## MINI VAN NESS BUS RAPID TRANSIT

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## **Community Advisory Committee**

Thursday, August 28, 2014 6:00 pm – 7:30pm One South Van Ness, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Union Square Conference Room

## <u>Minutes</u>

- 1. Approval of July minutes. Motion.
  - a) Minutes approved in a voice vote.
- 2. PUC Green Infrastructure Project presentation
  - a) Raphael Garcia from SFPUC presented the concepts and details of storm water infiltration infrastructure to be constructed as part of the parallel greening project. Members asked about specifics such as the scope of the installation, the amount of water processed and impacts on other sidewalk uses such as café seating.
- 3. Van Ness BRT project updates:
  - i) Board of Supervisors
    - (1) Meetings were held with Districts 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9
  - ii) SFMTA CAC
    - (1) CAC members took a motion to write a letter to the SF Arts Commission regarding "no canopy" design
  - iii) Corridor development
    - Peter Gabancho presented upcoming projects either proposed, planned, approved or in construction on the Van Ness Corridor. Peter also spoke about the upcoming tree selection process.
  - iv) Preliminary meeting with Historic Preservation Committee Staff
    - (1) Peter talked about having a meeting with staff members of the Committee in preparation for future work and hearings.
  - v) Video simulation
    - (1) Video simulation of the corridor was presented to the CAC which helps better visualize the project. Members were pleased with the video simulation.
- 4. Outcomes from Parking legislation hearing
  - a) Peter Gabancho and Lulu Feliciano described the process of the engineering hearing and presented a summary of the comments raised including those about traffic and parking loss.
  - b) The issue of entertainment venue parking permits and the community impact was raised. SFMTA staff to investigate.

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- 5. Review draft CAC letter to Arts Commission
  - a) Members again expressed concern about the responses given by the Arts Commission. Asked about other options on acquiring canopies outside the shelter contract. Members approved a motion to write a letter to the Arts Commission over concerns regarding the Commission's opposition to installation of wave roof shelters. Mr. Wendell Sanders Brooks volunteered to draft the letter for review.
- 6. Elect a Vice-Chair.
  - a) Kelly Hensley elected vice-chair in a unanimous voice vote.

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