

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, May 20, 2019
7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

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

Committee Members Absent: Krute Singa, Mohammed Soriano Bilal

City Staff in Attendance: Andrea Nelson (SF Planning), Ben Caldwell (SF Planning)

1. Call to order and roll call

- Jason called the meeting to order

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

- Robin: Better Market Street is moving forward with the design and breaking ground next year between 5th and 8th on Market Street. The EIR will go to the Planning Commission in July 2019.
- Jason: question regarding the Planning Commission item on July 11 Amendment of the Market Octavia Plan.
 - Ben: it is an informational presentation on The Hub.
- Jason: Regarding Page Street – Supervisor Brown called a meeting regarding Page and Haight Street not carrying freeway-bound traffic.
 - Andrea: I will ask SFMTA about the next steps.

3. Approval of minutes for February 2019 regular meeting

- CAC Members approved the February 2019 minutes (5 ayes).

4. 30 Otis In Kind Ask

- Ben Caldwell provided a background on the project and IPIC discussion about the fee waiver. Originally, a \$2.2 million fee waiver and now a \$3 million fee waiver
- Members of the sponsor team (Align Real Estate, Fletcher Landscape Architecture Design, and Gould Evans Architects) presented the project and plaza.
- Robin: I can't get past the fact that this is the busiest, noisiest intersection in the city. I can't imagine this Plaza being used by people (similar to the Fox Plaza on Market). We have an opportunity to make 12th Street an integrated public space area. Couldn't this be spent to make public improvements for community benefit?
 - Jessie (project team): An enclave for students to hang out and activate the space. It will be much more active than we can envision it now.
 - Ben: consistent with The Hub Plan vision for 12th Street. It is a piece of the whole. The project sponsors are working with the City to implement the vision.
- Robin: What is the relationship with this and the Van Ness BRT?
 - Ben: It is now out of the Van Ness BRT scope, so it is saving the project some resources.
- Ted: the project sponsors and the City could work together to implement the vision of 12th Street. We take pride in our artists and I like the idea of children performing and other children seeing performances.
- Jason: I appreciate bringing in the artist. The 10th South Van Ness project doesn't show the loading and unloading zone impacts. I think 12th Street should be closed to cars or consider closing to the street partially to cars during certain times of days. Will the buffers be used by Uber and Lyft – it looks like the planters will discourage them. Need a central taxi stand in the area. What about the tech bus stop that was near here?
- Bob, GouldEvans: we believe that taking space will help to calm the intersection. There will be a slow down/crossing at 12th. We worked long and hard with the City to determine the best place for the garage entrance (where deliveries and move-ins will happen), we undertook extensive wind studies.
- Ben: 12th Street is intended to be local traffic only and trucks to serve the buildings. The project sponsor will also be maintaining this plaza in perpetuity.
- Paul: I don't disagree with anything that has been said. It is a terrible location, currently. It could be better with changes. If you build it, they will come. We should give it a chance.
- Chase: What is the lighting plan?
 - David: lighting along the street and we are figuring out the plaza lighting now. Maybe along pathway and trees. We are working with Frida to determine.
- Jessie: We talked to neighbors and have 147 supporters.
- Jason: would like to make a friendly amendment to ask the Planning Commission to think about the issues on 12th Street.
 - Andrea: as a matter of process, we cannot change this In-Kind Ask to include amendments.
 - Jason: I am going to vote no to send a message to the decision-makers because I am afraid of the impact 12th Street has on bicycles. I would like SFMTA, Planning to come and talk about 12th Street at our next meeting.

- MO CAC members passed resolution to approve the in-kind agreement (3 ayes, 1 no, 1 abstention). See motion number: 2019-05-20-01.

5. Arts Commission Public Art Project

- Andrea: Passed out Jill Manton's (Arts Commission) presentation and photo. See
- Robin: is there any thought to how it will look at night? I am concerned about the impact of encampments on the art piece. I like that it addresses the freeway scale and I think it would be interesting for a pedestrian as well. I think that the Arts Commission should consider placing the tree sculpture currently in Patricia's Green on one of the plazas on Market Street and Octavia.
- Paul: Lighting is a valid point. I would be interested – is there something we want to say or is it just there. I love it. It is out of the box. We can see how it goes since it is temporary.
- MO CAC members passed resolution to the temporary public art piece (4 ayes, 0 no, 1 abstention). See motion number: 2019-05-20-02.

6. MO CAC Bylaws

- Andrea: Presented the option to approve a resolution to direct City staff to draft proposed revisions to the CAC's bylaws to extend the life of the CAC until the end of the Market Octavia plan period.
- MO CAC members passed resolution to the (5 ayes, 0 no). See motion number: 2019-05-20-03.

7. Housing in the Market Octavia Plan Area

- There was not time to provide this presentation.

8. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2019