

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

## Meeting Minutes

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 5<sup>TH</sup> Floor

Monday, July 21, 2014

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Robin Levitt, Joshua Marker, Gary McCoy, Ted Olsson, Dennis Richards, Lou Vasquez

Committee Members Absent: Jason Henderson, Krute Singa, Kenneth Wingard

City Staff in Attendance: Alexis Smith (Planning); Menaka Mohan (Planning); Lanita Henriquez (City Administrator)

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1. Call to order and roll call
  
2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping [discussion item]
  - Dennis Richards was nominated for the Planning Commission
  - New CAC members: Gary McCoy and Joshua Marker
  - Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association Meeting on 7/24 will be a community forum on traffic/ped safety in Hayes Valley. Supervisor Breed's office will be in attendance.
  - Former Freeway ancillary projects: The dog and skate park are complete. McCoppin Hub will be finished within the next month.
  - MTA will come to the CAC in September to talk about Upper Market intersection designs.
  
3. Approval of minutes for May 19 regular meeting [action item]

**Action:** Approval of the minutes for the May 19 regular meeting, with on change to the wording of item 7, member comments on Living Alleyways.

Motion: Olsson; Second: Vasquez

Aye: Levitt, Marker, McCoy, Olsson, Richards, Vasquez

No: none

Absent: Henderson, Singa, Wingard

#### 4. Update the Market Octavia Community Challenge Grant Program from City Administrator's Office Staff [discussion item]

Lanita Henriquez from the City Administrator's Office presented the Area Plan Category of the Community Challenge Grant program. The Area Plan category is funded by impact fees.

- The grant cycle opens on August 25, 2014 and closes on September 29, 2014. Grants are awarded in early December, and projects must be implemented in 9-18 months.
- \$100,000 will be allocated for the Market/Octavia Area Plan category. Projects in this category must be the Market Octavia Area Plan and must be capital projects
- Past projects include Upper Market sidewalk gardens by MUNI stations, Community gathering space, Duboce playground projects, Linden Alley.
- There will be an informational meeting on August 27 at City Hall at 6:00pm.

#### 5. Update on Plan Area impact fee projections; Introduction to 2014 impact fee allocation process [discussion item]

City staff presented pipeline data for the Plan Area and revised impact fee projects for 2014. In general, the biggest difference between the 2013 and 2014 projections is that development is happening faster than previously anticipated. Another key difference is that large projects in the Van Ness-Market SUD area, which are subject to an additional impact fee, are starting to appear in the pipeline. Member discussion included:

- Interest in knowing car ownership rates before and after the Plan, how many people are moving to the neighborhood with cars, number of new parking spaces
- Development projects of note: Former Freeway Parcel O, which will be affordable family housing; several sites in the Van Ness – Market SUD area, including the Goodwill site and the Honda site; and sites in the Brady block, including the Plumber's Union
- Questions about the RFP process for former freeway Parcels R, S, and T. Members were referred to Robin Havens at OEWD.

Staff presented completed and planned infrastructure projects in the Plan Area, the previous year's IPIC recommendations, and required impact fee expenditure categories for programming IPIC funds. The Members had a discussion on improvements in the area:

- Interest in knowing which infrastructure projects have leveraged money
- Need for traffic calming in Hayes Valley. Local Streets, especially Laguna, Buchanan, and Page, are seeing more traffic; the arterial streets continue to be problematic.
- Improvements around the 55 Laguna project, including Better Streets Plan improvements and a ped connection through the site, will be built by the developer.
- Concern that the proposed signal at Haight and Laguna would change the character of the street. Discussion was tabled and will be added to the CAC's August agenda.
- Oak and Octavia intersection improvements, included in last year's expenditure plan, are a high priority
- General support for daylighting intersections (removing the parking space closest to the intersection to improve visibility)

- Franklin and Gough need ped countdown signals and other ped safety improvements (signals and some safety measures to be included with repaving project). Update requested on status of repaving.
- Support for opening the closed crosswalks; Franklin and Fell should be included.
- Requested updates on the bike share program the red light enforcement camera at Market and Octavia, and (if available) usage counts for the Polk St contraflow lane.

6. Public Comment

- Steven from Supervisor Kim's office was interested in the CAC in general and in the Van Ness BRT project
- Bill from Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association announced the July 24 HVNA meeting about ped/traffic concerns

7. Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING: August 18, 2014**