

# Draft Notes: TCAP Cohort Meeting #3

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## Summary

Twenty-two TCAP Cohort members attended the third meeting. The purpose of the cohort meeting was to 1) hear members' success stories of their project and progress 2) learn about the budget process and 3) how the cohort can collectively advocate for funding.

There was some tension in the room about reaffirming priorities and how to approach the City's budget. Questions that were raised during the presentation include, "Why aren't we advocating for TCAP funding?" and "we've told you our priorities, why are we doing this again? Our priorities have not changed."

Members broke out into small groups to discuss priorities that the cohort should advocate for most.

- Groups felt that all priorities were important and that the Board should center the budget around equity.
- There was also an emphasis on street stewardship and more access to resources for the Arabic speaking community.
- Message around "No cuts in the TL."
- TL receives disproportionate funding to the density and scale of the issues community's facing.

## Summary of budget priorities identified during April TCAP Cohort meeting

- **Street stewardship** – Maintain resources and enhance coordination amongst various resources (Urban Alchemy, Clean teams, Safe Passage, Night Navigators) for 24/7 stewardship and cleaning to create clear north-south and east-west paths for families and children in the neighborhood (examples: Leavenworth, Larkin, Ellis)
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## OPEN HOUSE OF PROJECT UPDATES

**Description:** Participants engaged in an activity aiming to identify and uplift project updates and impacts.

Each of the four priority areas (Public Space, Community Wellness, Youth/Family Support and Park Activities and Celebrations) had 2 Project Boards. Board # 1 provides a general project description and timeline. Board # 2 aims to identify and uplift successes, milestones, and potential funding.

Pictures of boards: [https://share.icloud.com/photos/Odboauc-hF\\_4qQR3fav8nYFVg](https://share.icloud.com/photos/Odboauc-hF_4qQR3fav8nYFVg)

## New Public Spaces

**Share success stories or milestones of your project.**

- Every time we come out of the Greenway people say thank you and how lovely it is.
- Contractors selected ready to start project.
- On Mondays, Pop-up Food bank serves 350 households weekly.
- Weekdays- St. Anthony Welcome Center 600 unique service connections in 1<sup>st</sup> month
- Hoping to get a pilot project up and running next week – school say activation before and after school, maybe lunch.
- Have shared space permit for school day closure, working on design, infrastructure, and stewardship issues.

**How is your project making progress toward achieving the big picture outcomes listed on the left?**

- Mercy Housing parklet construction starts May 6
  - Community Planting Day (May 17 or 24)
- Bringing 39 trees to Little Saigon
- Larkin Street Green Canopy Project
- Activation dates of Myrtle Alley
  - July 13 and 27
  - August 10 and 24
  - September 14 and 28

**To your knowledge is any additional potential funding for your project included in any Department's proposed budget? Is your project slated to receive other non-City funding? Please indicate your project's name and details.**

- Golden Gate Greenway
  - Yes, SFMTA funding for long term project.

- Safe streets for All (Federal)
- Prop L Funding (SFCTA)
- No additional funding, Lark Street Green Canopy
- Expansion of Larkin Street both East + West sides of Larkin (Turk-Geary St.)
- Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

## Youth/Family Support

### Share success stories or milestones of your project.

- Higher reading and math levels (Family Housing Tutoring Program)
- Approval from headquarters divisional level to start the Teen Drop-In Center. (Teen Drop-In Center)
- Community ambassadors sharing the news with students about Teen Drop-In Center (Teen Drop-In Center)
- Mental Health Support for Ahmed and Hamza (Arab Youth Center)
- Learning more about gartering with more community agencies (BISHOP)
- Increase in seniors + families applying for rental subsidies (BISHOP)
- SFERAP/Rental Assistance helping community members stay housed (BISHOP)
- Teens are excited to join teen center- Feedback from soft launch event (Teen Drop-In Center)

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- Mentoring/educational improvements (Arab Youth Center)
- Support for immigrants and single mothers (Arab Youth Center)
- Engaging youth in positive activities (Arab Youth Center)
- Relief. Access to resources (Arab Youth Center)
- Had a successful TL 3- V-# Teen Spring Basketball Tournament with teens excited about Hard Launch of the center (Teen Drop-In Center)
- Soft Launch is coming in preview of Teen Drop-In Center at TL Spring Family Festival. Extra hours, 6pm – 7pm.
- Currently interviewing and hiring persons who will help with carrying out the vision of the center (Teen Drop-In Center)
- More support for immigrant families. Reduce crime and students feel more related to education.
- Language access (BISHOP) More access + awareness of Affordable Housing (BISHOP)

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- No no (Teen Drop-In Center)

- No Additional funding (Family Housing Tutoring Program)
- No (Arab Youth Center)

## Community Wellness

### **Share success stories or milestones of your project.**

- Fully staffed clean team
- Ongoing progress with keeping the sidewalks clean.
- Garbage pickup and graffiti and waste pickup and power washing

### **How is your project making progress toward achieving the big picture outcomes listed on the left?**

- TLCBD: Clean operations
- Power washing
- Big bellies
- Graffiti abatement.
- Hazardous materials

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- DPW grant – workforce development training program
- Clean ops, swing shift
- Clean ops additional power washing

## Park Activities/Celebrations

### **Share success stories or milestones of your project.**

- Park stewardship is nearly 100% full.
- Although “art in the parks” isn’t in contract yet, we’ve been successfully supporting a pilot of the program.
- Recent surveys have shown an increase in park goers’ opinion of safety.
- People also wear their Tenderloin Blackness t-shirts 24 hours.

### **How is your project making progress toward achieving the big picture outcomes listed on the left?**

- Currently brainstorming additional ways to increase the youth voice throughout the TL.
- The folks we contacted are happy that they as a people are finally being recognized.

- Our staff is largely made up of TL residents; there is no one better to shift the narrative than those who actually reside there.

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The TL Museum has completely embraced Tenderloin Blackness – chance of Arts funding.

## CITY BUDGET OVERVIEW & ALIGNING ON PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET ADVOCACY

**Description:** Project sponsors will receive an information sheet regarding the city budget process and opportunities for advocacy and results on the google form. The group will Review recent developments, including the submission of budgets by departments in accordance with the mayor's budget. Project Sponsors will then engage in a small group discussion to identify common priorities before reporting back in a larger group discussion.

### Table 1 (Miriam + Kris)

**David Lewis, Theresa Imperial, Lorenzo Listana, Del Seymour, Rick C,**

- The priorities on the sheet seem right.
- Why isn't housing/homelessness listed? Night navigators should be prioritized.
  - Urban Rest and Sleep Center
- Just came from Budget meeting and it's disturbing how they're ranking priorities. It needs to be centered around equity. Does not need to be specific.
- TL considered a priority equity geography.

#### **Disproportionate Funding and Politics**

- TL was granted funding, but not at the scale that it needs.
- Other neighborhoods get millions for the parks, i.e. Marina District. TL has been historically disadvantaged.
- Politics: Neglected because of Supervisor who is not in line with City Hall
- No cuts to programs in the TL should be the message.

#### **Vulnerable needs need to be met.**

- 30,000 residents, 5,000 youth, and the highest concentration of homeless but lacks the infrastructure compared to other neighborhoods.
- Discussion on pipes not working and Rick said would rather prioritize functional pipes than our program.
- Prioritize root causes and address these.
- Rental assistance and subsidies are being cute and TL families depend on these to stay in the city.

- These all affect quality of life and need long term investment in all aspects of community development.

**Messaging should be Mayor's top 3 priority and no cuts to TL.**

## Table 2 (Aseel + Colleen)

Donna Hillard (Code TL), Geoffery L (St. Anthony's), Scott B (elm Alley), Rene C (TMA)

- Donna Hillard (CODE TL)
  - Community wellness is key.
  - More nighttime navigation helps complement other priorities listed.
  - Community wellness should function around the clock.
  - Need more staff. Constantly fundraising to keep the program going.
  - Different Stewards attract different members of the community.
- Scott B (Elm Alley)
  - Need more clarity about what community wellness means.
  - Good to refer folks to services available.
- Geoffery F (St. Anthony's)
  - Community wellness is achieved through street stewardship.
  - Nighttime stewardship is essential to making the daytime easier.
- Colleen: What does this look like as a dollar amount?
  - Geoffery
    - Need more agencies open at night. St. Anthony's will begin stewardship of 200 Golden Gate on a 24-Hour base.

## Table 3 (Shijia + Tolu)

Dr. Iman, Rania Bitar, Alec Hawley, Soha Abdou, Esan Looper, Katherine Au

- Youth, Mental Health
  - DCYF left-out priority youth programming in TL (KROC + IMAN)
  - Support for Arab Youth + Families in need of elevation.
  - Safety for Arab Youth in public spaces is at risk given climate in Middle East.
  - With loss of youth provider funding, there needs to be consensus on where the add-back is coming from if the appeals do not work.
- Public Safety affects everything.
- Parking garage that is subsidized
  - Del: The community advocated for this about 4 years ago and was shut down.
  - SFMTA may be against this.
  - Beneficial for large families with several responsibilities after-school / work

- Each of the priority areas are interconnected and each one can catalyze improvements in other areas. Can not separate them out.
  - TL needs to prioritize creating a central place / space for people to get all the information they need, connect them to service providers, provide resources - specifically immigrant families.
    - How can public space(s) be used to address or elevate this need for a central location or space?

## Table 4 (Kimia + Kelly)

- Stewardship as a priority.
- Clean and secure routes in and out of the neighborhood.
- Some schools stopped taking kids out on field trips.
- Barriers in policies that pertain to enforcement.
- Need for more resources for Arabic speaking communities.

## Large Group Report Discussion Notes

- No cuts to the Tenderloin
  - Streets are what connect us.
  - Let's go to the hearings together.
- Youth Investments
- Stewardship
  - Policies and Budget (Min 8am – 6pm)
- Eric Rozel: Expressed concern that the community is constantly being asked what they want. We have the information already.
- Interconnectedness of the 5 priorities
- Arabic Speaking community
  - Housing (In Arabic)
- Equity in the TL should be part of her top three priorities.

## Summary of Large Group Discussion

The notes highlight a mix of broad and specific priorities for Budget advocacy. Broad priorities like "no cuts to the Tenderloin" are mentioned alongside more specific concerns such as housing and equity for the Arabic-speaking community, and enhanced stewardship. The importance of interconnectedness among these priorities is emphasized, as well as the need for collaboration and participation in hearings to address them effectively. Eric

Rozel's concern about redundancy in questioning community desires suggests a need to focus on actionable insights already available.

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