

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

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 4TH Floor
Monday, October 21, 2019
7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

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

Committee Members Absent: Mohammed Soriano Bilal

City Staff in Attendance: Andrea Nelson (SF Planning), Mat Snyder (SF Planning), Michelle Wu (DPW), Oscar Quintanilla (DPW)

1. Call to order and roll call

- Krute called the meeting to order.

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

- Robin – provided a brief summary of the October 17 Historic Commemorative Project. Approximately 20 people attended. Talked about a call to artists to propose a commemoration. Robin provided a history of the neighborhood. Tom Radulovich discussed the future of the neighborhood. Gail presented various artistic ways to commemorate the freeway revolt.
- Ted – I attended a community meeting with three different developers who are building new buildings at Market and Church.

3. Approval of minutes for September 2019 regular meeting

- Jason – Streetscape section, last bullet. Change from Copenhagen to Zurich.

4. Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (IPIC) Discussion

- Mat Snyder, San Francisco Planning Department, introduced himself and pointed out that revenue is not coming in as the City had anticipated. We want to think about how to prioritize projects when we do not have the revenue for all the projects that we thought we would. Living Alleys responsibility is transferring from the Community Challenge Grant office to Public Works. Additional revenue is going to The Hub implementation program.
- Jason – Better Market Street, the road section on Market from Franklin to Page Street is called the Western Variance. I would like to know if SFMTA is planning to do some quick fixes. We are dealing with a chronic car congestion. Can we make any immediate relief? Page Street Neighborway – this is also an immediate need. We have taken on a lot of housing.
 - Mat – I can ask our colleagues at SFMTA to see if there is anything else, they need to support these projects.
- Robin – Living Alleys – I am enthusiastic that it is moving to DPW. I want to make sure it moves forward. The side lanes at Patricia’s Green are hopefully going to closed to autos. Push back on the lots that are developed as housing. Living Alleys provides potential for the open space that exists on.
 - Mat – DPW doesn’t have the cash yet. We are working with Administrator’s Office to ensure their extra funds are also transferred to DPW.
- Ted – I would assume DPW will also look after Living Alleys.
- Paul – Living Alleys: when we agreed to give funds to DPW we said it was under the guidance and oversight of Public Works.
 - Krute – let’s take these comments regarding Living Alleys to the project managers.
- Krute – we had the Arts Commission receive funds every year.
 - Mat – yes, it is on the impact fee spreadsheet.
- Chase – didn’t we share \$100K with the City for the irrigation?
 - Mat – yes.

5. **Public Works Project Update**

- Michelle Wu, DPW, introduced herself, and shared her presentation. She provided an update regarding the Upper Market Pedestrian Improvements and the Living Alleys Project. I can come to the next community meeting to share our plan. I am working with John Dennis. Tree planting and sidewalk greening
- Paul – there is a lot of concern regarding the Living Alleys. Happy to hear there are projects in the planning and scoping phase. Thank you.
- Robin – There are recently constructed alleyways in Chinatown. If we want the Living Alley system to be safe for people, I think we should try to make sure that there is space for people to connect.
 - Michelle – we will involve SFMTA since they are the transportation experts.
 - Robin – I want to express concern that there is a lot more traffic with Uber and Lyft. How can we communicate that these are shared spaces.

- Oscar – SFCTA and SFMTA is about to start a traffic study that includes the alleys.

6. 555 Fulton Street Project Discussion

- Jason – the formula retail ban is proposed to be lifted for Trader Joe's at 555 Fulton. They are going to take all parking spaces, but they will not lease the entire space. These vehicles will be turning onto Fulton – right and left. Concerns me since it is a primary route for bicyclists. Pay for SFMTA to put a median in so that people cannot turn left. How about have e-cargo bike delivery. Developer now owns the Market Street lot next to One Oak.
- Paul - I attended the community meeting Supervisor Brown held. Trader Joe's has agreed to have a full-time person managing parking and traffic. Planning Department did a study of what an affordable store includes – Trader Joe's falls into the affordable category. Concern is that it is not codified (community benefits).
- Jason – how did we hold Whole Foods accountable to ensure that the wasn't a line of cars outside the grocery store. Like the TDM scheme in 2009. What is the timing of this?
 - Andrea – I can investigate that.
- Robin – should be doing more to accommodate bicycles.
- Andrea will send around a Doodle poll to determine which is the November meeting date.

7. Public Comment

- No public comment.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

NEXT MEETING: TBD – Doodle poll to come