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CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL

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November 5, 2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: (415) 915-0757 | Conference ID: 961 196 828#

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Neil Ballard (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair),
Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man,
Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel
Weaver

COUNCIL LIAISON
Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent
CAC members absent with notification: Daniel Murphy and Frank Zepeda
CAC members absent without notification: Queena Chen and Daniel Weaver

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2020:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent
ABSENT – Queena Chen, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Ballard reported that Board Secretary Roberta Boomer is retiring as of November 2020. He wished her well and welcomed the newly hired Board Secretary, Christine Silva.

He asked Roger Marenco to give a brief check-in on the state of Operations from the Operator perspective.

Roger Marenco, President, TWU Local 250-A stated that the Operators are pushing the agency to bring back rail service and more lines.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason recommended that the CAC look at the November 3rd Board meeting presentation on the subway. Things are grim as far as the subway reopening. Its still a mystery as to what went wrong technically. There seems to be no project manager to oversee the subway that has been operating for 40 years. To get a perspective on what is going on, he recommends that everyone look at the subway slide presentation.
6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason stated that the 511 NextBus feature for the inbound J Church line is working, but the outbound is not working. It’s good that Muni implemented 511 for the J Church bus. After seeing Tuesday’s report regarding the subway reopening, it made this even more important that it was implemented for the long term.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Black and African American Affinity Group (BAAAG). (Adrienne Heim, Member, BAAAG. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Adrienne Heim and Kathy Broussard, Members, BAAAG, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Marenco stated that the SFMTA is a conglomerate. The CAC should intervene in everything under the jurisdiction of the conglomerate that is the SFMTA. All of this pertains to transportation and the SFMTA in every way. He urged the CAC to be involved in these types of issues. He stated that TWU Local 250-A supports BAAAG. He asked what the classifications are of the people who are being disciplined the most.

Edward Mason asked if there is a better breakdown of the specifics of the disciplinary action areas were. He also asked for the specific divisions and managers. He would like to see it broken down to a more defined level. It’s a reflection on the manager not having employees understand what the requirements are for the position of the job. There needs to be more data to pinpoint where the root problems are.

CAC MOTION 201105.01

The SFMTA CAC encourages the SFMTA Board to direct staff to resolve clear issues of racial inequity in hiring and discipline.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

ABSENT – Queena Chen, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Racial Equity Action Plan.
(Chiamaka Ogwuegbo, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Chiamaka, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff; Jennifer Molina, Transit Planner, Livable Streets; and Grace Kong, Manager, Planning, Performance, and Project Controls, presented the item. They
discussed the focus areas, process, and requirements of Phase One of the SFMTA Racial Equity Action Plan.

No public comment.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance, & Safety Committee (EMSC) report.

No report.

10. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Sue Vaughan asked what the categories of infractions are and how many infractions there have been per category according to the statistics shared with the MTA CAC from 2015 through 2020.

Neil Ballard requested a presentation on Muni service in 2021.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, December 3rd at 5:30pm | Online via Microsoft Teams