



Steering Committee Meeting
March 16, 2020 7:30-8:30pm
Uberconference

Steering Committee Attending: Jean Bogiages, Sheldon Trimble, Kanwar Kelley, Steven Solomon, Will Chang, JR Eppler, Patricia Fonseca

Absent: Dianne Bates, JD Beltran, Daniel Sheeter, Michael Kerbow

Minutes

GBD Vermont Street Update

Jean noted that Julie Christensen was interested in having the GBD work on removing a lane from Vermont Street as a traffic calming solution. Kanwar said that he, Malea Gadoury, John Schwenger, Noreen Weeden, Eddy Bartley and Julie met to discuss how people on the 500 and 400 blocks felt about closing a lane.

SFAC Conversations

Jean reported that she has emailed with Susan Pontius about Art under the bridge. Susan reported that SFAC still has a balance of \$3,371 in our account from the \$5,000 we set aside for SFAC to help us define interface requirements for and art installation. Jean asked about the cost if SFAC took on the RFQ/RFP process. Susan estimated between \$10,000 and \$12,000 administration plus direct costs for the online application system and artist honorariums.

Gather Input for Public Works on the 3/2 Presentation

Patricia took notes as we went page by page through Potrero Loop Stakeholder [Mtg 3 @ 20.pdf](#). Attendees were asked to edit. The result is attached.

Action Items for the next meeting

- Jean will meet with Julie and the PW team Tuesday at 3pm to discuss working with Caltrans.
- Document on the Caltrans maintenance site, the accident last year where a car came from 101 and landed upside down on San Bruno Avenue - Jean

Potrero Gateway Loop – Steering Committee Meeting 3/16/2020

These are a summary of Steering Committee comments in response to Public Work's stakeholder presentation on 3/2/20.

1. Potrero Gateway Project Plan:
 - a. Lead Organization for landscape should be PW, not Caltrans. PW Landscaping should do the design and concept, all the way to construction document.
2. Estimated Project Timeline:
 - a. Schedule will need to be modified due to pandemic. And schedule should not only be for streetscape but also landscaping. Per graphics seems area inside the fence line is not part of PW streetscape improvements and assume Caltrans is responsible.
3. Construction Budget:
 - a. PW should be pitching in for the intersection and streetscape improvements. It should not come out of the Steering Committee's budget. Funds steering committee has secured should not be used in lieu of improvements PW is responsible for or has already planned to do (bulb outs, bike lanes, sidewalk improvements, etc).
 - b. PW needs to work with the steering committee to create a budget which details where the Potrero Gateway funding will be spent. Details include design phase work as well as estimated construction costs.
4. Goals:
 - a. We are trying to green, we envision it as a park and opening up to the public.
 - b. We need to better understand Caltrans requirements for access up to the wall. Perhaps they only need "key" to a new fence? Need clarification.
 - c. Jean has notes from last meeting with Bionic and Caltrans Manager. They did comment on not being able to put the container businesses under the freeway, but not other restrictions were shared. They should honor their commitments to projects that have secured funding.
5. Desired Improvements:
 - a. Art Commission will likely have a lot of say in the art installation concepts. They are a sophisticated group that will be able to help the steering committee push the envelope.
 - b. Images shown are all potential concepts that could be implemented. They will need to be further developed in the next phases of design.
 - c. Caltrans accepted fences are likely standard because they can easily replace segments when they need repair. Steering committee is weary of another chain link fence, need something aesthetically pleasing.
6. Extent of Work:
 - a. Extent of work should include the entire site. The project should include what they've labeled as Phase 2: Caltrans Property Improvements. The project needs to include all the way up to Mariposa. We understand that the funding might not be able to cover a construction of it all, but a design that is more developed needs to include the whole area. Then we can move forward with trying to further fundraise and/or select the areas that will be part of Phase 1.
 - b. Steering Committee should put more pressure on Caltrans about their responsibility of protecting us from the freeway noise. In no other part of the city do we have this

condition and we need to prioritize it. Unsafe condition and recent car accidents could have been life threatening. Keep the pressure up and regularly report it and log it in public record. Caltrans has a 311 like website that we need to use to document the unsafe conditions.

7. 17th Street:

- a. Bike lane improvements need to be responsibility of the City and their Vision Zero initiative. Our funding should be focused on aesthetics, greening and art. Public safety is a City responsibility.
- b. We envision the funding we have acquired to result in, on 17th Street, a Potrero Gateway with safer pedestrian crosswalks, wider sidewalk, Art under the bridge complemented by accessible landscaping.

8. Streetscape Plan:

- a. It's a good start but we'd like more access to the open space. Fencing needs to be pushed back and needs to be coordinated with Caltrans.
- b. Fence heights need to be carefully studied.