



Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District
Board of Directors General Meeting
September 16, 2020 6:30– 8:30 PM
Virtual via GoToMeeting

Board Members In Attendance: Bruce Huie, George Slack, Janet Carpinelli, Jason Kelly Johnson, Jean Bogiages, John Alderman, Kanwar Kelly, Kat Sawyer, Kim Tercero, Kristel Craven, Monique Wallace, Susan Eslick, Terri McFarland

Board Members Absent: Cori Chipman

Executive Director: Julie Christensen **City Staff:** Jonathan Goldberg, San Francisco Public Works

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened by President Kanwar Kelley at 6:33p

2. Roll Call (Secretary Kim Tercero)

Kim Tercero called roll.

3. Approve August Minutes (Secretary Kim Tercero)

Request for amendment of Item 10. Add “greening” to beautification. VOTE: the August minutes were approved as amended

4. Announcements (All)

George Slack - expressed concern about rash of criminal incidents at Caltrans lot SF 280-19 at 22nd and Iowa. Will address with Supervisor Walton per item 5.

Katherine Doumani - requested to change conferencing software from GoTo meeting to Zoom

5. Strengthening GBD connections: Supervisor Walton

Executive Committee discussed inviting Supervisor Walton to a future board meeting. Kanwar Kelly will send invitation. It is important to have strong relationships with the Supervisor’s office. The incidents at the Caltrans lot should be brought to the Supervisor’s attention. We can potentially host a townhall with his office and local organizations about this and other community issues. Janet Carpinelli suggested the board submit questions prior to the Supervisor’s appearance at the board meeting. Questions can be submitted to Julie Christensen, Kanwar Kelley or Kim Tercero. Board in agreement to invite Supervisor Walton to an upcoming board meeting.

6. Supporting local district businesses:

Bruce Huie asked for feedback on how the GBD can promote local businesses by using green spaces. He suggested we might connect restaurants with take out to nearby GBD and other public spaces and

offered a sample listing. Julie Christensen suggested a map with info about local businesses and nearby adjacent open spaces and other members shared examples. Noted list is not exhaustive and only examples of potential. Businesses on ground floor of the AIC have created parklets which require unique permits and protocols for cleaning. Janet Carpineli shared that a lack of garbage cans plus debris from take out containers is a concern. Bruce Huie has engaged key constituents including the DBA, Dogpatch Merchants Association, and other key leaders and business owners. Julie Christensen shared an example of neighborhood that has residents volunteer to deliver food from local restaurants. Bruce Huie will continue to engage with stakeholders.

7. Executive Director Report

Initial agenda had San Bruno wall as part of Executive Director report. Will discuss as a separate topic along with the Eco Patch.

Tennessee Cut Through - opening and new curbs completed, bollards in, new mulch in and trees pruned.

Esprit Park - plans being formulated for public viewing

Gears – Caltrans willing to lease parcel for \$500/mo. In conversation with native plant folks to leverage native planning and find a benevolent use.

Progress Dog Run – signs installed

Iowa st – working with Jonathan Goldberg on what permissions are needed to take over maintenance of strip

22nd street – The Caltrans lot - SF 280-19 - not leased currently. Caltrans needs to do over \$100K of toxic remediation work. Caltrans removing storage containers and the old building from the UPS lot.

Angel alley – working with electrician to complete docs to apply for electrical collection

20th street - SDAT Team ready to approve Amazon proposal for Minnesota street sidewalk work and truck loading. The City may recouple the 20th St sidewalk work with the Amazon loading dock permits.

Neighborhood complaints about garbage are growing.

Minnesota Grove– working out what to pay for water

Fallen Bridge – chain link material is in and Public Works plans to start work next week. Flyers will be posted in advance to let people know when the bridge may not be accessible.

USOP – call for contractors. Glass should be out early 2021. UCSF may participate financially above offering security. GBD needs to provide a budget for them to consider further support. Janet Carpinelli requested greening and suggested leveraging similar set up as UCSF planters along the pedestrian passageways. Board will need to discuss design but need a budget and for the basic concrete work and lighting ASAP. Will see if SurfaceWork will come to a future board meeting.

Progress Cow - have a potential decorative direction for progress cow and will follow up with Monique

and Toni

Aim to Please – new, more mobile, schedule working well. They are also power washing once a month
Financials - closing out financials for 19/20 and preparing for the annual financial review.

Website – working on optimizing

Monthly blast + Potrero View posted on schedule

8. CCG application opportunities + priorities

Previous submitted and funded projects include Progress Park Fitness, Benches, and Angel Alley lighting. Criteria includes permissions, plans + renderings, budget, and schedule. Potential projects are Iowa St Greening, Vermont St Greening, and Gears Plant Nursery. Requesting \$80-100K but must be spent (can't bankroll). Other projects listed but may not be good candidates. Funding would be for next Spring.

Multiple board votes for the Gears. Iowa and Vermont also received notable support. 20th suggested but explained why not ready. Bruce encouraged GBD to apply for all since many grants go unfunded.

November 20th deadline – will form working group to help with grant writing.

9. Eco-Patch + San Bruno Wall update

Vermont at Caltrans right of way on 400 block – solarization weed control work. Posts put in to identify various plant and weed communities. Getting great feedback from Rec and Park and Aim to Please. Alex, landscape architect, put an info poster on fence. Patch is more scientific than garden. Will need volunteers to pull weeds. Inspire nearby neighbors to plant what is growing here. Plant vs weed control. Habitat vs garden planting.

San Bruno between 17th and Mariposa – Project started in 2012 with Caltrans, DPW, SF Parks Alliance, and MUNA. There is currently no sound wall as typically they are installed when freeways are built. There has been an increase in camping and fires have been breaking out. That along with a major car accident, has caused severe damage to the only barrier between the freeway and residents, which is a chain link fence. Only protection for residents from freeway is a chain link fence. Issue for neighbors and pedestrians is there is no walkway, soot from freeway. GBD maintenance is helping but more transformative measures are needed. Potrero Gateway Project is primarily addressing Vermont Street, 17th Street, and San Bruno areas in Phase 1. Generated funding for Phase I for a net amount of \$240K. Showed rendering of potential wall and variations including green sound wall and concrete barrier. Have been in discussion with Assembly person David Chiu's office regarding Caltrans and Supervisors' office. GBD would not fund but can be an advocate. Can leverage our weight to facilitate process.

10. Merging Maintenance + Capital: Status Update

Jonathan Goldberg has been speaking with City Attorney about the possibility of amending the GBD Management Plan to merge capital and maintenance. Superficial glance, CA is on board with approach given that Capital and Maintenance budget categories are where general benefit derived, merge would not change assessments, and would not require additional vote by properly owners. Do need to look at

resolution to establish GBD in more detail for language that enables GBD to evolve plan with district. May be good to raise request to Supervisor to help when it goes to Board of Supervisor vote. Will be creating a list of next steps.

11. Board committees and working group updates

Events committee is working on app based, iNaturalist, scavenger hunt. Other event ideas are to welcome folks to neighborhood, hosting a movie night where city planners and other subject matter experts in discussion and panel style. John Alderman, Jean Bogiages and others tested out platform to understand functionality and rules. Goal is to use app to take photos of flora to identify species. Looking to create a bioblitz to gather community to participate. Still gathering ideas and fine tuning. Will provide updates.

13. Miscellaneous

Call for monthly blast topics worked well and will continue to do so. Janet Carpinelli reminded board it is Shoreline Clean up month and encouraged folks to engage in clean up activities. Kanwar Kelley resurfaced suggestion to change meeting conference software. Many shared technical difficulties with GoTo meeting. Kanwar Kelly will evaluate alternate options that are cost effective, easy to use, and secure.

14. Adjourn (Kanwar Kelley)

Kanwar Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:13p

Guests: Jude Deckenbach from Friends of Jackson Park