



**Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District  
Board of Directors General Meeting**

July 16, 2021 6:30– 8:30 PM

Online

**Board Members In Attendance:** Jean Bogiages, Janet Carpinelli, Cori Chipman, Katherine Doumani, Susan Eslick, Barb Fritz, Kanwar Kelly, Terri McFarland, Michael Plater, Kat Sawyer, George Slack, Kim Tercero, Monique Wallace

**Board Members Excused:** Jason Kelly Johnson

**Members of the Public Noted Present (partial list):** Eddie Bartley, Michael Cerbo, Bruce Huie, Michael Spain, Sheldon Trimble

**Executive Director:** Julie Christensen

**Minutes**

- 1. Open Meeting**  
The meeting was opened by Kanwar Kelly at 6:30 pm
- 2. Roll Call**  
Secretary Bill Barnes established a quorum. Jason Kelly Johnson was noted excused from the meeting.
- 3. Approve June Minutes**  
[Secretary's Note] The June minutes will be approved at the August meeting, as they were not available to all members in the packet or online due to a technical difficulty.
- 4. Announcements (All)**  
Board member George Slack announced the availability of oak seedlings. Former Board member Bruce Huie announced plans for a bocce league in Dogpatch.
- 5. Gateway Project and Art Proposal**  
Board member Jean Bogiages presented a brief overview of the Potrero Gateway project. Trent Tieger of San Francisco Public Works reviewed the phase 1 project

and schedule. Zoë Teleporos of the San Francisco Arts Commission and The presented the public art proposed as part of the Gateway project along 17th Street. It was noted that Jason Kelly Johnson's firm was selected through this competitive process and as a result Jason will be recused from participating as a Board member.

VOTE: Bill Barnes, seconded by Janet Carpinelli, moved that the Green Benefit District support the design recommended through the Arts Commission process, authorize the Executive Director to work with Public Works to develop a maintenance memorandum of understanding for future Board consideration and approval

6. **Events Committee report**

Monique Wallace presented on iNaturalist, an app that allows residents to take self-guided tours of Green Benefit District locations. There was discussion of timing for the tours and weather considerations. The Events Committee agreed to continue working on the proposal.

7. **Executive Director report**

Julie Christensen presented the Executive Director report, discussing progress at key projects in the GBD.

North Dogpatch – Esprit Park

The GBD is working to coordinate with surrounding projects. Current estimate is that the project would be out to bid in Q1 or Q2 of 2022 and open to the public in 2023.

North Dogpatch – 20th Street

Amazon sent a formal letter to the City promising to build the sidewalk on the 20th Street side, but no engineering designs or timeline are yet available. The GBD will attempt to keep this tied to the Amazon dock permits. The creation of the sidewalk will prevent parking under the 20th St overpass and the GBD needs to be ready to adapt that space for public use.

North Dogpatch – MinneSlowta

The Board approved support at the previous meeting. We should consider whether the GBD could have greater engagement.

North Dogpatch – 22nd Street

When the 22nd St improvements were made in 2018, it was planned that the GBD would take over maintenance of the plantings and street furniture after the 3 year establishment period. The GBD is working on a MOU with Public Works that more clearly defines roles and responsibilities. Public Works has not accepted handoff of the project from the contractor (Bauman) so the start date for GBD maintenance keeps moving.

Central Dogpatch – Angel Alley

Concrete contractor selected; electrical also resolved. Grant extended to December.

Central Dogpatch – Woods Yard

The red chairs have been a huge success. Looking to replace wood bench and table tops. People love the activation.

Central Dogpatch – Iowa Street

Awarded grant for \$75,000 from Community Challenge Grants. Terri working on plant specification. Julie working with Ramses on a PUC irrigation grant.

Augments the work at the Gears and Caltrain

South Dogpatch – The Gears/Meadow

Needs renaming for extension to 23rd Street. Our container was broken into – however the container was empty at the time. Do we want to mention that half of our flat wood stock was taken?

Minnesota Street Project – 24th St has been made one way eastbound. Safety improved due to the change. Bulbouts at 23rd and 25th will follow. Crosswalk at 25th is needed as well as revocation of encroachment permit that allows the blockage of Minnesota at 25th.

Progress Park – Penelope the Cow was repainted by Tony Rivera of Props 2C and reinstalled. . There was a successful community event on July 11 in concert with the Dogpatch Bocce League.

NW Potrero – Vermont street tree planting project moving ahead, in partnership with Friends of the Urban Forest. We are hoping for a walkthrough in September and planting before the end of the year.

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## 8. **Capital Budget Priorities**

The Board provided feedback on capital budget priorities and discussed pros and cons of each.

Pipeline projects previously discussed and underway:

North Dogpatch - 20th St

Central Dogpatch - Angel Alley, Iowa St

South Dogpatch - The Gears Meadow, Public Works upgrades to Minnesota Grove and Minnesota St south

Potrero Hill - the Vermont Greenway and the Vermont St sidewalk tree and gardens project

Additional topics discussed include:

Iowa Street, exploring painting murals on columns in the underpass -- Michael Plater

Bench and table replacement at Woods; t; also discussed was securing portable tables to go with the red chairs -- per Michael Spain's original request.

22nd Street, and concern about the transition from the Public Works project to GBD maintenance. Discussion on the plant palette and the condition prior to GBD accepting maintenance -- Janet Carpinelli, Katherine Doumani

Trees on Utah Street Should we replace three trees removed by Public Works? Buy and install larger specimens? Or plant in conjunction with the planned Vermont Street planting with FUF? -- Jean Bogiages, Bill Barnes, Terri McFarland

Eco-Patch - Jean preparing a proposal for GBD expenditures at the Eco-Patch.

## 9. **Strategic Planning**

Kanwar opened a discussion about strategic planning.

Katherine Doumani discussed her proposals for bylaw amendments, renewal and succession planning. One proposal was that a committee would be needed to thoroughly review these proposals.

Cori Chipman discussed the recent year causing a massive re-evaluation for many people. Is another committee the most effective way to address these goals or would a different approach be better?

Kanwar Kelly recommended a strategy session or retreat. Barb Fritz suggested meeting in person where a whiteboard would be more effective. Susan Eslick agreed that an in-person meeting would be useful and suggested an extended period of time. Board members agreed that this would be a good direction. Terri McFarland asked who might facilitate a discussion. Volunteers for a committee to work on this project were requested: Cori, Barb and Susan agreed to volunteer.

## 10. **Adjourn**

Kanwar Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:35.