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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, June 5, 2014
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Mark Ballew,
Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp,
Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent: Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- May 1, 2014

Public Comment:

None

On motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2014: Approved

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

Absent – Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver noted that Art Cimento had resigned and that Supervisor Breed had appointed Alex Reese to the CAC. A letter expressing the appreciation of the CAC will be sent to Marc Salomon.

Chairman Weaver also discussed Clipper card readers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Scott stated that Clipper readers are erratic and go in and out of service. It is plausible to say that a machine wasn't working but it could be working a short time later. There are intermittent failures.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason conveyed observations regarding signage on transit vehicles in Monterey and Salinas. He added that with the upcoming fare change, staff should consider having information on vehicle signage to cut down on the number of questions and confrontations.

Eric Scott discussed how the Monday “sick-out” was a complete disaster in San Francisco and contrasted it to transit in New York City. He noted that people are selling transfers and wondered how people were getting hold of them. This undermines revenues. The SFMTA should get rid of paper transfers and have the fare box issue a transfer.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the future of the historic and vintage fleet. (Rick Laubscher, Market Street Railway “MSR”)

Rick Laubscher reviewed the history of the Market Street Railway and the Trolley Festival. He discussed the history of the F-line and efforts to secure and restore streetcars. He noted that the Milan cars have been moved to and are being dispatched from Metro East due to the work going on at the Green Division and resident complaints about noise. He also discussed how Market St. Railway is preparing a paper that will include how to make the F Line run smoother. Mr. Laubscher reported on the E line’s planned operation from Fort Mason to Caltrain which is funded for start-up on the weekends this year. The rate of development in San Francisco makes a great case for extending the E Line through Aquatic Park and south from Caltrain to about 20th St. Some neighbors say it should go to Cesar Chavez but operation is dependent on the size of the fleet and where the maintenance and storage yard is located.

Councilmember Ferrario discussed a resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors in 1988 and reaffirmed in 2000, after the passage of Prop E. that states that no city department may sell, loan or otherwise dispose of vintage transit equipment until after the Board of Supervisors has approved. He asked whether Muni was endeavoring to scrap equipment at Marin, and if so, when the public hearing was scheduled.

Mr. Laubscher suggested that there needed to be a holistic review of the historic and vintage fleet and future plans and that it would be helpful to have one person in charge. Right now, there’s no real cohesion.

Councilmember Wong discussed the location of the accessible platform at Fisherman’s Wharf as problematic. It needs to be fixed and at minimum, put at the other end of the block.

Councilmember Ferrario asked about the money used to construct the canopy at the Geneva Yard and would like to know what promises were made and whether the canopy can be re-used for another purpose.

Public Comment:

Eric Scott wondered if it was past the point where it would be technically possible to extend the N line tracks near Caltrain so there would be a revenue stop and loop at 6th and Berry.

Edward Mason discussed future storage requirements and suggested having corporations sponsor vehicles. The Short Range Transit Plan stated that ridership on the T Line would be 41,000.

Motion 140605.1

On motion to recommend a dedicated budget and personnel to solving and/or ameliorating the problem of noise by the Milan historic streetcars in order that maximum use can be made of these cars without causing undue noise for nearby residents.

APPROVED: Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

Nayes – None

Absent – Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

Motion 140605.2

On motion to recommend that the SFMTA dedicate a manager to planning for the E-line including turnaround options or extensions south of Caltrain.

No public comment.

Chairman Weaver referred the motion to the EMSC committee

Motion 140605.3

On motion to recommend that the SFMTA prioritize planning and implementation for a suitable shelter for historic streetcars stored at Metro East.

Public Comment: none.

APPROVED: Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

Nayes – None

Absent – Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

Motion 140605.4

On motion to recommend that the SFMTA Board of Directors adopt language in Administrative Code Chapter 10, Article XIII, Section 10.84 as official policy of the SFMTA stating that “No City department may sell, loan for a period in excess of one year or otherwise dispose of any vintage transit equipment without approval by the Board of Supervisors after a public hearing. Vintage transit equipment means any Municipal Railway rolling stock or component thereof which is more than twenty-five years old. Vintage transit equipment does not include components which are worn out, broken or otherwise unusable which will be replaced by components of a like kind designed to serve the same function or usable surplus components which will be traded for other components in short supply.

Public Comment: None.

APPROVED: Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

Nays – None

Absent – Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

Chairman Weaver invited Rick Laubscher to return to the CAC in September to discuss MSR's strategic plan for the historic and vintage fleet.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the economic benefits of streetscape projects. (Seleta Reynolds, Section Leader, Livable Streets)

Seleta Reynolds discussed the citywide trend towards more streetscape projects, which is a broad variety of things ranging from parklets to full projects like the one completed on Cesar Chavez. Typically staff looks at traditional transportation metrics, safety, use, intercept surveys, and design. It is important to understand the relationship of a project to the economic health of the city's commercial corridors. Staff reviewed eight streetscape projects and compared them to similar streets, the neighborhood as a whole and city as a whole. Seven out of eight locations reviewed performed the same as or better than the surrounding neighborhood. These projects don't harm business districts. It takes about a year to see effects of the projects.

Public Comment:

Tom Hubbard asked about any correlation between new housing and economic benefits.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Vision Zero 24 projects. (Seleta Reynolds, Section Leader, Livable Streets)

Seleta Reynolds reviewed the Vision Zero Projects. Staff has identified 40 high priority pedestrian safety projects that will be deliverable by 2016. Staff wants to complete more than 24 projects in 24 months. The highest concentration of injuries is in the northeast quadrant of the city. It's an aggressive goal to get it all built.

Public Comment:

Eric Scott stated that the biggest menace to pedestrians are cyclists who are racing on sidewalks and blow through red lights. They disrespect pedestrians. He sees zero enforcement and the problem is getting worse. There should be a focus on that.

Ed Mason asked about whether bikes were allowed on the Embarcadero promenade.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations from the Operations & Customer Service Committee (OCSC)

Councilmember Ferrario moved that the motion be amended to add "units".

Public Comment on the amendment: none.

On motion to amend Motion 140311.03 to add the word “units”.

Approved.

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

Nayes – None

Absent – Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

Public Comment: none

Motion 140311.03

The CAC recommends that new housing units built without parking spaces be ineligible for more than one Residential Parking Permit unless the number of permits outstanding is less than 100% of the RPP parking places available in that zone.

On motion to approve as amended:

APPROVED

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

Nayes – None

Absent – Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

10. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations from the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC):

Public Comment: none

Motion 140312.03

The CAC urges the SFMTA Board to pursue fare differentials on the cable car lines, keeping Clipper fares constant while increasing cash fares by a larger increment to keep the cable car system more affordable to regular riders.

On motion to approve:

APPROVED: Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, Dan Weaver, Roland Wong and Frank Zepeda

Nayes – None

Absent – Joan Downey, Alex Reese and Susan Vaughan

11. Council Members’ requests for information. (For discussion only)

Katie Haverkamp requested the mechanical breakdown rates on the PCC’s, Milan and vintage cars.

Dorris Vincent asked why the seats at Palou/Third inbound on the platform had been removed and when they would be replaced. She noted they have been gone for three months.

Daniel Murphy requested a copy of the pedestrian countdown signal study.

Mark Ballew requested a monthly report on class graduation rate for operators along with attrition.

Mark Ballew requested an update on the status of labor negotiations with TWU Local 250-A

Roland Wong requested an update on the seat realignment on LRV's.

12. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next meeting: Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, # 7080

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Roberta Boomer

SFMTA CAC – Liaison

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