

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

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 5TH Floor

Monday, February 4, 2019

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Krute Singa, Chase Chambers, Paul Olsen, Robin Levitt, Jason Henderson, Mohammed Soriano Bilal, Ted Olsson

Committee Members Absent: none

City Staff in Attendance: Andrea Nelson (SF Planning)

1. Call to order and roll call

- Jason called the meeting to order

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

- Andrea shared the update regarding the Living Alleys Program, Community Challenge Grant
 - Jason: Nuance: required applicants to organize the community to support the proposed projects and required the applicant to gain signatures to support the project.
 - Paul: retaining the necessary funding and insurance was a problem with the program. It was the inability of community members to meet the requirements of City agencies that was challenging. The MO CAC passed a resolution that it be handled by the City. I would like the language to reflect this nuance.
 - Ted: I agree with Paul.
 - Robin: The need to gather community support and additional requirements are road blocks for community members.
 - Jason: was a bait and switch. The Living Alleys Program was an open space trade for the increase in density as a result of the plan.

- Andrea shared updates regarding the Hub EIR and the Emerging Mobility Study.
 - Jason: concerned that the Hub EIR does not take the Emerging Mobility Study findings into account.
- Paul: District 8 Supervisor is considering the Castro/LGBTQ Cultural Heritage District. Please let me know if you have suggestions regarding the legislation.
- Robin: Plans for Better Market Street are moving forward. End of review period for the Draft EIR is April 12th. Parcel K and L – can we get an update on the status of the property. The existing public art sculpture is well-liked and is calming traffic – can we extend its time in Patricia’s Green.

3. Approval of minutes for December 2018 regular meeting

- Motion to approve by Paul, Ted seconded. Approved (5 ayes, 2 abstentions).

4. MO CAC Historic Commemorative Project

- Paul introduced the proposed project scope for the Historic Commemorative Project. Brooke Rae Rivera and Mark Bonsignore provided a background on Place Lab and shared the draft project scope with the group.
 - Robin: There has been talk of a design competition.
 - Brooke: Yes, that could be part of the selection process.
 - Jason: How do you talk to people now about the past?
 - Brooke: Approach will provide a clear outcome.
 - Krute: are we focusing on the freeway revolt or is it vague on purpose?
 - Mohammed: commemorative project is a qualitative study about how traffic, economic, culture, etc. combine to get a better sense of the time.
 - Robin: the freeway take-down was supported by everyone in the city and community organizations, not just the neighborhood. I think we need to narrow the scope to focus on the freeway revolt.
 - Ted: older people trying to dissuade newcomers of what happened. Instill citizen initiative. Include younger community perspective.
 - Brooke Ray: we can be the neutral party to help facilitate how this goes, framework and guidance.
 - Robin: there is something in this for everyone. Appreciate having Place Labs to lead the effort.
 - Mohammed: Qualitative study (clarification): get the archival information in one bucket and have artists come back with the information. I don’t want to lose the African American community to be forgotten in this story.
 - Paul: we are contracting Place Lab to ensure the community engagement process is fair and includes all voices.

- Andrea: Next steps are for Place Lab to review draft scope and update according to CAC members' comments.
- CAC members passed a resolution to contract with Place Lab on the Historic Commemorative Project (7 ayes, 0 nays).

5. MO CAC Duration and Future Process

- Andrea presented the by-laws and proposed passing a resolution to continue the duration of the CAC.
 - Jason: there is still work to be done.
 - Mohammed: by-laws may have to change to meet and make actions virtually. It would benefit everyone to be more nimble.
 - Paul: the law is that you must vote interactively.

6. Public Comment

- Angela, a student, is interested in speaking with CAC members, meeting processes, and civic participation.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

NEXT MEETING: March 18, 2019