffic.
 - Casey – we will monitor Lily and potentially reverse it. I am hoping it can make it better since Laguna will not be an access point.
- Jason – check out Zurich for District 5 study.

5. Historic Commemorative Project – Update

- Mark Bonsignore, Parks Alliance – introduced himself and briefly reviewing the process of the Working Group's work from the Historic Commemorative Project. He shared the mission of the group: "Inspire and empower future San Franciscans to realize that through civic engagement of the freeway removal in the Market Octavia Areas that you can change the City for the better." Our community meeting will be at Avalon Bay on October 10th from 6:00-10:00PM. Working group members represent a variety of people and backgrounds in the

neighborhood. Shared three potential commemoration options to share with the community.

- Ted – try to show how much shadow the freeway was taking up and dividing the neighborhood.
- Robin – I keep making the point that it was not just about the neighborhood but that it was about the whole city. Also want to tell the story of Patricia Walkup
- Krute – do you think people understand the significance of not having freeways around? I ask because people still want to widen roadways and make driving easier. Have some education around good urban form and livability.
- Paul – we are trying to find the balance between acknowledging the city and neighborhood.
- Ted – several chapters: what the neighborhood was before (talking about community vitality), how freeways came into existence in the first place, how do you galvanize people in the community, the vitality of the community now. Incorporate the 1989 destruction of the Embarcadero freeway and how that opened up the city. Opens up civic engagement question: what can you do to make the neighborhood better?
- Jason – could also acknowledge that there is housing and a public park that is being used by the same space. Most optimal outcome to take down the rest of the freeways in the city. Imagine taking down the rest of the freeways. What can fire people up? Photos look like Oakland today.
- Ted – are you looking for a single way to tell the story? What is the most concise way to get the mission across? Can we work with the Arts Commission?
 - Mark – perhaps the best place is to get people to get to one central place and then they can learn about what else they can learn about. We will use the community meeting to share how people can be involved.
- Krute – augmented reality options to provide people to use with the phone.
- Ted – consult with the Legion of Honor and SFMOMA.
- Robin – technology will not be the same.
- Jason – SF City Library, 5th Floor has a ton of historic photographs. So does SFMTA.

6. Public Comment

- No public comment.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2019