



Steering Committee Meeting
March 2, 2020 4:00-5:30pm
550 Utah Street, SF

Attending: Steering Committee: Jean Bogiages, JR Eppler, Michael Kerbow, Sheldon Trimble, Steven Solomon
Public Works Team: Trent Tieger, Jasmine Kaw, Claudia Rodriquez

Minutes

The meeting began at 4pm with everyone arriving on time. Introductions were made and the initial agenda item was addressed.

Landscape presentation and discussion

Jasmine began the presentation "Potrero Gateway", a 14 page document that was projected on a screen for discussion. She noted that the PW team had taken the Limit of Work document PGPSC created with Miller and the Bionic plan and met with a large Caltrans team in Oakland. From that meeting they came up with the 30ft limit drawing as well as the recommendation to keep Caltrans projects under \$1M to avoid the cost of paying for a Caltrans manager. Jasmine noted that the team had also met with Brian Eng and PGPSC members to discuss the Art component planned for under the bridge.

The presentation outlines how the PW team sees the Potrero Gateway Project, and was presented as a first step in coming up with a Project Master Plan by the Summer of 2020. As we continued through the presentation, the PW team emphasized that they wanted our input. The PGPSC team promised to review the work at a PGPSC meeting respond to the ideas in the presentation.

There was discussion of the need to get moving quickly on the art component to catch up with PW and have the art part coordinated with their landscape/streetscape work.

The presentation took longer listed and ended at 5:15

Next Step in Conversation

The Next Steps document (Attachment A) was given to the PW team the week before the meeting. Trent reported that they had discussed the 6 "like to see" items and did not disagree with them. They also agreed with the Ways to accomplish them items. Understanding Caltrans regulations and demonstrating the need for reasonable adjustments was discussed. It was agreed that Jean would set up a meeting with Trent, Jasmine and Julie Christensen in order to collaborate on clarifying Caltrans regulations.

Proposal regarding Vermont Street Traffic Calming

Jean proposed that PGPSC welcomes the GBD to take on the Vermont Street traffic calming project and coordinate it with the expansion of the park & garden to offer community access to a new garden walkway. There was no vote, as we only had 5 members in attendance, which is not a quorum. The topic will be discussed at the next PGPSC meeting.

Action Items:

- Set up a meeting to discuss working with Caltrans with Julie, Jean, Trent and Jasmine – Jean
- Set up the next PGPSC meeting to review the March 2 presentation and give feedback - Jean
- Discuss with JD the two ways of starting the Art RFQ – Either by PGPSC or by SFAC - Jean

**Potrero Gateway Park
Next Step in the Conversation
Feedback related to the 2/14 Presentation from Public Works**

The “Extent of Work” covering the area outside of the Caltrans fence, and given the time and resource constraints of the collaborating agencies, is a promising first phase proposal for the project. PGP looks forward to continuing to collaborate on future stages of this project that will fully realize PGP’s long-term vision.

For the project, PGPSC would like to see:

1. The two corners (San Bruno & Vermont) with landscaping/terracing/option for “gateway” art piece back much further than 7ft from the existing fence.
2. 17th Street sidewalk 11ft wide and abutting the Caltrans Columns and median-protected bike lanes
3. The Caltrans land under the freeway prepared to be a canvas for the PGP Art RFQ
 - Slope Stabilization
 - Vertex closed off so it is not accessible to campers
4. The Vermont Caltrans right-of-way become a landscaped garden for reasonable neighborhood access with no fence.
5. A wall that protects the San Bruno neighbors from the freeway.
6. The West traffic lane of Vermont replaced by a use that extends the concept of a landscaped garden. Near-term lane removal could be implemented by SFMTA re-striping the street.

To accomplish the above six requirements, we need to:

1. Meet with Caltrans and determine the locations of fences and scope of Caltrans-led improvements that would satisfy the above requirements.
2. Complete a conceptual plan for the rectangle that addresses the 6 requirements above.
3. Verify the amount of funding that we have now
4. Present us with cost estimates for the elements that you have presented in the 17th Sidewalk and Roadway Configurations
5. Agree that we will spend our funding first on 17th St and the corners which includes the Artwork and use whatever is left and whatever we can raise to complete the project