



SAN FRANCISCO PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 278
San Francisco, CA 94102

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) called the meeting to order on April 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: (19) Jordyn Aquino, District 4, Nick Belloni, District 2, Robert Brust, District 8, Winnie Chu, District 7, Anthony Cuadro, District 7, Linda D'Avirro, District 11, Pat Delgado, District 9, Sharon Eberhardt, District 11, Steffen Franz, District 2, Les Hilger, District 1, Kim Hirschfield, District 3, Richard Ivanhoe, District 5, Kenneth Maley, District 3, Denis Mosgofian, District 5, Maya Rodgers, District 10, Richard Rothman, District 1, Mark Scheuer, District 8, Linda Shaffer, District 10, and Tom Valtin, District 9. There was a quorum.

Members Absent: (4) Heather Fuchs, District 4, (excused), Toby Levy (excused), Ancel Martinez, At Large (excused), and Jane Weil, District 6 (excused)

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: Stacy Bradley and Tiffany Lin-Wilson

There was no public comment.

2. Review of the Minutes: Discussion and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting.

Linda Shaffer, District 10, moved to approve the March 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Nick Belloni, District 2, seconded.

There was no public comment.

Amended and approved minutes are online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Meeting-Minutes-March-1-2016.pdf>

March 1, 2016 Transcript can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-Transcript-March-1-2016.pdf>

3. Chair's Report: Discussion only

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11), reported:

- a. Proposition B kick-off was held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Crocker Amazon.

There was no public comment.

Item 5, Contracting Reform Resolution, was pulled from the Agenda, as no one was available to present.

Item 6 was presented before Item 4.

6. Privately Owned Public Open Spaces (POPOs)

Joshua Switzky, Senior Planner, San Francisco Planning Department, presented on the history and evolution of Privately Owned Public Open Spaces in San Francisco, including recent legislation and pending expansion in SOMA. His presentation can be found online at:

http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-6-POPOS_PROSAC_Apr2016.pdf

There was no public comment.

4. Capital/Planning Monthly Update: Discussion Only

Stacy Bradley, Deputy Director of Capital Planning, reported:

- a. Working with the Planning Dept on Open Space Strategy for D6 & the Southeast quadrant of the city. Focusing on process and timeline.
- b. Balboa was rebid.
- c. Rossi had its first community meeting
- d. India Basin is broadening its project team and moving forward with next steps.
- e. Failing Playgrounds (aka Let's Play SF) – we're moving forward with Merced Heights and Washington Square.
- f. Moscone Rec – concept plan is coming in May.
- g. COF project at Crocker Amazon stairs opened.
- h. Alta Plaza – we're bringing the Master Plan to Commission this month.
- i. Buchanan St Grant was awarded to the same team who did the activation and TPL is kicking its on grant to the city to future the work.

j. Noe Valley Town Square – remediation is wrapping up and construction will begin in a month or two.

May Wong, District 11, inquired about failing playgrounds.

7. SF Zoo's Mother's Building

Richard Rothman, District 1 PROSAC Member, presented a Resolution in support of the restoration of the Mother's Building and its murals.

The proposed Resolution can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-7-Mothers-Building-Reso.pdf>

The amended Resolution can be found on the last page of these Minutes.

Les Hilger, District 1, moved to approve the amended Resolution.

Ken Maley, District 3, seconded.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

There was no public comment.

8. 2016 Election of Officers

Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Chair for calendar year 2016, in accordance with the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee By-Laws

Steffen Franz, District 2, was nominated for Chair by Tom Valtin, District 9. By unanimous vote, Steffen Franz, was elected Chair of PROSAC for 2016.

Majority vote for Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair could not be reached. Elections for Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair have been postponed to the June 7, 2016 PROSAC meeting.

Linda D'Avirro, District 11, will sit as interim Vice Chair, and Anthony Cuadro, District 7, will continue as Second Vice Chair until the June 7, 2016 elections.

There was no public comment.

9. Announcements

There was no public comment.

10. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. New Business/Agenda Setting: Discussion Only

- Discussion by RPD Capital Planning Department on the RPD managed Community Gardens Program

- Discussion by the SFUSD on the present use and any future plans, if any, for Hunters Point Community Youth Park

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Resolution in Support of the Restoration of the Mothers Building and its Murals

Whereas the Mothers Building at the San Francisco Zoo, built in 1925 by George W. Kelham A.I.A., and dedicated to Delia, the mother of SF Park Commission President Herbert Fleishhacker and his brother Mortimer and,

Whereas the Mothers Building was, along with Fleishhacker Pool, one of the first buildings that Herbert and Mortimer Fleishhacker built at what later became the San Francisco Zoo, and

Whereas the Mothers Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and;

Whereas Roosevelt's Federal Public Works of Art Project (PWAP) put artists back to work, five women artists were hired to paint the exterior and interior of the Mothers Building, when few women muralists were contracted for public art mural projects, and

Whereas sisters Margaret, Ester and Helen Bruton embellished the exterior of the Mothers Building with mosaics depicting "Children and their Animal Friends" and "St. Francis of Assisi" blessing animals, and;

Whereas San Francisco artists Helen Forbes and Dorothy Puccinelli painted the four mural walls depicting Noah's Ark with the animals in the interior of the Mothers Building and

Whereas, without immediate intervention these murals are in danger of destruction due to weather exposure, and

Whereas the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has restored the murals at Beach Chalet and Coit Tower, now is the time to work with the Art Commission to restore the building and these important murals at the Mothers Building, and

Whereas the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Strategic Plan includes preserving and celebrating historic and cultural resources,

Therefore,

Be it resolved that PROSAC supports funding the repair work that needs to be done to the Mothers Building and for the restoration of the murals so that this cultural icon can again be open to the public and enjoyed by all people who visit the San Francisco Zoo.

Resolution submitted to the members of the Park and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee April 5, 2016 by Richard Rothman, District 1 representative.

Passed unanimously by members of the Park and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee April 5, 2016