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Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 278
San Francisco, CA 94102

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) called the meeting to order on November 4, 2015 at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: (15) 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, Steffen Franz, District 2, Heather Fuchs, District 4, Les Hilger, District 1, Richard Ivanhoe, District 5, Denis Mosgofian, District 5, Richard Rothman, District 1, Linda Shaffer, District 10, and Tom Valtin, District 9. There was a quorum.

Members Absent: (7) Sharon Eberhardt, District 11 (excused), Kim Hirschfield, District 3 (absent), Toby Levy, District 6 (excused), Ancel Martinez, At-Large (absent), Maya Rodgers, District 10 (excused), Mark Scheuer, District 8 (excused), and Jane Weil, District 6 (excused).

Two new PROSAC Members were introduced: Jordyn Aquino, District 4, and Heather Fuchs, District 4.

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: Stacy Bradley

Board of Supervisors & Staff Present: Supervisor Mark Farrell and Margaux Kelly

Chair Linda D'Avirro announced that Item 4 would be heard before Item 3.

2. Chair's Report: Discussion only

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11):

1. Committee Members reminded to contact their Supervisor for reappointment.
2. \$500,000 in past due interest has been re-deposited to the Open Space Acquisition Fund as a result of an audit.

There was no public comment on this item.

4. Proposed 2016 Maintenance Initiative Discussion and Possible Action (Supvr. Mark Farrell)

Supervisor Farrell presented the Charter Amendment to the committee.

Information on this can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Parks-Alliance-Charter-Amendment.pdf>

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-6-SF-Parks-Alliance-impact-of-legislation.pdf>

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Legislative-Digest.pdf>

http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Legislation_Final.pdf

Considerable discussion occurred, as several Committee Members had questions. See pages 3-14 of the meeting transcript.

Denis Mosgofian motioned to rescind Resolution PROSAC passed in October, in support of Charter Amendment. There was no second.

Public Comment:

Dee Seligman, Interim President of San Francisco Forest Alliance, requested the Committee delay its vote on this Charter Amendment.

Anastasia Glikshtern, resident of District 7, commented on the use of herbicides and cutting of trees.

Nancy Wuerfel noted improvements to the original charter language in the proposal, but also addressed two weaknesses. First, she noted there is language that would allow the use of acquisition funds to also be spent on planning and construction. Second, she asked why not also amend the charter to increase the minimum allocation for buying land to 10, 15 or even 20% of the set-aside. She urged at a bare minimum that the funds to buy land be protected. Her full remarks are on pages 14 & 15 of the meeting transcript.

Les Hilger asked Nancy Wuerfel to supply her recommendations to him or Chair Linda D'Avirro.

1. Review of the Minutes: Discussion and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015, September 1, 2015, and October 6, 2015 meetings.

Public Comment

Nancy Wuerfel requested the Committee not approve October 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes. She said that the October Minutes, and the attachment containing the Resolution that was voted on, were not yet available online, meaning the public has had no chance to read them. She said that she would be writing an email to Sarah Ballard regarding the

PROSAC website.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of August 4, 2015 and September 1, 2015.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Amended and approved minutes are online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Approved-Meeting-Minutes-August-4-2015.pdf>

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Approved-Meeting-Minutes-September-1-2015.pdf>

3. Capital/Planning Monthly Update

Stacy Bradley, Deputy Director of Capital Planning, reported:

1. The 2nd Bond Sale was passed at the Board of Supervisors.
2. McLaren Quick Start Projects for \$2.5 million was approved to Capital and Planning.
3. First Garfield Pool Meeting will be held on November 17, 2015.
4. South Park Project – Groundbreaking next week
5. Buchanan Street Mall, Activation Project– Grand Opening on November 7, 2015
6. Joe DiMaggio opening on November 14, 2015
7. Larsen Playground opening November 21, 2015
8. Interviewing Project Manager candidates this month, looking to get someone on board in January

Richard Rothman announced that Coit Tower won two preservation awards.

Richard Ivanhoe asked if the meeting with Emergency services regarding Margaret Hayward happened, or has been planned. Stacy Bradley reported that she wasn't sure if the meeting has happened yet, but that the project is definitely moving forward.

There was no public comment on this item.

5. Agenda Setting: Discussion Only

- Dogs-- how will GGNRA plans (or other plans) affect dogs using RPD open space? (Richard Ivanhoe)
- Art in SF Parks - Inventorying art by District (Richard Rothman) Chair Linda D'Avirro asked for Richard to try to schedule a speaker for January

- Linda Shaffer, District 10, reminded the committee that the final EIR for the SNRAMP will be released soon (early next year, according to Ms. Bradley). When asked about putting the something on the agenda related to the issue, she noted that SNRAMP and the Natural Areas Program are two different things, and suggested scheduling one or the other.

Public Comment

Nancy Wuerfel commented on the placement and location of PROSAC on the Recreation and Park Department website, and suggested the Committee might want to take steps to remedy that.

6. General Public Comment

Dee Seligman inquired how one who has offered to serve on a working committee with PROSAC gets notified whether or not they will be on the committee. The Chair said the group cannot participate as a PROSAC group member and would have to set up its own meeting with Supervisor Farrell. There also will be public comment at the Rules Committee when you could speak during public comment.

Tom Borden read from BOS resolution 653-02 (Natural Areas Management Plan) and would like to see PROSAC take up the issue and do something about it not being followed.

7. Announcements

Richard Rothman, District 1, announced that the Mother's Building Assessment report is almost ready. He and Stacy are available to make presentations on it. He also announced that Margaret McArthur, Commission Liaison, is working to bring the Recreation and Park Department's artifact records out of unsafe conditions.

Steffen Franz, District 2, noted that Denis Mosgofian's comments on Supervisor Farrell's proposed Charter Amendment are given in their entirety in the October Meeting Transcript.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.