Board Members In Attendance: Jean Bogiages, Janet Carpinelli, Kate Eppler, Susan Eslick, Jesse Herzog, Bruce Huie, Jason Johnson, James Naylor, Kat Sawyer, Alison Sullivan, Loren Swanson
Board Members Excused: Keith Goldstein, Alex Goretsky
Board Members Absent: Phillip Pierce
City Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Goldberg, SF Public Works
Executive Director: Julie Christensen

Minutes

1. **Meeting Opened** by President Jesse Herzog at 6:34

2. **Roll Call and Approve Minutes (Secretary Kate Eppler)**
   VOTE: The May minutes were approved by voice vote.

3. **Announcements (all)**
   - Vice President Jean Bogiages announced Kat Sawyer would be taking a tour of the district with the PUC and Executive Director Julie Christensen to discuss water reclamation.
   - Christensen announced that the Parks Alliance is seeking a Southeast area program manager for the Blue Greenway.
   - Bruce Huie announced that the Dogpatch Block Party is scheduled for October 6, from 10 am – 4 pm.
   - Huie also shared that the Eastern Neighborhoods D10 candidates forum would take place July 17, 7 pm.

4. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
   - Susan Fitch shared an opportunity to meet 4 of the D10 supervisory candidates at an informal forum on Saturday June 23rd at the Minnesota Street Project.
   - Sarah Skaggs inquired how she could learn more about the status of the parcel of land behind the Gears art installation.
   - Alison Sullivan complimented the new waste receptacles along 22nd St.
5. Executive Director’s Report (Christensen)
Christensen gave an overview of a recent presentation to the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association, including updates on work at Progress Park, plans for extending the path through Minnesota Grove, maintenance statistics, and improvements to the landscaping on 25th St.

Public comment:
- David Glober said that the transformations were heartwarming.
- Susan Fitch praised the photographs in the presentation and inquired about including financial information for each GBD project.

6. Community Challenge Grant Project Updates (Christensen)
Christensen provided an update of work on the Benches Garden renovation and improvements to the Progress Park fitness area, two projects that were supported by Community Challenge Grants. At Benches garden, additional irrigation extension and excavating, plus expanded work on the benches, led to higher costs. Some of the additional work was originally planned for Phase II of the project.

At Progress Park, the decision to install rubber mats to establish a safer fall zone for the workout equipment also led to increased costs. In the future, Christensen recommended contingency funds should be added to project budgets.

The board expressed support for continuing work on the Progress Park fitness project, including the addition of safer rubber matting.

7. FY18-19 Budget (Treasurer Susan Eslick and Christensen)
Eslick and Christensen gave an overview of the proposed FY19 budget. Major changes included the addition of a third day of maintenance service to account for new demand from completed projects that now need to be maintained.

Public Comment:
- David Glober requested budget graphs with year-over-year comparisons.
- Susan Fitch requested there be information on the GBD website showing financial information for each project, including start and end dates, initial budgets, and issues encountered during project execution.

VOTE: The draft FY19 budget was approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. GBD Signage Project Update (Eslick)
Eslick described progress on the interpretive signage project. There have been 3 meetings with design firm SOM, for research and analysis, concept design, and concept design refinement. Broad signage could include murals under the freeway or on buildings. Other ideas include free-standing district markers and park signage formatted from I-beams. The project also contemplates improved the in-ground signs that identify areas cared for by the GBD.
Public comment:
- David Glober praised the project and voted for an all caps font on the signage.

7. Esprit Project Update (Herzog)
Herzog provided an update on the status of the Esprit Park project. UCSF is working on drafting a grant agreement for the project. Without having seen this new agreement, GBD leadership had concerns about the productivity of convening an official Esprit Community Advisory Group meeting, as well as logistical concerns about encouraging ECAG to hold its own meeting in the meantime. Alison Sullivan noted that a recent meeting of ECAG members on June 14 had been positive in tone.

Public Comment:
- Susan Fitch said that there had been misconceptions about why the June 14 ECAG meeting had taken place and noted that any exclusion of ECAG members was accidental.

8. ED Job Description Update (Herzog)
Herzog presented for approval an updated description of services for the Executive Director position. Board members are invited to send Herzog any information they would like to be included in the Executive Director’s annual review.

VOTE: a motion to approve the description of services as amended was passed by voice vote.

9. General Dogpatch Issues (Bruce Huie)
Bruce Huie noted that the Central Waterfront Public Realm Plan is available online and highlighted notable sections.

Huie also provided an update about the status of the parcel behind the Gears art installation. Huie said that San Francisco-Marin Food Bank was contemplating a 50 year lease to turn the land into a parking lot, but that there was a meeting planned between Caltrans, the Food Bank, and the GBD to explore alternatives that could preserve it as open park space. The parcel connects to both Progress Park and Gears.

Public Comment:
- Sarah Skaggs said that she would write a letter of support for preserving the parcel as a park space.

12. Adjourn (Herzog)
Herzog adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.