

Potrero Gateway Park: The Loop Steering Committee Meeting Notes
February 16, 2015

Attending: Patricia Fonseca, Will Chang, Dianne Bates, Maria Tong, Sheldon Trimble, Michael Kerbow, Jean Bogiages, Kelli Rudnick (DPW)

Caltrans and the Loop

Kelli reported that she had been advised by Al Lee at the Caltrans-City meeting to get on the SHOPP (State Highway Operation and Protection Program). Her thought was that a survey is needed and an environmental review. This might be a way to get Caltrans to pay for that. Kelli has not heard more from Jim Bozionelas regarding the meeting he said he would call. She got an email from Nandini asking to set up a meeting between the City and Caltrans to discuss the Loop. The committee agreed that if Nandini called this meeting, that either Sarah or Marcel should attend. Kelli will follow up with Jim to see if he is setting up a meeting separate from Nandini's proposed meeting.

GBD Update

Jean reported that as a result of the move from OEWD to DPW, Sandra Zuniga is replacing Crezia to get the GBD Management Plan finalized so that the GBD can go to petition phase. The GBD consultants from UPURBAN met with Sandra, Tony Kelly and Jean on Friday, 2/13. Hannah Smith, the UPURBAN consultant who had been working with OEWD is moving to LA and is being replaced by Jared Press. Jared will be working with Sandra who is interfacing with the city attorney on the Management Plan.

Potrero Connect

Jean reported that the Potrero Connect committee will be meeting 2/18 to discuss the homeless situation in our neighborhood with Ross Mirkarimi and Sam Dodge. The Potrero Connect Committee is trying to learn about what programs the city has in place to move folks from living in the street to being housed and getting the health/mental health/addiction help they need. This will be our 3rd meeting. Agenda and meeting notes are online.

SFPA Fundraising Workshop

Dianne has been asked to be part of a panel discussing how to have a successful fundraising event on March 5. This program is one of the programs offered to SFPA Park Partners, neighborhood group working to improve their neighborhood parks. Folks from Dogpatch Playground and Joe Dimaggio Playground will also be on the panel.

Police District realignment

Due to the creation of a new police station in the Mission Bay area, the police district borders will be altered. JR brought up the idea of moving the Bayview Police station border to Potrero Avenue so that the freeway and both sides of it are in the same police district. The consensus of the committee is that moving the border to Potrero Avenue would be an excellent idea.

Business Luncheon

Our Trumark friends want to work with us on organizing a luncheon for the businesses in the area that surrounds The Loop. Jean suggested asking our friends from the Design Center and from Bohnam's to join with us and Trumark to host a luncheon. The purpose would be to explain the Loop and explain the program HOPE has in place for working with the homeless and ask the businesses to join with us to approach the mayor's office and explain how critical the issues in our area are. This may take the form

of a letter signed by all the businesses supporting the neighborhood's work, or setting up meetings with the mayor. We will ask for ideas on how the businesses can help.

Next Meeting: March 9 (back to the 2nd Monday schedule)

Notes Submitted by Jean Bogiages