

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, April 16, 2018
7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Ted Olsson, Paul Olsen, Krute Singa, Lou Vasquez, Mohammed Soriano Bilal, Chase Chambers

Committee Members Absent: Jason Henderson, Robin Levitt

City Staff in Attendance: Andrea Nelson (SF Planning), Seung Yen Hong (SF Planning), Lily Langlois (SF Planning)

1. **Call to order and roll call**

- Krute called meeting to order.

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

- Paul – maintenance of Octavia Boulevard. We spoke in February about the possibility of having conversation with greater community regarding a memorial. I would like to set aside \$5,000 to pay a professional facilitator to ensure everyone is involved. I would like to thank everyone for sending a letter regarding planting and maintenance.
 - Krute – can you check to see if we can spend \$5,000 on a facilitator?
- Andi – introduce Seung Yen. She will be in charge of IPIC.

3. **Approval of minutes for February 2018 regular meeting**

- Ted approved minutes.
- Lou's name is misspelled.
- Lou moves to approve, Ted seconds (3 abstentions, 3 ayes)

The Hub Public Realm Plan update

- Lily Langlois, Project Manager for the Market Street Hub. EIR started. Doing wind and shadow impacts. Public scoping meeting will be in June. Draft EIR in spring of 2019 and adoption in Fall of 2019. Working closely with the developers. Including DPW in the conversation as well as MTA.
- Here is the status of various projects:
 - 98 Franklin – cleared as an entire project as part of the programmatic EIR. 320 feet height, 286 units
 - 30 Van Ness – cleared as an entire project as part of the programmatic EIR, 500 feet, 610 feet.
 - 30 Otis is looking to do an in-kind agreement for the ground floor of 12th and Otis. We will be going to IPIC and then to the CAC for recommendation.
- Lou – how far up will 30 Otis develop?
 - Lily – working with 3 developers to have a unified design and DPW to have a unified palette of materials.
- Lily - Public engagement will be at the beginning of next year.
 - Ted – will the outreach be similar to The Hub outreach?
 - Lily – Yes.
- Ted – do you have a sense of housing will be?
 - Lily – build out would be 12,000 units. The change between what is currently zoned and what is proposed is 2,000 additional units
- Krute – speaking on behalf of Jason, he would want to mention bicycle and wind impacts and reducing parking.
 - Lily – the Hub plan is 0.25 parking. Environmental Planning is exploring how to address wind impacts.
- Ted – are you looking at random parking?
 - Lily – yes, we are aware, but I do not know how they are addressing that in the EIR.

4. Central Freeway removal discussion

- Greg Riessen – proud alumni of the Planning Department as a Transportation Planner. I am here to present something I came up with during my paternity leave about taking down the Central Freeway. While at the Planning Department, I came up with the idea to tear down the I-280 freeway. The City could do this on its own in partnership with Caltrans. I am disappointed that Robin and Jason are not here. This is an idea and if anything were to happen it would require a tremendous study. I recommend tearing down the freeway from Market to 101 as well as the off ramps to 8th Street. Run trains on the surface. The traffic in this area may be more regional than along the Embarcadero. I am recommending a configuration similar to the Embarcadero. Double the lines out along the N and call it a U train and would stay at the surface and would continue along the Embarcadero. I would also take the J out of the subway and the J would run up to Fisherman's Wharf. We could also put an interim BART station at Otis and people coming from the Sunset could transfer to BART.

- Lou – how would you interact with Caltrain tracts?
 - Greg – rail bridge over tracks.
- Greg – here are some sections of the street. You have a lot of room – the street is wide and allows for buffers.
- Lou – basing between stations justify the Otis Street stop?
 - Greg – I think it makes sense and people could change trains to the new U line.
- Paul – does this allow for housing to be built?
 - Greg – I did a soft site analysis of private city and state owned land. We could squeeze more onto the right of way.
- Greg – traffic flow would look much like what it is today. Use existing ramps to get onto freeway at 8th Street.
- Krute – have your thoughts changed?
 - Greg – with AVs it will probably be more feasible.
- Mohammed – I think it would help the City think more seriously about the homeless population.
 - Greg – ideally you would build more transitional housing for homeless.
- Paul – if we could vote on it, we would.
- Mohammed – I wonder if tearing it down would cause air pollution and particulate matter.
- Lou – we ask the planning Department to study this every year.
- Paul - It's great to talk about this and see if we can push a little harder.
- Greg – I can send over the Stanford project as well.
- Krute – health impacts are an important aspect. Do we have anything that monetizes the concentration of particulate matter?
- Paul – talk about housing, health, knitting communities back together. These are selling points.

5. ConnectSF Resolution

- Krute – Tam Tran from the Planning Department presented in February. There are a couple of meetings this week to commissions regarding ConnectSF
- Paul – do we want to be specific about what we want the City to include? Specific policies for bicycles, for example.
- Krute – Jason suggested a targeted goal of 20% of trips by bicycle.
- Ted – I think it is good to keep it general and attend the ConnectSF meetings.
- Chase – everyone keep bringing up the rideshare. If I would add anything it would be equitable access to rideshare. Motivate did a great job reaching out to people.
- Mohammed – setting a higher goal for having more bicycles on the road and housing is a form of transportation. I also support regional collaboration.
- Krute – this is a vision document and is a guide for the future. I don't think we need to go into specifics. I am happy to consider something if someone feels strongly about it.

- Ted – the important thing is that the City keeps their ear to the ground and listens to what the community wants.
- Krute – Ted called for vote, 6 ayes.

6. Public Comment

- Andrew works for Crescent Heights and we own the Honda Dealership and are working on the project. I am here to hear about what is important to the community.
- Paul – we talked about how it is OK to give up the funding for Living Alleys. My understanding remains that community input is important and will be a great partner moving forward with the community in the evolution of the Living Alleys moving forward.

7. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2018