



Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District

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October 19, 2016, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
654 Minnesota St, San Francisco, CA 94107, USA

Attending:

Board: Jean Bogiages, Robert Broucaret, Janet Carpinelli, Michele Davis, Susan Eslick, Alison Sullivan, James Naylor, Jesse Herzog, Kat Sawyer, Lisa Jacobs, Phillip Pierce

Board absent: Adam Mendelson, Michael Yarne

City Staff: Jonathan Goldberg, San Francisco Public Works

Executive Director: Julie Christensen

Other attendees: Sarah Bloom, Pauline Perkins and Meghan Daniels, PUC Urban Watershed Management Program

Minutes

The meeting was opened at 6:30.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on September 21, 2016 were approved.

2. SF Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC) presentation on the urban watershed management program

Sarah Bloom and colleagues from the SF PUC requested to present to the Board on the SFPUC watershed management program. The program encompasses several areas: Capital projects, such as the large and visible Cesar Chavez project. Regulation, such as administering the city ordinance that requires private development projects to include technologies to manage their own water on site and reduce the burden on the city's sewage system. And a small scale public grants program for voluntary projects such as sidewalk landscaping, rainwater harvesting, and public education. Since 2009 the PUC has awarded over \$1 million in grants; it will be considering new grants in Spring 2017.

Of note, the PUC is now conducting eight pilot projects in various watershed areas in San Francisco to monitor the performance of new green infrastructure technologies such as bio retention and pervious pavement, in order to help decide which technologies should be ramped up in phases 2 and 3.

Board discussion after the presentation focused on the specific issues of San Francisco given its limited and concentrated rainfall, especially green roofs, pervious pavement, and specific soil issues.

The Board looks forward to continued engagement with the program to stay informed of green infrastructure technologies, right of way challenges and the PUC could provide advice on relevant contacts and strategy.

3. Financial Report (Susan Eslick)

Susan Eslick presented the main spending categories – there have been no major expenditures since the last meeting. The cash flow report indicates an availability of funds for additional projects through the end of the fiscal year.



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Ms. Eslick informed the Board that a bookkeeper has been identified. The individual currently works for the Fisherman's Wharf CBD, which also encompasses two different zones, like the GBD. Ms. Eslick is also reaching out to CPAs to identify an independent auditor for the GBD's first fiscal year in operation.

4. GBD Strategy Retreat (Julie Christensen)

Ms. Christensen proposed a special meeting of the Board – outside of regular Board meetings – to focus on forming the GBD's long-term strategy. She has identified a colleague, a planning and strategy professional, who has offered to facilitate the retreat *pro bono*.

The Board agreed to the proposal; Ms. Christensen is exploring locations and will send a Doodle poll to board members to identify the best time.

5. Election plan (Jean Bogiages)

The election subgroup (Jean, Jesse and Lisa plus Julie) met and developed an election plan. The plan includes a new timeline with an open house/meet the board candidates on March 8, 2017. The plan also proposes to increase the number of board members from 13 to 15 seats. The additional seats will bring board membership into compliance with its bylaws by adding a second Dogpatch tenant and a seventh Dogpatch property owner. Recruitment efforts should seek to identify a commercial business owner in one of the Dogpatch seats.

The Board approved the election plan.

Official board decision for the composition change will take place during the November Board Meeting when an updated bylaws will be presented for approval.

6. Services team report (Kat Sawyer)

Team Chair Kat Sawyer reported that the Minnesota Grove planting day on October 1 was a big success; the plants that were purchased by the GBD were all planted in time for the heavy rains that fell last weekend.

Caltrans is installing new fences to protect areas bordering Highway 101 which presented an opportunity for new fences at Benches Park.

7. Community Relations Team Report (Jean Bogiages)

Potrero Hill Festival – Several board members attended and reported that it was a fun, positive and vibrant community event. However, without GBD collateral materials and signage, the GBD was not a visible presence.

Website. Ms. Christensen reported that after speaking with communication experts and other contacts, she now thinks a major website overhaul is not required at this time. The website is decent, the Squarespace platform is flexible and fit for purpose. Therefore she plans to recruit a consultant to make a fast change.



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8. ED Report

Ms. Christensen focused her report on the Warriors Service Day and the 22nd Street Master Plan.

The Warriors Service Day is scheduled for noon on Monday, October 26 in Progress Park. Regarding 22nd street, SF Planning has agreed to not use green fuzz but has requested the GBD Board to consider to maintain turf stone at Woods Yard Muni minipark. The Board also discussed ideas for other ways the GBD could contribute to community greening efforts in support of the 22nd street plan. For example, other improvements to Woods Yard, gateway to 22nd Street Train station (although it was noted that Caltrain has proven a challenge to work with).

DECISION The Board decided it will not agree to the request by SF Planning to maintain turf stone at Woods Yard Muni minipark. Instead GBD recommends expanding the existing tree wells.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Glober attended a meeting about Esprit Park with Fletcher, SF Planning and others. He will send the Board his observations to help inform the upcoming GBD meeting scheduled regarding Esprit Park.

The Board then met in Executive Session and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.