

Potrero Gateway Park: The Loop Meeting Notes
3/17/14 Meeting

Attending: Michael, Sheldon, Maria, Dianne, Umesh, JR, Jean

1. Meetings Held by Committee Members

- a. Meeting with Malia Cohen, Mat Snyder (Planning), Robin Havens (OEWD), Michael Riebe (SFMTA) – Marcel and Sarah presented, Jean, Dianne, Umesh and Sheldon attended. Malia stated that she supported the project. Mat said we could qualify for the Open Space part of the ENCAC impact fees. (Note: from 11/2013 BOS presentation - fees collected 2009-2014=\$6.4M, projected 2015-2019=\$51.8M). Robin explained the SOMA dog-skatepark funding and Michael talked about the status of the Potrero Hill Traffic Calming plan for Vermont Street. Malia said that the next thing to do was schedule a meeting with Mohammed Nuru.
- b. Meeting with Chema Gil of the Bike Coalition. Jean and Michael met at Bionic Office. Sarah presented. Chema was concerned about environmental impact of constructing on the right-of-way, but we explained that there was no excessive digging planned. He suggested we talk to Poder and the Homeless coalition and that we monitor the street repair plans in the neighborhood as we plan when to do sections of the plan. He liked the bike lane support and said that Potrero Hill needs bike shops. He said the bike coalition would send us a letter of support if we sent them an example letter.
- c. Meeting with Malia at Market & Rye (her neighborhood office hours) – Jean discussed Fallen Bridge Park, The Loop, the GBD and issues with campers in the right-of-way with Malia. Malia suggested that we would go in front of the ENCAC. Jean said yes, but after we get buy in and funding sources from the city and state and then we ask ENCAC to supplement.

2. Grant Applications

- a. Marcel is looking into the Google grant. There is an issue related to SF Parks Alliance wanting to apply for funding for the Blue Greenway and us wanting to apply for funding for the Loop and we are associated with the same non-profit. Marcel said he was meeting with Matt O'Grady on 3/17 to discuss.
- b. Jean applied for \$25K grant from Bridgestone Tires. Cycle closed 3/15 and applications will be reviewed 4/1
- c. We need to go through the Grant Database and determine what foundations, companies, individuals would support our type of project.

3. Participatory Budget Meetings- Please let me know if you can attend any of these:

- a. HUD has about \$30M in grant programs (CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA). We might be able to qualify for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). Meetings are scheduled for 3/18, 4/22, 4/29 and 5/13 (415-701-5500)
- b. D10 has \$100K to distribute and has hired a consultant to conduct 3 meetings: 3/29, 4/2 and 4/17 to determine how to spend it. (www.sfpb.net)

4. Outreach

- a. Dianne is creating a facebook page which we all need to like.
- b. Sheldon has scheduled a meeting with Barry Campbell - Sr. V.P. Operations for the SF Design Center.
- c. Jack Fischer suggested contacting Center for the Books, CCA, Culinary Academy, Whole Foods Headquarters, Heath, Blue Bottle Coffee.
- d. Jean encouraged everyone to attend the Joint Block Party March 23 at the cul-de-sac on San Bruno Ave, across the 18th Street Pedestrian Overpass. Dianne asked to send notice to other Vermont Street folks.
- e. Michael's art studio will be participating in an open studio event April 26-27. He will put the 5x7 cards out for display. Dianne will produce a sticker to add to the 5x7s that had the facebook link
- f. Carlos Muela of SOMA Street Food Park is interested in our project and wants to come to a meeting.

5. Vermont Street Traffic Calming

- a. Dianne has not been able to find examples of parking next to a median and she and Umesh feel that SFMTA should go as planned to replace a lane of traffic with a median and to remove the parking on the park side of Vermont Street. Michael concurs pointing out that single lanes will encourage people to slow down. Jean is interested in increasing the size of the sidewalk to benefit the park. Michael expressed concern that when the chain-link fence is removed we will need to find a way that children will be discouraged from running into the traffic.

6. Meeting Schedule – 2nd Monday of month – Next mtg – April 14, 2014