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Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 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 March 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: (18) Jordyn Aquino, District 4, Nick Belloni, District 2, Winnie Chu, District 7, Anthony Cuadro, District 7, Linda D'Avirro, District 11, Pat Delgado, District 9, Steffen Franz, District 2, Heather Fuchs, District 4, 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, Tom Valtin, District 9, and Jane Weil, District 6. There was a quorum.

Members Absent: (4) Robert Brust, District 8 (excused), Sharon Eberhardt, District 11 (excused), Ancel Martinez, At Large (excused), and Linda Shaffer, District 10 (excused)

New member Kenneth Maley, District 3, was introduced.

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: Dawn Kamalanathan, Stacy Bradley, and Dana Ketcham

There was no public comment.

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

Les Hilger, District 1, moved to approve the February 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Steffen Franz, District 2, seconded.

There was no public comment.

Amended and approved minutes are online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Meeting-Minutes-February-2-2016-1.pdf>

February 2, 2016 Transcript can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-Transcript-February-2-2016-1.pdf>

3. Chair's Report: Discussion only

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

1. Community Opportunity Fund Grant Awardees have been announced and contacted.
2. Thanks to Winnie Chu for the invitation to CDC's Chinese New Year Luncheon, on behalf of PROSAC, and for acknowledging PROSAC
3. The Charter Amendment, version 4, went to the Board of Supervisor's and is heading to the ballot.
4. Meeting at Historic Preservation Commission about SF Zoo's Mother's Building will take place tomorrow
5. This coming year, we would like to develop some working groups to discuss maintenance and how we would like to see maintenance projects go forward with the idea that the Charter Amendment will pass.
6. Try to put together a working group to write a Resolution to have RPD included when developers start to design Open Space, particularly with all the growth and the upcoming Bond in 2018
7. Elections will be held next month in April for Chair, 1st Chair, and 2nd Chair

There was no public comment.

4. Capital/Planning Monthly Update: Discussion Only

Dawn Kamalanathan, Director of Capital Planning, reported:

1. Goal is to have COF at the April Commission Meeting
2. Adoption of the placement by the Board of the Revenue Measure on the ballot
3. Awarding contract this month for the McLaren Visioning Process to Conger Moss Guillard
4. Two new project managers: Levi Conover will be working on Washington Square Playground. Reem Assaf will be working on Hyde/Turk and Merced Heights Playground.
5. Working with Parks Alliance, who made a public pledge of \$10 million commitment of fundraising, to work out what the MOU will look like and what schedule that will operate on.

There was no public comment.

5. Capital Projects Hand-Offs Follow-Up

Dawn Kamalanathan, Recreation and Park Department, Planning Director made a follow-up presentation on the process of hand-off from Capital to Operations at completion of Capital Projects.

This presentation can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-5-RPD-Capital-Projects-Hand-Off1.pdf>

There was no public comment.

6. SF Zoo's Mother's Building Murals

Richard Rothman, District 1 PROSAC Member, and Stacy Bradley, Recreation and Park Department, Deputy Director of Planning, presented on the Mother's Building Murals at the SF Zoo.

Their presentation can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Mothers-Building-Presentation-11.15-2.pdf>

There was no public comment.

7. Kezar Stadium

Dana Ketcham, Recreation and Park Department, Director of Property Management, Permits, and Reservations presented on the potential permit with a new NASL soccer team that would use Kezar Stadium for between 15-20 games per year.

Her presentation can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-RESOLUTION-OPPOSING-RPDS-LEASE-WITH-NASL.pdf>

The following resolution was proposed by Denis Mosgofian (District 5), Motion was made by Mark Scheuer (District 8) and failed to pass, with a vote of 4:14:

PROSAC does not support the Recreation and Park Department's permit to allow the sale of any alcohol inside Kezar Stadium during sporting events.

Public Comment:

Calvin Welch, member of the Kezar Project, asked if there is an MOU with the community and this facility, and believes the position with CAC is there is, and it's an

operating resolution of the Recreation and Park Commission passed in 1991. He noted that this is a recreational facility open to the general public and second of all it is a stadium for the primary use of San Francisco youth and youth teams. He said that we have allowed professional sports there, with no alcohol. He stated that alcohol is a gateway drug for professional sports. The investments that are going to be made are capital investments that are going to make it much more attractive for professional sports. Lastly, he said there has been no consideration about what happens when 5,000-8,000 fans leave the stadium after alcohol consumption.

Cory Smith, resident of upper Haight, and treasurer of the District 5 Democratic Club, wanted to reiterate Calvin's comments on the alcohol consumption. He noted that generally alcohol draws more crowds and to somebody that's consumed a couple beers it does make the events more fun. He encouraged that precautions be taken, do what's right, make sure everybody is safe both inside the stadium and the parking. He also expressed that he thinks it really adds to the character of the neighborhood by adding professional sports, and that it's a fantastic idea.

Unidentified gentleman, 30-year member of the Kezar Stadium Advisory Committee, commented that between 2,000 and 3,000 people attending an event, generally works, no alcohol, people have fun, parking, traffic is not a problem. He noted that when over 5,000 people are in attendance, things deteriorate very fast, even if you have a plan. He commented that he is opposed to the sale of alcohol at Kezar.

Katherine Howard, commented that the use of the fields will deprive school kids and non paying general public of hours of play on the fields and the reason is that those fields are all grass. She noted that grass fields require heavy maintenance, and that any hours used by a professional team are hours lost to the public and the kids. She stated that this is privatizing our public parks and our public lands for a little bit of income, but it doesn't serve the public. She said that these fields should be for public use, they should be for the community, and they should not be used and reserved for a professional team.

Judy Tomasik, resident of District 4, expressed that she feels the Recreation and Park Department does not do anything for her because she is not wealthy or a big tech investor. She said that she feels that in 1991, the Recreation and Park spoke for the community, and it no longer does anymore. She noted that she is shocked and appalled that it was said that RPD would engage with the community, when this is pretty much a done deal.

8. Announcements

Richard Rothman, District 1, announced that the San Francisco History Fair is at the Mint this weekend. There is a web page, Friends of the Mother's Building on Facebook, if you want to join the Facebook group.

Nick Belloni, District 2, announced that there is a meeting on Thursday at 660 Lombard Street, the Telegraph Neighborhood Center, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on March 3rd. The meeting will be with DPW, and is about a free piece of open space, a piazza, that will be connecting Washington Square and Forman Square.

There was no public comment.

9. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. New Business/Agenda Setting: Discussion Only

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Winnie Chu, District 7, and seconded by Tom Valtin, District 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.