Minutes

1. Meeting Opened by President Susan Eslick at 6:35

2. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes (Kate Eppler for Alison Sullivan)
   Eppler called roll.

3. Minutes
   Vote: The May 2019 minutes were approved by voice vote.

4. Announcements/Public Comment/Agenda Building (All)

5. Conversation with Toks Ajike, Director, and Stacey Bradley, Deputy Director, RecPark Planning and Capital Management Division
   Toks Ajike and Stacey Bradley of SF Recreation and Parks Planning and Capital Management division provided an overview of current and future projects, including Esprit Park and plans for India Basin. They discussed a framework to examine community members' willingness to travel and frequency of travel for park amenities like sports fields or picnic areas.
6. ED Report (Christensen)
Caltrain Station SB Entrance: Christensen reported that construction is wrapping up and only awaiting light fixtures and a final sign off.

20th Street: Nygaard is delayed by a few months with pedestrian planning survey. He is waiting on city agencies to provide property boundary information.

USOP Plaza: Christensen reported she had talked with Supervisor Walton about potentially turning the area into Open Space.

Angel Alley: Christensen reported the Gabbian wall is being repaired.

Water Reclamation: Christensen reported good meetings with the Rappaports about negotiating terms with PUC and Harmonic on project parameters.

MN Grove: Huie asked what is happening with sidewalks south of MN Grove.

Esprit Park: Christensen reported that the process is moving slowly. ECAG has altered their usage desire from off-leash, to multi-use, which changes the ask from Rec & Park. Rec & Park plans to do additional community outreach.

Public Comment: Linda James reported that the ECAG wants to remind everyone that off-leash dog space is not what they want because it will require the use of artificial turf in Esprit Park. Instead, the ECAG wants multi-use areas where natural turf can be maintained.

7. Maintenance Contracts--Vote (Christensen)
Bogiages devised chart on website to show where the maintenance crews are working and when. Christensen urged the Board of Directors to use Use 311 for specific issues and problems. The contracts include train station and updated maintenance based on logs of passed on experience in the districts.
Vote: Passed.

8. Budget--Vote (Christensen)
Christensen reported that Maintenance, Accountability and Operations are fairly predictable, but Capital is harder to predict. The Board discussed that the BOD survey and the Community survey regarding capital projects surveys about assigning funds to capital projects had low responses, making the sample size relatively small.
Christensen analyzed results from the Community and Board of Directors, and grouped responses into categories of scale, ranked by importance. Christensen reported that there were differences between the wants of the Board and those of the Community, due in part to the greater in-depth knowledge of each issue that Julie brings to the Board discussions. Huie asked how can the GBD accelerate the process of district improvements? Dwight pointed out that most neighborhood residents have a limited radius of interaction and are not aware of many of the GBD’s projects. Dwight and Eslick recommended to put up as many lower-cost projects as possible as a way to show task completion to GBD’s constituents, and not focusing solely on big projects that are too expensive to complete. Johnson advocated for larger and more impactful projects that could transform the district through a partnership with other organizations. Eslick recommended talking at the next meeting in more depth about the direction of GBD projects. Goldstein moved to approve budget.

Public comment. Linda James enjoyed discussion.

Vote: Approved.

9. Water Projects (Sawyer)
Sawyer reported projects are going well and yielded her time to Closed Session.

10. Board Structure (Eslick) (Closed Session)
The Board discussed internal structure and how to better organize the Service Committee to make it more productive for all members. Goldberg recalled that the initial purpose of the Service Committee tapped into members’ professional knowledge to provide informed platform to provide a “greased conduit.” Eslick asked what each Director can bring to the service committee from their personal expertise. Goldberg encouraged the BOD to focus on what is the ideal structure for BOD given the growth of the organization and its experience? Christensen acknowledged Kat Sawyer, Jim Naylor, Jesse Herzog and Robert Broucaret, for their professional expertise in contracting knowledge and project oversight as it informs and assists Julie’s work. Questions raised were: What kind of committees should we have and what should they do? How can we engage each Director as well as stakeholders to participate in GBD service committee meetings and projects.

11. Adjourn (Eslick)
Eslick adjourned the meeting at 8:30