

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

Monday, August 6, 2007  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 250  
San Francisco, CA

SPECIAL MEETING  
6:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jerry Hill, Chair  
Nathaniel Ford, Vice Chair  
Michael Cohen  
Chris Daly  
Elsa Ortiz  
Bijan Sartipi

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6:00 – SPECIAL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Michael Cohen  
Chris Daly  
Nathaniel Ford  
Elsa Ortiz  
Bijan Sartipi  
Jerry Hill

3. Communications

None.

4. Board of Director's New and Old Business

None.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Ayerdi welcomed everyone to the unveiling of the design concepts for the Transbay Transit Center and adjoining Tower. She advised the public that the models for the design concepts would be on display in the North Light Court of City Hall tomorrow as a further opportunity to view and comment on the design concepts and that comments would also be taken through the [www.transbaycenter.org](http://www.transbaycenter.org) website. She expressed her appreciation to the Design and Development Teams, Mayor Newsom, TJPA Board of Directors and Competition Manager, Don Stastny.

Don Stastny, Competition Manager, presented the process of the Design and Development Competition that led up to the evening's unveiling of the three design concepts.

6. Public Comment

Paul Paz y Mino, SEIU Local 24/7, representing 5,000 Bay Area security officers working in the largest office buildings in San Francisco, stated their support for the project. He urged the TJPA Board to follow Real Estate companies' track records and history with labor and service workers,

specifically, when taking into account their decision. All San Franciscans need to get to decent pay and benefits and steps can be taken today to ensure that is done.

Dr. Philip Day, City College of San Francisco Chancellor, expressed their desire for space within the new structure and establishing a partnership with whichever firm is selected. He stated the numbers of students educated at their current locations are at maximum capacities, they're in need of more space, and looking forward to working with whomever is selected.

### SPECIAL CALENDAR

7. Presentation by Richard Rogers Partnership and Forest City Enterprises with MacFarlane Partners of their Design Concept for the Transbay Transit Center & Tower Design and Development Competition.

Jim Ratner, Chairman and CEO of Forest City Enterprises, Victor MacFarlane Chairman and CEO of MacFarlane Partners, MaryAnne Gilmartin, Forest City Executive Vice President of Commercial/Residential Development, and Richard Rogers of Richard Rogers Partnership presented the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Chappell, President of San Francisco Planning Urban and Research Association (SPUR), stated SPUR does not take sides on competitive situations; however, these comments are directed towards the TJPA. He stated the TJPA Board must choose a Team that will be able to work with the Planning Department and Community of San Francisco. He further stated the TJPA should "be bold", noting that the Mayor earlier compared it to the Transamerica pyramid which will be a 50 year old historical San Francisco monument by the time this project is complete. San Francisco has a reputation for making the process difficult, but Dean Macris, Planning Director, is working hard to change this. Now is the time to be bold when it comes to design, not be timid.

Ernestine Weiss, San Francisco Activist, suggests that in the planning stage of these great buildings we keep in mind that Open Space is very important. She developed a park called Ferry Park after the freeway collapsed in the 1989 earthquake and suggested that type of idea be taken into consideration when building the Transbay Transit Center and Tower. She also stated the priority for condominiums should not be luxury but affordability.

8. Presentation by Skidmore Owings and Merrill and Rockefeller Group Development Corporation of their Design Concept for the Transbay Transit Center & Tower Design and Development Competition.

Jonathan Green, President and CEO of Rockefeller Group Development Corporation, and Craig Hartman and Brian Lee of Skidmore Owings and Merrill, presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ruben Santiago stated this is an opportune moment to consider a restaurant at the top of the Tower.

9. Presentation by Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects and Hines of their Design Concept for the Transbay Transit Center & Tower Design and Development Competition.

Paul Paradis, Senior Vice President of Hines, and Cesar Pelli and Peter Walker of Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects presented the item which they named “City Park”.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Mlynarik expressed his concern about passenger circulation. He also stated the need for taxi access. He suggested, as the TJPA reviews the proposals, that functionality for pedestrian flow is greatly considered.

Sylvia Johnson expressed her concerns regarding the proposed design concepts and how they relate to clean air and other things.

Ernestine Weiss complimented Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects for this design, specifically the greenery and Open Space.

Steven Aiello, SF Resident and Chair of the Regulatory Committee of the SF Housing Action Coalition, stated his ideals when considering a concept like this are distinction/maintain the height presented, elegance/speaks to the heart and accessibility/open space that welcomes all of the public which would be an asset for San Francisco, the Region and State.

ADJOURN – Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Nila Gonzales  
Board Secretary

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