



Steering Committee Meeting  
December 2, 2019 7:30pm  
550 Utah Street

Attending: Dianne Bates, JD Beltran (by phone), Jean Bogiages, JR Eppler, Michael Kerbow, Daniel Sheeter, Steven Solomon, Michelle Woo (DPW)

Missed: Will Chang, Sheldon Trimble

Minutes

The meeting began at 7:35

**Caltrans Update**

Michelle met with Caltrans staff and talked with Caltrans landscaper, Kimberly White. A Caltrans manager has been assigned. Michelle noted that Caltrans folks are familiar with the project. She is also communicating with Caltrans Art (David Eng) regarding the proposed Art installation. Caltrans is letting Michelle know some of the limitations they require, like staying 30' from traffic. It is important for the design team to understand the Caltrans restrictions. Every site is different. Michelle let us know that the CEQA agreement that Kelli requested, and Mohammed received, satisfies the CEQA requirement by letting the City be the lead CEQA agent, not Caltrans.

It was pointed out that the Caltrans parking lot on the north side of 17<sup>th</sup>, currently used by UPS is being looked at by SF General Hospital for parking. This would be a problem for the neighborhood, as UPS workers would need to find other local parking.

Michelle let us know that PW and Caltrans are not currently willing to provide maintenance for the project. The project needs to provide maintenance and at this point the solution is the Green Benefit District which was created to care for Potrero Gateway Park as well as Fallen Bridge Park and Benches Garden. Currently GBD provided landscaping and janitorial services to these areas

Michelle let us know that SFMTA is assigning a group to work with us which includes Damon Curtis.

Jean brought up that it might be good to consider decorative crosswalks at Mariposa and Vermont as well as Vermont and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Schedule**

Michelle brought two schedules to the meeting and asked Jean to share them with the committee. One schedule is for the Art component under the bridge. The other is for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street – Vermont and San Bruno landscape and streetscape Area. The Art component includes issuing an RFP for the work. Before the RFP can be issued, we need to know what enhancements Caltrans will permit.

**Final Miller Limit of Work Document**

Daniel pointed out that there was an error on the 17<sup>th</sup> street south side bike path designation. Michelle said that the error would be obvious to the public works team. Jean let the group know that Speak Street Capital paid Miler Company for the \$7,500 work they completed. The group agreed that they would like to see a presentation regarding the 300 Kansas project Spear Street Capital is proposing.



### **Meeting with Supervisor Walton**

Supervisor Walton is scheduled to come to the neighborhood to get an update on the Potrero Gateway Park project on January 16 at 3:15pm. The update will consist of a meeting at 550 Utah and a walk around the area. An invitation will be sent to PGP steering committee member to attend

### **Art Under the Bridge**

Before an RFP can be advertised, we need to know the limits on what Caltrans will allow. Michelle is working on scheduling a meeting month between Caltrans Kimberly white, JPW Jasmine Kew, Caltrans Engineering, JD Beltran, Jean and herself to clarify the limits of what can be proposed.

### **SFParks Alliance**

Jean noted that SFPA was in the process of transferring the MOHCD grant funding back to MOHCD so it could be transferred to Public Works.

Jean asked the group what they thought hearing from SFPA about having them take on PGP as a project. There was concern about the cost of fiscal sponsorship. It was pointed out the GBD can also be a fiscal sponsor of the project. There was no decision.

### **Outreach**

Jean noted that since April Ellis moved to San Mateo, it is a problem for her to attend meetings. Jean asked the group if they would like to add Kanwar Kelly to the team, as he lives at the NW corner of Vermont and Mariposa, is in favor of the project and is interested in being on the committee. There was consensus to add Kanwar to the team.

Jean reached out to Joyce Books for support of removing a land on the 400 block of Vermont by extending the park. Jean received a negative reaction. Joyce felt she had not been consulted as she feels she represents Vermont street from the 400 block to the 800 block.

Dianne noted that she is talking to her neighbors on the 400 block and they are excited and want to know when the park will be done. Jean pointed out that the 4 houses on the west side of the 400 block did not want a dog run behind their houses and that is no longer part of the current plan.

JR noted that he received an email from Joyce regarding parking and the 400 block. He noted that he will refer Joyce to Jean regarding Potrero Gateway Park.

The group agreed that we are in the beginning stages of redefining Potrero Gateway Park streetscape with Public Works and we should assure Joyce that nothing will happen without community review.

The meeting was ended at 9:00.