



## **BALBOA PARK STATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### *Meeting Minutes*

Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 6-8pm

City College (55 Phelan Ave), Multi-Use Building on first floor, Room 140.

#### CAC Members:

1. Rita Evans, Vice Chair, BART riders' interests
2. Scott Falcone, Land Use and Housing Group
3. Robert Muehlbauer, Chair, Neighborhood resident' interests
4. Dan Weaver, Senior/Disabled Community Interests
5. Gwynn Mackellen, Community and Economic Development

Meeting commenced at 6:09pm

1. Introductions & Admin, Chair (10 minutes)
  - Approved minutes from April and June meeting
  - Agenda approved as amended
  - Veronica Garcia has resigned as the Youth and Families interest chair
  - Four vacancies for CAC – Visit website to apply:  
<http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=15921>
    - Seat 1 representing Muni riders
    - Seat 3 representing bicyclists and pedestrians
    - Seat 4 representing students, faculty and staff
    - Seat 8 representing youth and families.
  - Danielle Harris will be the new lead SFMTA staff contact for the BPSCAC
  - Public Comment
    - Announcement of the Ocean Avenue Corridor Public Meeting on October 8th. More details to be announced.
2. Balboa Park Projects Map, SFMTA (10 minutes)

Mari Hunter presented the Balboa Park Station Area Project Status Map, which is to be updated bi-annually. The map highlights individual station projects, their status and features of photo of the improvement. Future updates will include connection to the Station Area Plan and additional photos of station improvements.
3. Transit Effectiveness Project (aka Muni Forward) and rail updates.

Sean Kennedy was called away due to a family emergency. This presentation is to be rescheduled for the next upcoming meeting on October 28.

Mari Hunter updated the CAC on moving the 29-Sunset to Ocean Avenue. The 54-Felton will undergo a comprehensive public engagement process to finalize the route through the Balboa Park Area.
4. Balboa Park Station Area and Plaza Improvements Update (30 minutes)

Daniel Padilla made a presentation regarding the status of the Station Area and Plaza Improvements including sidewalk widening, median island relocation and landscaping, new transit only lanes on Geneva Avenue, pedestrian lighting within



and around the station, curb ramp upgrades, repaving of Geneva Avenue. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start February 2015.

Robert Muelbauer inquired about what is to be done with the broken bench on Geneva at the I-280 off ramp whether it's to be repaired or removed. Daniel Padilla believes it is most likely to be removed.

Rita Evans asked whether the new landscaped median on Geneva Avenue would be irrigated. Daniel Padilla clarified that the construction contract secures maintenance for the initial two years.

Gwynn Mackellen asked if it'd be possible to remove parking along San Jose Avenue near the driveways in order to allow greater visibility of pedestrians crossing. Daniel Padilla will look into whether the station driveways along San Jose Avenue clear the 10-foot visibility buffer.

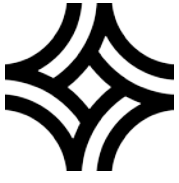
Robert Muelbauer questioned whether there could be an alternative design for the trolley poles moved from the passenger loading pinch point for the J and K to the sidewalk guardrail on Geneva Avenue. The new pole location does narrow a high pedestrian volume path of travel, it's not aesthetically pleasing (although in accordance with existing station design, it's not a safer option because people could climb the poles and reach the wires. A member of the public offered a disk option that impedes persons from climbing the pole. Daniel Padilla said he would look into these options.

Dan Weaver asked whether the transit shelter on Geneva Avenue would be expanded to accommodate 20 to 40 customers at a time due to harsher weather conditions in the area. Mari explained that the shelters on the north side of Geneva Avenue would be incorporated into the BART head house redesign and at this time shelter space on the south side will be addressed with the upper yard redevelopment.

Members of the public and CAC members approved and praised the installation of the next bus signs in the transit shelters.

Robert Muelbauer questioned whether the pedestrian scale lighting to be installed in and around the station would match existing lights in order to ensure cohesiveness around the station. Mari explained the fixtures will be one of the three new pedestrian scale lighting designs originally presented at the March 2013 meeting. During the March 2013 meeting the lighting options were discussed by the CAC with varying input and opinions on design resulting with 4 CAC members favored had a divided preference between the 1st and 2nd design, so no formal action taken at the March 2013 Meeting.

The CAC members approved of the wayfinding signs implemented around the station and support further installation of such signs.



A member of the public asked whether the 49-Mission/Van Ness would be stopping on Ocean adjacent to the BART station entrance. Mari explained this will be addressed during Sean Kennedy's presentation in October.

A member of the public urged the M- Ocean View stop to be relocated, so that customers are not alighted in the street (San Jose Avenue). Mari explained this had been identified in the Capacity study and staff has continued to evaluate opportunity for relocation.

Daniel Padilla concluded that the SFMTA is contemplating adding a fourth phase to the project that may delay construction 4 to 6 months. The fourth phase would include primarily transit improvements in and out of the Station at Ocean Avenue/I-280.

5. Closing Business

Robert Muehlbauer requested an over view of the Balboa Park Station operation regarding all transit functions i.e. LRVs entering and exiting the station, passenger pick up areas, bus stop locations, etc.

Robert Muehlbauer expressed an interest in receiving an update from DPW staff regarding maintenance and cleanliness efforts at the station

Committee would like a presentation from CalTrans regarding future plans for the on and off ramps at Geneva and Ocean Avenue

Robert Muehlbauer announced CAC members one-year term has come to a close and election will be held at the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 28.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

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