



Steering Committee Meeting  
May 6, 2022  
ZOOM 11am-12:30

**Steering Committee attending:** Dianne Bates, JR Eppler, Michael Kerbow, Sheldon Trimble, Kanwar Kelley, Peggy Lopipero-Langmo, Jean Bogiages

**Guests:** Aleta Lee (Project Manager, Public Art Program, SFAC), Trent Teiger (Project Manager, SFPW)

### Meeting Notes

#### Futureforms Public Art

Aleta Lee has replaced Zoe Taleporos as manager of the Potrero Gateway Public Art project. She warned us that her position may be temporary. In response to the bright blue paint color that Caltrans is using under the bridge, Futureforms has replaced the yellow balls with Corten balls and has added an interesting top piece filled with metal circles that has a special maintenance entry in the back. Other balls will have one polished and one matte finish. Maintenance concerns will be addressed by documenting estimates for simple and major issues. Caltrans needs to approve the plans and so does SFAC. The PGP art committee members are excited about the changes. Below is a comparison of the San Bruno Ave change



Version to be replaced



Current Version

#### Potrero Gateway Update

Trent let us know that Public Works is happy that they have chosen a contractor whose estimate came a little under the amount estimated. Work will begin once the Caltrans job on the southbound lane bridge is completed. Trent's optimistic guess is that it will happen in July. He reported that it will take about a year to complete. Having CNPS and neighbors install plants is still part of the plan as well as having a double gate on the new Caltrans metal fence that will replace the chainlink one. We will need to discuss further about the plan to have art on the double fence.



Trent has talked with Jasmine about updating the San Bruno Avenue design so that we can look for funding. This update is part of the Phase 2 work. Kanwar reported that the GBD is looking forward to maintenance estimates related to the Art. Once these are understood the GBD-PW MOU will be signed.

### **Caltrans 101 Guardrail**

Kanwar reported that Caltrans had installed a guardrail on the west side of 101 bordering San Bruno. He and Sheldon pointed out that the guardrail does not go north enough to prevent the kind of accident we saw in 2019. Jean said she would ask the Caltrans Public Information Officer, David Hafner, if there were plans to extend it north.

### **Vermont Hillside**

Jean reported that the Eco-Patch team will have a workday this Sunday and is looking forward to having Open Garden events so that neighbors can see what native plants will grow in our serpentine soil. Jean reported that the Eco-Patch team has put together recommendations to be discussed with the GBD regarding a Vermont Hillside Masterplan. (Appendix A)

### **Graffiti on 17<sup>th</sup> Street**

The pylon graffiti has recently been painted. Kanwar reminded folks to continue to report graffiti and other problems to Caltrans using their web system (<https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>). If three or more people make the same complaint, work is usually done. Kanwar reported that the SFPD graffiti officer has been removed. Jean reported that SFPD Captain McEachern had told her that Mission Police have someone assigned to graffiti and they have a grant coming in July that will address graffiti.

### **Signage**

Jean mentioned that the committee would like a comprehensive sign that incorporates the work done by SFAC, Public Works and the CNPS on the project in order to explain the value of the biodiverse landscape.

She mentioned that the Eco-Patch is on the YB CNPS Virtual Tour: [LINK](#)

The meeting ended at 12:08pm



## Appendix A

### Connecting Vermont Street Hillside and Potrero Gateway Projects

#### 1. The Vermont Hillside

Convert the Vermont hillside to a meadow of SF native grasses recognizing that to be successful, a plan needs to identify sequential stages and project goals. Goals include an open landscape design that promotes visibility, an ecologically positive landscape design that identifies and supports wildlife. Components of a successful project are listed:

##### Management

- Identify a team and leader that will coordinate the elements of the project and produce a preliminary budget and schedule
- Hire a landscape designer with a background in ecological design using native plants. Interview multiple applicants.

##### Preparation

Note that the landscape designer needs to be involved in deciding preparation methods

- Non-native tree and bush removal
- Weed removal using techniques learned from similar projects
- Mulch Application using Jet Mulch

##### Design

Consider strongly using one for the plant mixes noting that plants need to be of low height :

- Oak Savanna
- Coastal Scrub

##### Other

- Keep the number of plant species low (ie only a few) in order to support wildlife.
- Replace non-native trees with CA Coast Live Oak or Buckeye in order to support wildlife.
- Keep the existing fir tree acknowledging the variety of plants that will grow underneath.
- Coordinate the hillside plant selection with the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Potrero Gateway Public Works design.

#### 2. Vermont Street Lane Removal

The CCG project (Vermont Street + Amenities) is loved. If an area is well cared for, bad uses (trash dumping, camping) are discouraged. Here are a few recommendations.

- Do not plant trees in the sidewalk garden areas bounded by rock walls. It is important to keep the hillside visible to discourage illegal uses.
- Fill each of the sidewalk gardens with one of the Eco-Patch plant mixes. Keep the signs in the gardens to inform which mix is there and use this as an educational feature.
- Instead of a DG path make a path of permeable pavers. It may be expensive up front, but it will save repair work and maintenance costs resulting from DG placed on a slope.



- A native plant bio-swale feature at the bottom of the hill near 17<sup>th</sup> will help manage water in the rainy season
- If possible reuse a) Vermont Sidewalk concrete 2) wood from the large trees that will be removed as part of the Potrero Gateway project Repurpose existing materials from the site such as the concrete sidewalk (when it is replaced) and/or using the wood from the redwood trees (when they are removed along 17th). Perhaps these materials could be incorporated into things like bench seating, hillside retaining walls, footpaths, etc. This would be an eco-friendly reuse of these materials, rather than having to transport them to a dump. Trent says that how the contractor disposes of the concreted is not one of the items in the bid.