

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, August 21, 2017
7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

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

Committee Members Absent: Mohammed Soriano Bilal, Lou Vasquez

City Staff in Attendance: Andrea Nelson (SF Planning), Adrian Leung (SFMTA)

1. Call to order and roll call

- Jason – calls the meeting to order.

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

- Jason – 10 S Van Ness – had their scoping meeting regarding their project the beginning of August. The project has asked for double the parking they were seeking.
- Andi – parking in the Hub.
- Jason – announced that he filed a CEQA appeal on One Oak due to concerns regarding: vehicle miles traveled and traffic impacts, wind impacts, loading demand and transportation network companies, and cumulative impacts.
- Paul – you filed it as an individual?
 - Jason – yes, though the Neighbor's United, president of HVNA, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Coalition, Neighbors United, Affordable Divis., Van Ness Corridor Neighbors, Tenants Union, and Sierra Club support it.
- Andi – presented a summary of developments within the Hub and proposed parking for each (see handout).
- Paul – I appreciate the work that is being done to develop this. It doesn't show the parking by right. It shows the most the Planning Department can approve. It

shows the Planning Department ignoring all of those years that went into and it is not in the spirit of the Plan.

- Robin – I know that there are differences of opinion in the Planning Department and we shouldn't condemn the entire Department.
- Jason – there was a 10-year vetting of the plan and the compromise was .25 (some were pushing for 0 parking and others were pushing for more).
- Ted – Preface this with the Market and Octavia rights.
- Andi – what do you want to do?
- Krute – I requested that this be put together. I want to get to a common ground. I want to determine how we want to address the Hub. I would like to hear more about the Hub again.
- Joshua – I think it is critically important that it takes into account facts as they exist today. The projects need to be looked at collectively. If there are things that we can find common ground on. You think about 500 cars on 12th Street cannot be tolerated.
- Robin – also the impact on bicyclists. Need to start off with the Market and Octavia Plan.
- Paul – recommendation is to pass a resolution to advise the Planning Commission and the Planning Department to not allow CUs in the Plan Area.
- Jason – I would add that there should be an interim control. Need a discussion about how to evaluate the environmental impacts of TNCs, wind, etc.
- Krute – I recommend we discuss at our next meeting.
- Jason – I recommend we have a draft resolution.
- Krute – OK, but we need to share it with the group 2 weeks prior to our next meeting.
- Jason – need SFMTA staff member who is working on the Hub. May need TNC figures.
- Joshua – how many surface level parking spaces are being removed?
- Robin – crisis of congestion on SF streets. We have to do something.
- Jason – will draft a resolution two weeks before next meeting.

3. Approval of minutes for May 2017 regular meeting

- Jason moved to approve the minutes, Paul seconds (5 ayes, 1 abstention).

4. Western Addition Community-Based Transportation Plan

- Adrian Leung, Project Manager for the implementation phase for the Western Addition Community-Based Transportation Plan from SFMTA. See presentation. He asked if the group had any questions.
- Ted – how did you work with the community to get their endorsement?
 - Adrian – four phases and engaged the community at each phase.
 - Ted – were they presented with scenarios?
 - Adrian – no, they were given a blank slate.

- Robin – Turk and Golden Gate Ave: they have more capacity than they need. Ellis and Eddy have been turned back into two-way streets. Is that one of the alternatives being considered? There are a couple of difference opinions: fewer signals, better for calming traffic. Traffic signals reward speeding and bad behavior. The fewer traffic signals we have in neighborhoods, the better. Replace them with stop signs.
 - Adrian – we are upgrading signals not installing new. We talk about the mechanized street and the problem about the tendency towards it.
- Krute – on McAllister, there is always tension between bicycles, cars, and buses.
 - Adrian – it is not ideal to have buses leapfrogging bicyclists. It is a challenging discussion within SFMTA. People have discussed removing parking, We are looking at improvements
- Krute – Boys and Girls Club would be a great partner for the Bicycle Working Group. Engage youth, children, and high school children.
- Jason – Planning Commission is reviewing the 555 Fulton grocery store in a couple of weeks. Need pathways to the grocery store. What about the north-south connections?
 - Adrian – MTA does not have jurisdiction over Buchanan Mall. Another project is Webster repaving. Sunday Streets is on Fillmore on September 10th. Golden Gate Ave – 3 lanes to 2 lanes is a possibility.
- Robin – another north-south street is Laguna.
 - Adrian – did have success slowing traffic.

5. **CAC-Initiated Freeway Area History and Recognition Program**

- Robin – the subcommittee spoke on the phone and discussed what the history is that we want to recognize: should it be the freeway revolt only or also other aspects of the neighborhood (e.g. Marlena, Powell's Fried Chicken).
- Paul – we want to talk to this group about what the scope should be. Are we talking about the streets and freeways or who helped to keep the community together as it was bisected by the freeway? What timeframe are we talking about? Mohammed and I lean more broadly. Personally, I would like to see a monument at Octavia and Market Street. Could talk about Patricia. Could we have plaques and/or markers?
- Jason – what about a mural (aka Mona Sharon style mural on Church)? That tells the history of the neighborhood, a visualized story.
- Krute – why does it have to be one or the other? Why not freeway revolt and the history and the neighborhood?
- Joshua – I agree with a broader approach telling the history of the neighborhood through the revolt.
- Krute – what is the format? We need to have something
- Paul – I think we could pose some specific questions to the Planning Department. The touch down in those plazas – we would like to see recognition of other groups. The women coming together after Maddie's son was shot.

- Joshua – what do we need to put together to convey the message to the Arts Commission, the Planning Department. There isn't any institutional memory in the neighborhood.
- Robin – my personal interest is the freeway revolt which started in 1950s. There is nothing that commemorates the freeway revolt. Also interested in telling the story about Patricia.
- Paul – Mohammed brought up that it is important to recognize all of the people in the neighborhood. For example, what Adrian was talking about the Fillmore District. I'd like to hear from a historian who does this to see how we can do this and who we focus on.
- Jason – memorialization and commemoration of removal of freeway. How it got there and how it affected the neighborhood and how it is affecting the neighborhood now. I think we start from the highway.
- Paul – I don't think it needs to be limited to one media.
- Jason – in the Panhandle, there is a plaque, bench, and grove of trees that commemorates the preservation of the Panhandle.
- Krute – who maintains the plaques in Barbary Coast?
- Jason – can we bring someone in?
 - Andrea – I'll speak with Tim Frye.
- Krute – we should think about maintenance and stewardship.

6. **Public Comment**

- Daniel (member of the public) – recommend checking out Detour, an audio tour program.

7. **Adjournment**

NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2017