

Market Octavia CAC Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2022

In attendance:

Autumn Adamme
Tracy Jacks
Ted Olsson
Tony Tolentino
Madeline Howie
Jason Henderson
Krute Singa
Robin Levitt
Julian Bañales
Dylan Hamilton

Rachel Hiatt - SFCTA
Babs Early
Brittany Chan - SFCTA
Cassie McDonald
Douglas Burnham
Gail Baugh
Lloyd Silverstein
Mark Baugh Sasaki
Mich
Patrick Golier
Richard Johnson
Sherri Young
Susanna Fraker
Warwin C. Davis SFPA
Barbara Thompson
Ben Zotto

Robin raised concerns that Freeway parcels are not being addressed
Robin moved to approve minutes, Krute seconds, all in favor

Announcements:

Robin noticed buses on BRT

Jason is concerned about projects using state density “notice” have found a way to get additional parking - 618 Octavia project has received additional parking, only 4 affordable units. Going to planning on April, they’ll have to ask for conditional use

Julian Bañales is the new staff member replacing Dylan

Dylan - transitions of Dylan and Krute, SFCTA, Jason to speak on Oak St, Commemoration

Dylan’s last meeting as project manager, transitioning to Julian who has been with Planning Dept for 30 years, brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise

Dylan will still be point person for freeway commemoration

Chair transition: Krute has been chair for about a decade. All will miss her leadership and even temper.

No one has yet offered to step in as chair. Jason is willing to help anyone who may be willing to step in.

Most discussion and prep time is done over email, not too large a time commitment...

Tracy Jacks offers, Jason makes motion, Robin seconds. All in favor.

Octavia Blvd:

Rachel Hiatt - SFCTA - works with stakeholders to prioritize project concepts and uses of the impact fund fees

Kicking off a round of outreach

Invites us to think about impact of traffic on Octavia

Oak st protected bike lane

MTA is implementing signal timing to improve congestion entering Octavia as well as moving people to other routes

Gauging interest in studying level of interest in studying big ideas further

Jason highlights signal timing on Oak, useful all over the city, including 19th Ave.

Express bus on Oak. Big picture - downtown SF could become more mixed-use, more people able to live in that area. Congestion pricing could help with this

Look at Buchanan has become a bypass, leading onto Fell, is now higher volume

Haight St could use Page St-like restrictions

Resolution adopted in 2020 will be sent

Robin - seconds congestion pricing, Buchanan signals affecting speeds, remove access from Haight onto Octavia, as it impedes pedestrian movement. Oak St has too much capacity which contributes to speeding. Page/Market signal for bicycles is unsafe. Recommends demolishing the rest of the Central Freeway.

Autumn - hoping for a second left turn lane onto Octavia

Oak Street - Jason

Oak/Market/Van Ness project may be less ambitious in regards to pedestrian safety than originally stated.

1 oak, the oaks, Franklin and oak - these three large developments aren't talking with each other. City should be looking at and working on providing infrastructure for the impact these developments will have on the corridor.

Freeway Commemoration Project:

Update- Parks Alliance initiating community outreach on final design

Complaints about community input on final design, important to note, will be paid with private funds. It's understood that there are some unhappy, but lots of support for it.

Robin: MOCAC initiated effort with HVNA to commemorate the removal of Central Freeway. Several irregularities with the process. At the end of process, no representation from CAC or input into the final design. It is much more involved and grandiose than originally

conceived, goes beyond the scope of what CAC initially envisioned. Robin is concerned that the project should be downscaled so it can happen more quickly and cheaper. Would like to reject the winning design and start over to make something really simple.

Parks Alliance outreach timeline is underway and through May

Public Comment;

Barbara Thompson -did extensive outreach to get public input, should move ahead with the program and shouldn't stop it at this point

Ben Zotto- Volunteered with the committee, really disappointed in this resolution which willfully misrepresents facts, timeline, and numbers.

Sherri Young - One of the jurors on selection committee. Design was Very well thought out, encourages CAC to work with the designer.

S. fraker - Parks Alliance - wants to emphasize that the whole process was documented and made public. Huge community involvement - over 200 people filled in the online survey

Lloyd Silverstein - process handled fairly - project:- Douglas Burnham's project does more than just commemorates, but contributes to public spaces, which are very important to the community

Philip Winn - SFPA has provided extensive and detailed report, created additional selection panel, it's very common to have a second round of public comment - by blocking the legitimate project, they may be blocking the very outcome they are hoping for

Babs Early - well thought out process, not accurate to say that community didn't have opportunity to be involved. CAC members were in fact involved in writing the proposal

Resolution does not pass

Yes-3

No-4

In the process of initiating another round of community outreach for involvement - CAC members can be in touch with.....

Robin clarifies the following:

- Buchanan signals - these signals impede pedestrian movement.
- Too much capacity east of Octavia
- The CAC had minimal involvement in the creation of RFP
- Jury selection - he had no involvement, it had no representation from Hayes Valley residents, nor CAC, insufficient historical knowledge.
 - Babs corrects
- Several HV residents on the committee
 - With edits, all approve

