



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

TJPA Offices  
201 Mission Street, Suite 2100  
San Francisco, CA

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Andrew Brooks, Chair  
Ted Olsson, Vice-Chair

Bruce Agid  
Helen Han  
Sandra Padilla  
Pascale Soumoy  
Marla Wilson

Michael Freeman  
Jessica Lorenz  
Nathan Rapp  
Patrick Valentino

Mark Garcia  
D'Arcy Myjer  
Joseph Scott  
Todd Williams

Executive Director  
Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan

Staff Liaison  
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary  
Margie Cleland

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Chair Andrew Brooks, Vice-Chair Ted Olsson, Bruce Agid, Pascale Soumoy, and Patrick Valentino.

Absent: Michael Freeman, Mark Garcia, Helen Han, Jessica Lorenz, D'Arcy Myjer, Sandra Padilla, Nathan Rapp, Joseph Scott, Todd Williams, and Marla Wilson

A quorum was not achieved.

## **2. Approval of February 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the February 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes was postponed due to a lack of a quorum.

## **3. Staff Report**

Scott Boule, TJPA Staff Liaison, presented the Staff Report. Due to the cancellation of the April TJPA Board of Director's Meeting, the TJPA CAC appointment recommendations will be made to the TJPA Board of Directors at their May meeting. Excavation and micro-pile installation is complete. 11 of 16 foundation concrete pours have been made. For the comfort of neighborhood residences during the extensive concrete pours, TJPA has taken steps to minimize noise and other disruptions. Structural steel erection is scheduled to start in summer 2014. Executive Director Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan was recognized in the March 28, 2014 San Francisco Business Times as "Deal Maker of the Year" for the record sale price of Parcel T (Transit Tower site). There was also a front page feature article on Ms. Ayerdi-Kaplan in the March 30, 2014 San Francisco Examiner. Chair Brooks requested copies for the CAC members and Mr. Boule will send electronic copies of both articles to CAC members.

## **4. Construction Update**

Steve Rule, Turner Construction Company, presented the Construction Update. Mr. Rule announced that over 1 million craft hours have been completed and reviewed three reportable incidents. Vice-Chair Olsson suggested that it would be helpful to have a graph of loss time/recordable incidents against hours worked. Mr. Rule said he would look into it. Pascale Soumoy asked where the sand in the concrete comes from. Mr. Rule replied he believes most of the sand is from Vancouver Island in the Pacific Northwest. Bruce Agid asked about the progress of the concrete pours vs. the schedule. Mr. Rule advised we are looking at the big milestones and are in pretty good shape. The Mat Slab pours and the cast nodes are on schedule.

## **5. Update on Bid Results to Date**

TJPA Senior Program Manager Mark Zabaneh and Deputy Program Director of the Transbay Program Management team Mark O'Dell presented an update on bid results to date. Chair Brooks asked if trends can be seen based on the percentages of the packages that have already been bid. Mark Zabaneh replied that estimates have been higher than budget. Chair Brooks commented on fine-tuning packages to reduce cost and asked if there is any expectation that the construction market will decline in the near future. Mark Zabaneh responded that there is a lot of private work available for contractors and he does not see a building market decline in the immediate future while TJPA will be bidding the rest of the packages. Chair Brooks commented that he would be interested in how "design-build" is defined in future bids, how bidders see it, and how well it goes. Mark Zabaneh replied that it is important to attract the maximum number of bidders and to maintain them through the process. Bruce Agid commented on the estimated cost increases since the July 2013 budget

and Mark Zabaneh explained the unexpected change in market conditions since then. Mr. Agid asked how much contingency and reserves remains and commented on the need to know the risk and how much scope you can remove to return to the budgeted amount. Mr. Zabaneh replied \$212 million remains and that we are not relying on contingency alone and that other steps are being taken including value engineering. Chair Brooks asked if the contractors are experiencing material cost increases and Mr. Zabanah explained that cost increases are being driven by the limited number of bidders competing for a significant amount of work currently underway in San Francisco. Scott Boule mentioned that 35 of the remaining 38 packages will go out to bid this year, reducing risk in future years. Chair Brooks wished TJPA the best of luck in future bids and offered support from the CAC.

## **6. Update on Recent Significant Archaeological Find**

Joyce Oishi, Design Coordinator on the Transbay program management team, presented an update on the recent significant archaeological find on the Transbay site. Vice-Chair Ted Olsson asked if deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) analysis would be done and Ms. Oishi responded that we are in discussion with the Most Likely Descendent (MLD) regarding scientific analysis proposed by the archeologist William Self Associates. This analysis would include tests for DNA, radio-carbon dating, isotope analysis, and others.

## **7. Public Comment**

Member of the public Roland Lebrun asked about excavation depth differences and Mark O'Dell explained how the construction steps down at the ground level so that the rail platforms will be level. Member of the public Jim Patrick commented on the proposed minimum wage increase and possible impacts to the TJPA project.

## **8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests**

Vice-Chair Olsson updated the CAC Members on a visit he hosted at the new Exploratorium. Only one other CAC member was able to attend so he will try to schedule another tour for CAC members. As a future agenda request, Bruce Agid suggested a report on the current budget status with a projection of the remaining 50% of bid packages and what would be needed to bring the cost on budget. Chair Brooks agreed that it would be helpful to have this report monthly. There were no other agenda requests.

## **9. Adjourn**

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2014.

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