



Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District
Board of Directors General Meeting
January 17, 2018, 6:30– 8:30 PM
654 Minnesota Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Board Members In Attendance: Jean Bogiages, Kristel Craven, Michele Davis, Kate Eppler, Susan Eslick, Alex Goretsky, Jesse Herzog, Nicky Jacobson, James Naylor, Phillip Pierce, Alison Sullivan.

Board Members Excused: Janet Carpinelli

Board Members Absent: Michael Yarne, Robert Broucaret

City Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Goldberg, SF Public Works

Executive Director: Julie Christensen

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened by Jean Bogiages at 6:30

2. Roll Call and Approve Minutes (Secretary Kate Eppler)

VOTE: The November minutes were approved as amended by voice vote. The December minutes were approved by voice vote.

3. Public Comment

- Tracy Ravenscraft expressed concern that the minutes of GBD meetings were not being accurately recorded.

4. Esprit Community Advisory Group (Vice President Jesse Herzog)

[Attachment: Preliminary draft ECAG list](#)

Herzog and Executive Director Julie Christensen praised the individuals who volunteered for the ECAG and recommended that the board confirm the slate.

ECAG volunteers Sasha Moyer Bosso, Vicky Cadullo, Gaynor Strachan Chun, Nataly Gattegno, Patrick Hoctel, Linda James, Denis Maurer, Christian Pitkin, Tracy Ravenscraft and George Slack introduced themselves and described their backgrounds and motivation for assisting with the project.

Board members, including Nicky Jacobson and Treasurer Susan Eslick, praised the ECAG volunteers and thanked them for their assistance.

Jacobson expressed concern that the Esprit Park process was advancing without formal board approval of GBD's role as fiscal sponsor of the project.

Public Comment:

- Linda James noted that some of her qualifications were omitted from the chart that was distributed at the meeting.
- David Globber requested clarification regarding Jacobson's concerns and the process for board approval of GBD's fiscal sponsorship of the project.

VOTE: The motion to confirm Sasha Moyer Bosso, Gaynor Strachan Chun, Jared Doumani, Nataly Gattegno, Margherita Sagan, Linda James, Monica Leicht and Denis Maurer as Designated Representatives to the ECAG; to approve Kyle Borland, Vicki Caudullo, Heidi Dunkelgod, Michal Ettinger, Susan Fitch, Justin Grooms, Patrick Hoctel, Christian Pitkin, Tracy Ravenscraft and George Slack as At Large Representatives to the ECAG; and to approve Melinda Stockman, David Fletcher, Cory Hallam, Michele Davis, Irma Lewis, Robin Abad, Jesse Herzog, Julie Christensen, Alison Sullivan and Nicky Jacobson as Staff Representatives to the ECAG was approved by voice vote.

5. Executive Director's Report (Christensen)

- The GBD holiday tree lighting was a success.
- Work on the 22nd St project has begun.
- Lighting changes are underway at the Benches project in NW Potrero.
- Jonathan Goldberg is helping Progress Park project plans win approval from Caltrans and Public Works.
- Christensen introduced Brin McNally, a Potrero Hill neighbor who works as a special projects manager for the California Academy of Sciences and is interested in helping with the Woods Yard project.

6. Finance Report (Eslick)

Eslick presented information about the GBD finances at the midyear point. Some categories are underspent because projects are moving slower than anticipated.

Public Comment:

- George Slack requested more information about \$23,000 spent on the Tennessee Street Project.

7. Bylaws (Bogiages)

Bogiages said the GBD's initial bylaws were intended to be minimal so that future boards could add to them. Bogiages presented for formalization a draft of bylaws

amendments voted during the December 2017 meeting, as well the vote weighting process decided at a November 2015 GBD meeting.

The board discussed the changes and inserted language clarifying that green space advocates need not own real property within the GBD, and that the GBD will make reasonable efforts to notice the call for Director nominations before an election.

VOTE: a motion to approve the changes to the bylaws as amended was passed by voice vote.

7. Signage Project Report (Eslick)

The interpretive signage project is moving forward. A contract has been signed with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. Eslick has formed an advisory group, which will meet about three times to help SOM move forward with the project.

Public Comment:

- David Globber stated he was thrilled that the GBD has made such a presence that such a high profile design firm would want to participate.

8. Service Report (Craven)

- Goldberg brought to the group's attention that too much water was being used at Progress Park, but a new device has slowed the flow and has already reduced use by 30 percent. Broken irrigation lines were also replaced at Progress Park.
- At IM Scott, signs discouraging dog urination were installed, and new ones regarding the native plants are on their way.
- A rotten pergola at the north end of Minnesota Grove was removed.

9. Election Schedule Update (Herzog)

Herzog presented [a detailed election schedule](#). A mailer for candidate outreach and the annual party will go out on the 19th of January. Candidate submission opens on the 24th of January.

Jacobson suggested every board member must serve on a subcommittee and give a couple of hours of additional time per month, and highlighted the importance of making this expectation clear to new board members. Jacobson requested time on the next meeting agenda for this subject.

Public Comment:

- David Globber said it was his impression that the board had been very active.

6. Adjourn

Bogiages adjourned the meeting.