Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District
Board of Directors General Meeting
March 21 2018, 6:30–8:30 PM
654 Minnesota Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Board Members In Attendance: Jean Bogiages, Robet Broucaret, Janet Carpinelli, Kristel Craven, Michele Davis, Kate Eppler, Susan Eslick, Jesse Herzog, James Naylor, Philip Pierce, Kat Sawyer, Alison Sullivan
Board Members Excused: Alex Goretsky, Michael Yarne
City Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Goldberg, SF Public Works; Jonathan’s adorable dog.
Executive Director: Julie Christensen

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened by President Jean Bogiages at 6:30

2. Announcements. President Bogiages noted that elections for officers would take place at an upcoming meeting, and there was also a need to appoint someone to Nicky Jacobson’s seat. Announcements were made about Easter egg hunts at Progress Park and Fallen Bridge park.

3. Roll Call and Approve Minutes (Secretary Kate Eppler)
VOTE: The February minutes were approved as amended by voice vote.

4. Public Comment
Katherine Doumani invited the board to an upcoming Dogpatch Community Hub workshop regarding programming.

5. The Ball Club and Caltrans Right-of-Way (Derek Tate)
Tate, of The Ball Club (theballclub.co), described a potential plan to collaborate with the GBD to secure and repurpose the parcel behind the Gears in Dogpatch to create a co-ed baseball facility for youth, families, and the local community. The plans could potentially include installing turf at the corner of Iowa and 23rd, installing retractable netting, storage, and building 3 batting cages.

6. Year End Spend Down Financial Review (Treasurer Susan Eslick)
Eslick reported on the GBD finances and plans for a spend-down of about $30k before the end of the fiscal year. Surpluses were caused by planned payments to Dogpatch Arts Plaza and other costs that were budgeted but not incurred. Some of the money could potentially be spent on concept sketches for a redesign of Woods Yard; these sketches would begin the community input process.

ACTION: Alison, Janet and Kate will form a steering committee to recommend a process for moving forward on Woods Yard.

Public Comment:
- Sasha Bosso asked what community outreach had already been done on Woods Yard.
- Linda James said a community survey was a great idea and would increase participation.

7. Executive Director's Report (Executive Director Julie Christensen)

Christensen noted that the stakeholder party was well attended and received good feedback. She reported on a Progress Park dog park work party that cleaned up swampy ground and replaced wood chips. Christensen gave updates on the Progress Park fitness equipment project, as well as a transportation study and city plans for new bike routes.

Vice president Jesse Herzog reported that a draft agreement regarding the GBD's role in Esprit Park had been circulated to the board and the Esprit Park Community Advisory Group. The agreement has been reviewed by the GBD's attorneys. Herzog said the GBD was hoping to receive comments on the draft over the next 2-4 weeks.

Public comment:
- Sasha Bosso noted that the ECAG had not received a response deadline for comments on the draft agreement and asked that a meeting be scheduled where members could discuss the document.

8. Service Report (Kristel Craven)

Craven thanked Christensen and Bruce Huie for organizing the work party at Progress Park. Craven reported that she was working on estimates for other small service projects and would present that information at a future meeting. Christensen noted that there may be upcoming opportunities to salvage plants from sites within the district.

9. Eco Resilience Report (Kat Sawyer)

Sawyer outlined various opportunities for green infrastructure to reduce peak flow for combined sewer systems, and also create more green space and natural habitat.
Projects could be small, ($100k and below), like the installation of a flow-through rain garden; medium (up to $500k), such as the inclusion of rainwater catchment in the Loop project design; or large (above $500k), such as collecting and treating stormwater from the 280 downspout on Iowa, which currently allows polluted water to flow to the bay.

Next steps include a future agenda item to discuss plans for a potential $5k spend for project development.

Public Comment:
- Sasha Bosso complimented the presentation and said the eco resilience projects were the kind of work the community expects from the GBD.

10. Public Comment
- Katherine Doumani offered public comment on the closed session listed on the agenda regarding employee performance evaluation. Doumani said that she spoke as a representative of many other community members and urged the GBD to take seriously recent complaints from the community regarding the tone of GBD.


The board moved to closed session.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.