

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

TJPA Office
425 Mission Street, Suite 250
San Francisco, CA

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Derrick Holt, Chair
Belal Aftab, Vice Chair

Dan Bell
Paul Bendix
Don Dickerson
Robert Feinbaum

Amy Jalili
Charley Lavery
Gloria Li
Sean McGarry
Nathan Morales

Andrew Robinson
Patty-Jo Rutland
Owen Stephens
Howard Wong

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Christine Falvey

CAC Secretary
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Dan Bell, Paul Bendix, Don Dickerson, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Gloria Li, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales, Andrew Robinson, Owen Stephens, Patty-Jo Rutland and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Amy Jalili and Charley Lavery

2. Staff Report

Christine Falvey, TJPA Director of Communications, reported that the TJPA Holiday Market in December was highly successful and positive feedback was received from the public and transit riders. Additionally, Off the Grid did a great job finding vendors and entertainment for the venue. Ms. Falvey also reported that each CAC member received a Civil Rights Program requirement survey, which needs to be completed to maintain funding from the Federal Transportation Agency.

Ms. Falvey further reported that the annual CAC Recruitment was underway and there are seven seats up for reelection, six are expiring and one was terming out. Furthermore, the deadline to turn in applications is February 21, 2020 and CAC members whose term is expired are encouraged to reapply. Further, members who are up for reelection are strongly encouraged to reapply. Ms. Falvey thanked Patty-Jo Rutland for her six years of service on the CAC. She said that TJPA staff had nothing but positive things to say about her, including being a champion for the project, always asked intuitive questions and attended regularly. Mr. Feinbaum asked if a resolution could be put forward to amend the bylaws in order to extend a term. Ms. Falvey stated that per the Bylaws, there may be a waiting period of 1-2 years before reapplying however if this is something the CAC would like to take to the TJPA Board, that would be an option too. Mr. Bell mentioned that a transit rider asked him for directions to the Amtrak. Ms. Falvey stated that Amtrak services the transit center on Mission and Fremont, but it is unknown if they will come to the transit center in the future.

Chair Holt asked about the targeted opening date for the leased spaces. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the target was to have some open by February 2020, June-July 2020 and some will open mid-October 2020 as the TJPA has some design changes, including extending its grease duct capacity, rerouting gas/electrical lines, which was previously laid out in 2010, due to market fluctuations. Mr. Stephens recommends the Silent Disco event on the rooftop and noted that he found this advertised on funcheapsf.com.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick, Patrick and Company, stated that Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) delay has been a tragedy and felt the CAC did not speak up loud enough. He also stated that effort needs to be put towards getting the funding for DTX. Mr. Patrick stated that he is not sure the 1% sales tax increase that will appear on the November 2020 ballot will pass.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Aftab. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Presentation by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Vision Zero Task Force

Chava Kronenberg, SFMTA Vision Zero Program Manager, presented the item.

Ms. Li asked about scramble crosswalks. Ms. Kronenberg stated that SFMTA recently put in nine new scramble crosswalks in the tenderloin however when working with older signals, these changes take time. Robert Feinbaum suggested integrating Muni operators in Vision Zero as their input would be highly beneficial. Ms. Kronenberg agreed that SFMTA could be involve transit operators, as an evolving agency, she would look into that. Mr. Feinbaum also suggested SFMTA track how much is spent on Vision Zero and post on the SFMTA website. Mr. Wong stated that New York City has enacted reduced speed limits which has contributed to lower traffic deaths. Mr. Wong mentioned that the design of a street could help improve pedestrian safety. More accidents happen in the City because the driver and pedestrian do not interact. Mr. Stephens said that more needs to be done to enforce stricter laws on e-scooters and possibly tracking incidents. Ms. Kronenberg stated that a pilot has been launched to evaluate incidents with e-scooters,

however, Mr. Stephens can submit incidents through the 311 application which is transmitted to SFMTA and shows which companies who are out of compliance. Mr. McGarry mentioned that e-scooters have enormous power and asked if there is any type of regulation to reduce their speed. Mr. Kronenberg stated that the Department of Public Health along with Zuckerberg General has been tracking these incidents as they are seeing an increase in accidents involving electric scooters. Mr. Aftab commended Ms. Kronenberg on the work SFMTA is doing on Vision Zero.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick mentioned the long wait time at the pedestrian crossing at the Second and Natoma light cycle.

5. Construction Closeout Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, presented the update.

Mr. Wong asked if the girder issues are tracked separately and if it has since been resolved. Mr. Turchon stated issues involving the cracked girders are tracked separately and arbitration and mediation will likely be scheduled for some time in the summer to sort out all costs incurred.

6. Public Comment

Mr. Patrick stated that a lot of money was spent on Wayfinding at the transit center and feels the mark was missed in setting this up. Mr. Patrick also suggested offering coupons to the public to get people on the park to stimulate traffic.

7. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Mr. Feinbaum announced that there will be a Save Muni party being held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 111 Minna Street, between First and Second Streets from 5-8pm. Everyone is invited to meet the new Director of SFMTA, Jeff Tumlin. Mr. Bendix has heard about proposals to reopen a bus only lane on the Bay Bridge and if a champion is identified, he would like to hear more about it. Mr. Feinbaum stated that Rob Bonta, Assemblyman from Oakland, may submit a bill to the legislature on a one-way flowing lane or contraflow lane on the Bay Bridge. He noted that a contraflow lane was not necessarily a sound engineering solution.

Mr. Dickerson stated TJPA was a great partner and everyone on the team was extremely helpful and without Executive Director Zabaneh pushing things through, it would not have happened so swiftly.

Ms. Li suggested more activities like the Holiday Bazaar. Mr. Feinbaum suggested having the consultants from the San Francisco County Transportation Agency (SFCTA) present on how they plan to move DTX/Phase 2 project forward. Mr. Robinson stated the East Cut CBD is partnering with San Francisco Planning on the master plan on the two-way cycle track on Beale Street and would present this to the CAC.

Future agenda requests include 1) update on the schedule and funding of DTX and the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension; 2) train doors and platform heights for DTX; 3) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the transit center; 4) update from Pearl Media on digital signage; 5) detailed presentation from Caltrain on the Railyard Study and Electrification; 6) update on the redevelopment of the Temporary Terminal site; 7) reinstating the Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge; and 8) presentation from East Cut CBD and SF Planning on the master plan of the two-way cycle track on Beale Street

8. Adjourn

Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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