



Steering Committee Meeting

June 10, 2021, 6:00pm

ZOOM

Attending: Steering Committee Daniel Sheeter, Dianne Bates, JR Eppler, Michael Kerbow, Sheldon Trimble, Steven Solomon, Patricia Fonseca

PW: Trent Tieger, PW Manager

SFMTA: Winnie Lee, Shahram Shariati

Meeting Notes

The meeting started at 6:05 by introducing Shahram and Winnie.

SFMTA Public Hearing on Items 6a-c

The team reviewed the design with explanations by Shahram, Winnie and Trent. We learned that the changes proposed for legislation are related to parking modifications specifically. Several parking spaces will be removed on the 400 blocks of San Bruno and Vermont to create space for the new pedestrian bulb-outs, as well as removal of parking on 17th between San Bruno and Vermont for the new protected bike lane. Additional parking spaces will be added at 300 block Vermont with the change from parallel to angled spaces. It was noted that these proposed changes are not the final design and less parking can be removed as the design is developed, but not more without additional legislation. The team was happy to see the change on the 300 block of Vermont and the mixing zone at San Bruno-17th NE. Expressed was the idea that the bigger the bulb outs the better, as well as serious concern about camping the exists now on the sidewalk. Expressed was the idea that this project wants to be an example of Start-of-the Art bike safety as well as a forward-thinking way to deal with freeway overpasses. The team agreed that Jean should work with JR to send an email of support to SFMTA which is thankful for the project support that are in items 6a-c, but would like to push the limit on bikes safety features.

Potrero Gateway Plan

Trent reported that the Potrero Gateway 65% Plan has been given to Caltrans and he expects a response in a month and a half. He shared changes to the San Bruno bulb out which included an irrigation water source that should extend to Vermont Street through 17th Street. There was discussion about how many water sources we should have, considering that the Vermont Eco-Patch is uphill. Trent pointed out that landscape will be designing as they go along, which involves coordinating with the SFAC project selected. Trent reviewed the utility lines with the group pointing out that the water line for Vermont St. homes is on the east side of Vermont.

Trent noted Public Works is still investigating who owns the utility boxes on 17th. Patricia asked if any progress had been made on the area directly under the bridge which is used for illegal camping. Trent said nothing new since he last talked to Caltrans maintenance and mentioned that Jean has been talking to the Caltrans Public Information staff. Jean reported that no progress has been made there.

Trent also shared with the group that a date for a full community meeting is being considered at the end of June or early July.



Possible coordination with CHP, HSH, HSOC and Police regarding tents

Jean said she feels coordination was necessary and asked the team to think about how to make coordination happen. There are three SF Police stations that border the Potrero Gateway project area.

Eco-Patch Status

The Potrero Eco-Patch Monitoring area is now an iNaturalist project. Jean showed some photos of the patch and explained how watering of the plants is now happening using a 60-gallon water wagon from SF City College. This is not a good solution.

SFAC Process

The meeting presentation included:

- The Potrero Gateway Art Canvas
- The Timeline of the SFAC process
- Names of the three finalists
- An overview of the three proposals: Flyaway, Untitled and Serpentine
- A view of the GBD FY19-20 Budget for NW Potrero Hill

The team expressed the desire for art that is bold, forward thinking and is a model for other parts of the city. There is a desire to resonate with the Chase Center and it was expressed that the Serpentine design echoed the idea of the Potrero Gateway Loop.

More information is in the attached presentation.

The meeting ended at 6:10



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Potrero Gateway Project – Steering Committee Meeting

Agenda

1. SFMTA Public Hearing June 18
 - Items 6a-a
 - Letter of recommendation?
2. Potrero Gateway Plan
 - Report on Caltrans Response to 65% Plan
 - Share 65% updated drawings
 - Date for full Community Meeting presentation of PGP project by Public Works
3. Possible coordination with CHP, HSH, HSOC and Police regarding tents
 - Discussion - What should we do?
4. Eco Patch Status
5. SFAC Process
 - Review the process since October
 - Review Panel and final recommendation
 - Artist and Public Works coordination
 - Considerations in choosing Artist/Project
 - Biodiversity
 - Maintenance

1. SFMTA Proposal June 18

The following items are pending environmental clearance:

17th Street between San Bruno Avenue and Vermont Street – Angle Parking & Sidewalk Widening

6(a). RESCIND - PARALLEL PARKING/ ESTABLISH - ANGLED PARKING

Vermont Street, west side, between 16th Street & 17th Street (Requires approval by the SFMTA Board)

6(b). ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME

17th Street, south side, between San Bruno Avenue and Vermont Street (Requires approval by the SFMTA Board)

6(c). ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME / ESTABLISH - SIDEWALK EXTENSION

San Bruno Avenue, east side, from 17th Street to 82 feet southerly (12-foot widening). (Requires approval by the SFMTA Board)

Vermont Street, west side, from 17th Street to 41 feet southerly (16-foot widening). (Requires approval by the SFMTA Board)

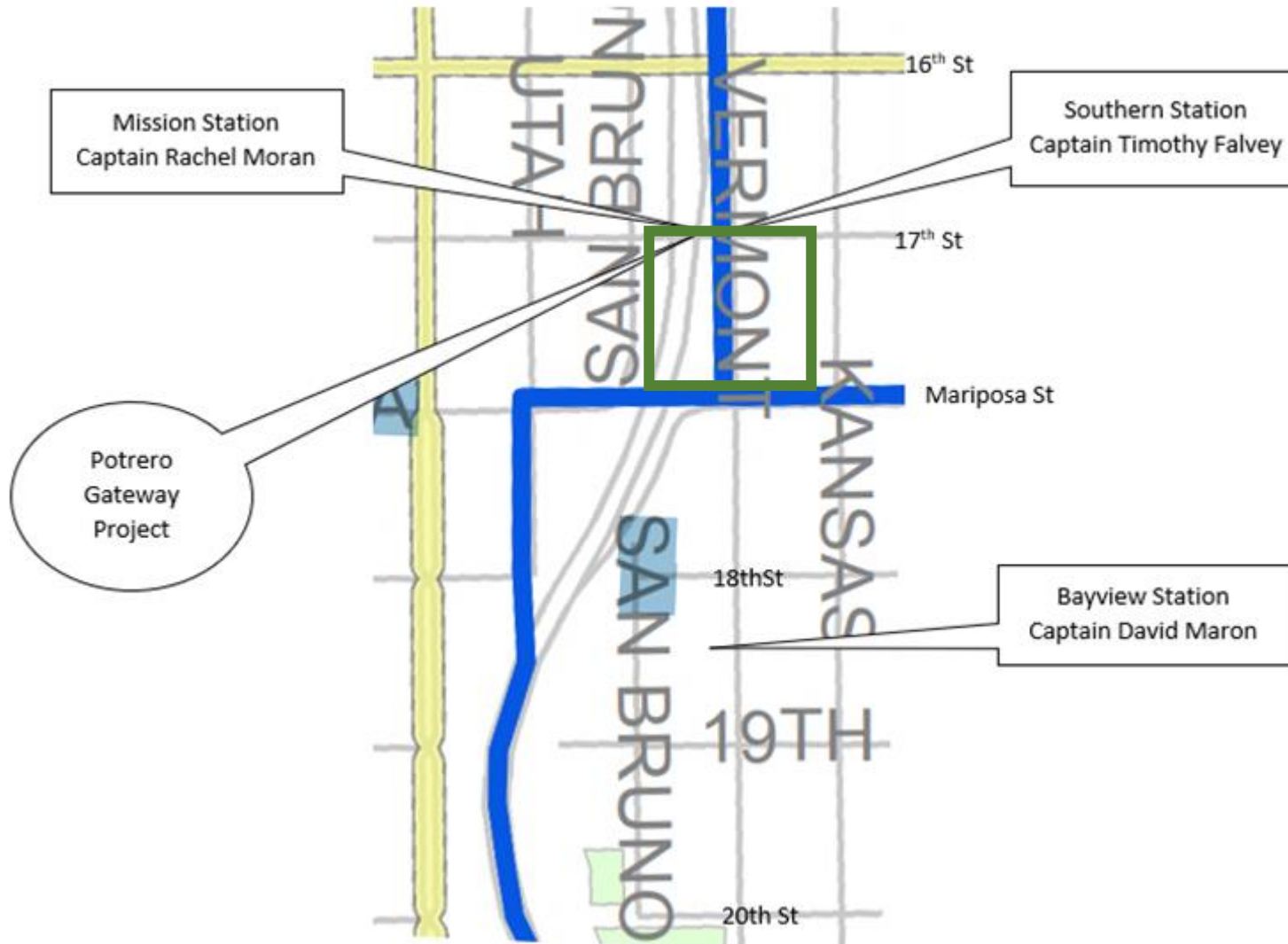
(Supervisor District 10) Shahram Shariati (Shahram.Shariati@sfmta.com)

The purpose of this project is to improve the space around and under the U.S. 101 Highway while also improving the infrastructure of sustainable modes of transportation.

2. Potrero Gateway Plan

1. Report on Caltrans Response to 65% Plan
2. Share 65% updated drawings
3. Date for full Community Meeting presentation of PGP project by Public Works

3. CHP, HSH, HSOC and Police Coordination ?



4. Eco-Patch Native Plant Test Garden - Status



Mulch and Compost



Potrero Eco-Patch Monitoring Area

About Members 9

The purpose of this project is to collect data about plants and wildlife within a quarter mile radius of the Potrero Gateway Eco-Patch Test Garden. Find out more about this project at: <https://field-collective.land/eco-patch-test-garden/>

[Read More >](#)

[Project Journal](#)

iNaturalist Project



Solarization and planting



5. SFAC Process

SFAC Potrero Gateway Public Art – Define Art Canvas

Vermont Street

- Bulbouts
- Retaining Walls
- Landscaping
- Lighting



San Bruno Ave

- Bulbouts
- Retaining Walls
- Landscaping
- Lighting



5. SFAC Process

SFAC Potrero Gateway Public Art – Process Schedule

November 30, 2020	RFQ Issued	Completed
January 25, 2021	RFQ Application Deadline	Completed
February 16, 2021	Review Panel 1	Completed
February 17, 2021	VAC approval fo finalists	Completed
March 1, 2021	Full Commission approval of finalists	Completed
March 12, 2021	Public Art Orientation	Completed
March 26 – June 9	Public Display of Proposals (online)	Completed
June 14, 2021	Review Panel 2	
June 16, 2021	VAC approval of recommended artist	
July 12 2021	Full Arts Commission approval of recommended artist	
July 2021	Artist under contract	

Review Panel – Sheldon, Michael, Jean, Trent, Jasmine, Caudia, SFAC: Janine, Susan, Jennifer, Patricia will receive all comments

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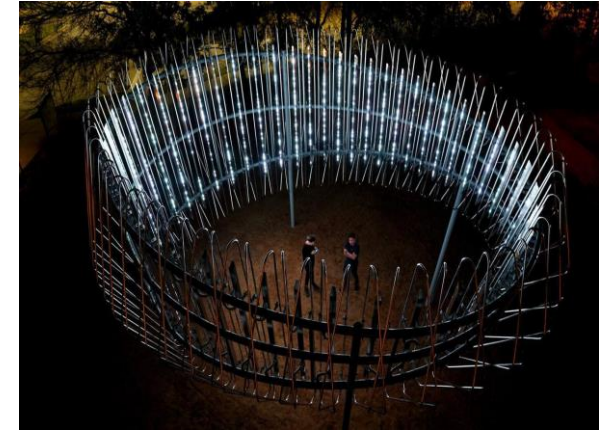
SFAC Potrero Gateway Public Art – Finalists



Aileen Barr and Colette Crutcher



Randy Colosky



FutureForms

The total budget for the art enrichment is \$217,000 which includes design, fabrication, materials and the artist's fee which will be implemented by the selected artist in collaboration with current stakeholders (Caltrans, DPW, Dogpatch & NW Potrero GBD).

5. SFAC Process – Crutcher & Barr

FLYWAY
Colette Crutcher & Aileen Barr

As a harmonious counterpoint to a noisy, congested urban underpass, we have chosen to feature the lively grace of urban birds. The much-maligned pigeons, hawks, crows and ravens that proliferate in our cities share the tenacity and adaptability to thrive in unpromising circumstances. Feral parrots from faraway climates contribute unexpected flashes of color. Silhouetted flocks of birds link and animate our laser-cut metal forms inspired by plant life and urban architecture. These sculptures will be anchored to concrete walls inset with flowing mosaics that incorporate both handmade and out commercial tile.

Connecting both corners, the 17th St. underpass will continue the mosaic insects, and metal birds will be attached to the wire fence. We plan to involve the unhoused community in the creation of our tile art, through workshops held at St. Martin De Porres House of Hospitality, two blocks away. Inspired by Piece by Piece, an organization located in Los Angeles' skid row, we hope to teach mosaic and tile-making skills to struggling residents of this neighborhood, thus hoping to foster a sense of community ownership and pride.

17th Street Underpass

Community-based Art Projects:

- Cesar Chavez Park, Oakland
- Visitacion Valley Elementary School, SF

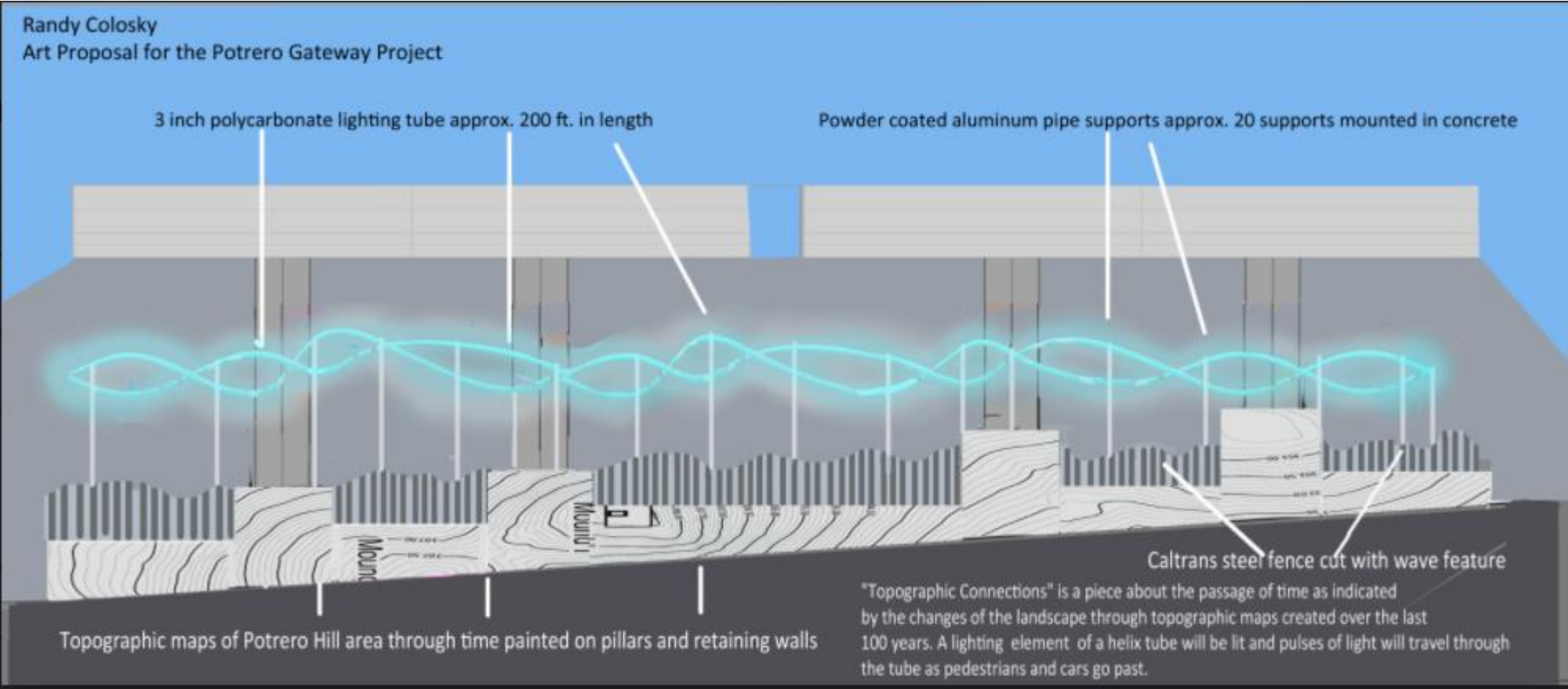
San Bruno Avenue & 17th

Vermont & 17th Street

Bird Detail

Bird Detail

5. SFAC Process – Randy Colosky



SFAC Process – Future Forms



AERIAL VIEW - CORNER OF 17TH ST & SAN BRUNO AVE



SITE PLAN - ECOLOGICAL STAGES WITH SPECIES NETWORKS

SERPENTINE POTRERO GATEWAY PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL

For the Potrero Gateway public art, we propose to create a series of colorful planter forms that help highlight and support the neighborhood's biodiversity. Rather than create a single monumental gateway, this collection of **sculptural planter objects** celebrates local habitat networks by placing them front and center. Each planter in this network creates a unique "ecological stage" for the interaction of plants, insects, birds and humans. Like pearls on a necklace, each woven stage is planted to create an attractive **stepping stone** for species populations. These curvaceous waystations stitch the site together along 17th Street and help complete the Potrero Loop concept and biodiversity restoration. They help tie together future community gardens along Vermont Street and the Potrero Gateway Eco-patch, Bonches Park, Fallen Bridges Park, and future gardens along San Bruno. They also help reinforce the neighborhood's desire to **build community around art, ecology and public space**.




STEPPING STONES - STRING OF HABITATS DIAGRAM



NIGHT VIEW - SAN BRUNO AVE CORNER



VERMONT ST CORNER



VERMONT STREET CORNER

ARTISTS: Jason Kelly Johnson & Nataly Gattegno (Futureforms)
www.futureforms.us @futureformslab FUTUREFORMS

5. SFAC Process - Maintenance

GBD EXPENSES - ACTUAL FY19-20	
Maintenance	52%
Park & Green Space	\$25,781
Repair/Supplies	117
Sidewalk & Public Realm	17,059
Volunteer hours applied to General Benefits	1,889
Sub-Total	\$44,847
Capital Improvement	12%
Capital Projects - Improvement	\$8,816
Volunteer hours applied to General Benefits	1,967
Sub-Total	\$10,782
Accountability, Transparency, and Citizen Services	20%
Administrative Services	\$11,428
Annual Election	1,066
Communications & Outreach	4,054
Events	485
Sub-Total	\$17,033
Operations and Contingency Reserves	16%
Administrative Services	\$10,935
Insurance	838
Office	577
Professional Services	1,461
Sub-Total	\$13,811
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$86,473

Maintenance and the NW Potrero Hill GBD Budget

FY20-21 Spent on Potrero Gateway

- Janitorial – Trash, Graffiti
- Landscape

Need to estimate maintenance cost

- Janitorial – Trash, Graffiti
- Landscape
- Art Maintenance

Need to Understand GBD Process for allocating funding for FY 22-23 (July -June)

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Action Items?

