

PROSAC Meeting
August 4, 2015

Chair: This is the August meeting of the Park and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee. I want to thank all of you for coming, evidently there some difficultly in coming as I can swear on my own. For members of the public who have not been here the public is entitled to speak on public comment after each agenda item and we just ask that you fill out a blue card for the secretary to record you and your name in the record.

For us the only admonition I have is if you do speak please identify the district that you are from so that we have that on the record.

[Simultaneous comments]

Chair: For the minutes if we could call roll and identify your name and the district you're from for the record so we do register that we have quorum.

Les Hilger: Les Hilger, District 1.

Robert Brust: Robert Brust, District 8,

Mark Scheuer: Mark Scheuer, District 8.

Pat Delgado: Pat Delgado, District 9.

Linda Shaffer: Linda Shaffer, District 10.

Toby Levy: Toby Levy, District 6.

Winnie Chu: Winnie Chu, District 7.

Richard Ivanhoe: Richard Ivanhoe, District 5.

Richard Rothman: Richard Rothman, District 1.

Jane Weil: Jane Weil, District 6.

Kim Hirschfeld: Kim Hirschfeld, District 3.

Nick Belloni: Nick Belloni, District 4.

Steffen Franz: Steffan Franz, District 2.

Linda D'Avirro: Linda D'Avirro, District 11.

Chair: Thank you very much. Okay, our first agenda item is the review of the minutes, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes. So if you would please. I think you all submitted comments but if you have additional comments to make. I don't mean commas, thank you. If you do have things like grammatical errors let's do that after the meeting but I mean substantive changes. If there any now is the time to speak. If not I would call for a motion and second.

Male Speaker: Motion.

Male Speaker: Second.

Chair: All right, all in favor.

All: Aye.

Chair: Thank you. And by the way, the question that came to me from one of you was when and where can we find the Capital budget. It is actually online, it's usually a month late but it is under when Dawn talks it's usually listed in here which I don't see right now but it's on the minutes. Usually it's on the Capital planning. There's a reference, we will make sure to send that out. Let me make a note to be sure to add that because that's kind of important to see what's going on because we're not really digging deep enough in this and we probably should be.

Is there any public comment on our minutes? Seeing none, that item is close.

Number 2, Chair's report. Okay, I just have a few things. One is I mentioned last month that we have Denny Kern from Operations coming. He did contact me, he would like to start his first of several meetings with an overview lesson next month and so he laid out a really nice outline and it's basically to describe the structure of Operations, what they do and things of that nature. So that's what we're going to do for the next meeting and then after that we'll schedule more of deep research of issues. I did mention to him that one of the issues we would want to talk about in addition to just maintenance is the handoff between Capital project when it's handed off to Operations and the issues that follow, perhaps he can explain about that.

The second item is I'm going to ask Jane and I would like to ask you all to say when we do announcements because Jane Weil has an issue that she wanted to bring to the committee but under Sunshine we have to give you a certain notice and have it on the agenda. But we have this project that you can see up there called 5M that she would like to familiarize you with and it's just five or six short PowerPoints just to give you a flavor for that. So please do not leave until you hear her presentations during the announcements which we are allowed to do under Sunshine, so we're not violating any rules.

Also, the third thing is we do have packets now, Cristina was kind enough to put together our very first packet. I do have one for the two new people who are relatively new. I have one for Kim and one for Winnie. We're eventually going to have one for each of us and I'll pass this unmarked one around but it probably needs more input and as we've talked about in the past in the interest of time Cristina was kind enough to put this together with tabs and everything.

Something that we'd like to have for every member and also for every new member to keep and then turn back in when they leave.

Male Speaker: This is general stuff, like an introductory packet and ongoing reference?

Chair: Yes, just general stuff, things that as a member you're supposed to know, like who we are, there's other things like the structure of Recreation and Park. And then the Recreation and Open Space element.

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Chair: That's another one. So anyhow this is the first shot. I have to thank Cristina because she really went in there. And this may be your last meeting, huh? Maybe not.

Cristina Garcia: Maybe not, maybe one more.

Chair: Okay, because we have a newcomer here and this is Tiffany Lin and she is our replacing secretary once Cristina is ready to leave us and so she will be our secretary for future meetings.

I believe that's all I have to say today on my Chair's report. Are there any comments or questions? Oh, there is one more thing. I did ask for a couple of folks to speak and I did it last-minute, I apologize, to go and do some research on the two issues that we're very concerned about which is the upcoming ballot initiative next year for maintenance and I had a couple folks express interest, one is to my right, [unintelligible] and the other person is Richard Rothman. And I would really appreciate your interest and perhaps checking in with them. They may be calling the members and especially those of you who are keenly interested. Our goal is to bring that back to PROSAC and talk about it.

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Chair: September of this year?

Male Speaker: Yes.

Chair: I thought they weren't going to do it until next year.

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Chair: They're going to start to do an initiative. So it's really incumbent upon us to get PROSAC's wants and needs and requirements because we're really in a good position to make sure that whatever this ballot initiative says it does reflect things that actually make maintenance happen in a way that really serves the community. So this is something that we probably should get on relatively soon. Nick is available.

Male Speaker: Are you proposing a working group?

Chair: I am proposing a working group. I thought I would ask Nick and Richard to get together and decide how best they want to go about doing that and tell us what works for them.

Then the second item is the request by Dawn and actually a suggestion more by Dawn about how to fund open space acquisitions and that came up following the acquisition presentation where several of the folks, especially the District 6 reps, are frustrated as we all are that you can't compete on the fair market with developers who have instant money at hand when we have the existing open space acquisition structure which is fine for what it is but we really needed a secondary way to go about putting money so that we can jump on things and actually plan ahead for open space and turn around that model instead of being reactive. So that's another thing I've asked. Robert Rust has expressed an interest. Toby, are you asking a question?

Toby Levy: Well, I was saying that in District 6 we're actually trying to do something like that by assembling a committee not only here but a District 6 Open Space Committee to figure out what our needs are and then actually to try and think about a process to acquire what we need as opposed to just to acquire open space.

Chair: And that's kind of what leads to the bigger thing. So would you be willing to check in with Robert and again those of you who are interested and especially—get together and start hashing it out. Dawn is open to whatever schedule provides to give you her insight as well, just if you're interested too Kim as a new member these are fun ways to get involved with PROSAC.

Do we have any public comment on the Chair's report? Seeing none.

Okay, since Dawn is not here I don't think—all right, so we're on Item 3, capital planning.

ITEM #3

Stacy Bradley: It's fairly short but we can definitely use some information about what we're doing. We're just starting the second bond sale for the 2012 bond so that will be where the Recreation and Park Commission this month and then next month they'll go to the Planning Committee and then the following month it will be at the Board of Supervisors. Along with that it will fund—well, we have the Balboa concept plan that was approved last month and the construction [unintelligible] is starting this month. Glen Canyon rec center construction contract is to be approved at the Commission this month. Mountain Lake construction should also start at the end of the month and South Park is out to bid which tentatively starts in November. And then planning is starting for George Christopher and Moscone we're have our first community meeting sometime this month. [simultaneous comments]

Chair: Okay, I saw Richard and Toby.

Richard Rothman: Richard Rothman, District 1. I saw on the webpage about Rossi playground and it said that planning was supposed to be starting now.

Chair: Yeah, planning has started.

Richard Rothman: Can you let Les and I know about it.

Chair: Yeah, absolutely. Matt Jasmin is going to be the project manager.

Toby Levy: I wanted to know, are we involved with the Buchanan Mall?

Stacy Bradley: Yes, so we brought that to the Commission last week, last month. TPL has provided a grant for just under \$200,000 for an activation project. They're mostly leading the charge with the Exploratorium who is doing the design, Green Streets and Citizen Film are all—they're outreach participants and it's been a really great project, the community members have come out and are really engaged in what we're going to be putting on the mall. There's going to be an event this Saturday that should show phase I of the features.

The project is a small activation project that has a physical component. So it has all of these different mobile, modular pieces that kind of looks like a parklet but it's spaced out throughout our park instead of in one small parking space. So it's like a wooden piece that arcs over and some of them will have benches, some will have planters, some will have entry markers, some will have information about community members.

Chair: So except for the fact that someone was shot there last night or two days ago—

Stacy Bradley: Over the weekend. So it's still a dangerous place.

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: Yes.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: Any other questions? Richard.

Richard Rothman: A couple of questions. Community Opportunity Fund deadline is still August 21st, the final?

Female Speaker: That's the last I've heard, yeah.

Richard Rothman: And is there a projected date project manager for the Panhandle Playground?

Stacy Bradley: For the playground or the pedestrian?

Richard Rothman: Playground, it's tier 1.

Stacy Bradley: Yes. No. So not yet. For the family playgrounds we are still working on the delivery plan. We should—there's some funding in the next bond sale to kick start all of six

playgrounds in tier 1 so I think Dawn doesn't have [unintelligible] yet but I think you'll hear about it in probably two months or so. We'll go to the Commission and that same month we'll take care but nothing—we don't have a schedule yet.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

Stacy Bradley: Yeah, so most likely that's one of those things that's still to be determined. We really need more staff to start this. I don't know exactly how we could move, we don't have enough project managers so they'll probably be tiered on the planning.

Chair: Any other questions? Okay, thank you very much. Do we have any public comment?

David Pilpel: What item number are you on?

Chair: We're on Item number 3.

David Pilpel: Well, I will start because I'm really pissed off because I couldn't get into the building and I had comment on Item 1 and in the future where there are events that preclude people from getting in the building if the committee or the staff knows that should be noted on the agenda. I'm really pissed off. Not at you, but I'm just pissed off.

Linda Shaffer: It would have been nice if we all had known that too, so join the crowd.

David Pilpel: You should communicate that to City Hall building management and ask them to respond back. If you return to Item 1 I'll make a brief comment on that.

Chair: On minutes?

David Pilpel: Yes.

Chair: Certainly. Let's go back to Item 1. Public comment

David Pilpel: Thank you, David [unintelligible]. Sorry I'm so pissed off. The draft minutes really should have been on the website either under attachments for this meeting or under minutes for last months as a draft, they really need to be posted two weeks after the meeting in whatever form they are, draft is fine, so people have an opportunity to see it. You probably saw it as an attachment, the members of the public didn't have an opportunity to see it until tonight.

Chair: So noted.

David Pilpel: I'll try to be less pissed off.

ITEM #4

Chair: Thank you. Okay, any other public comment on Item 1? Okay. It is again closed. Okay, Item 4 is the shared schoolyard project resolution and Steffen is handing out a copy of the

resolution. What we would like members to do is look over and hopefully we can call for a vote and pass the resolution on behalf of this committee.

This is a result, for those of you were not here last month, we were visited by Supervisor Mark Ferrell of District 2 who asked for support from this committee for the efforts that he's made in opening schoolyards on weekends which is Saturdays, Sundays, not Friday. Thanks for the clarification, we had some input from Sean Rafael and members Linda Shaffer should have been a proofreader and reporter and probably was in another life.

[simultaneous comments]

You'll see on the resolution that certainly for the folks on the Rose, Denis Mosfogian and I were involved in rewriting it this was one of the items that we wanted to make sure stayed in the Rose because there was a question whether we'll ever get the schoolyards open and I'm glad to see that this has been going on actually for five years which is a surprise to me. So it's something to resolve ourselves over. So could you take a moment or two and then when you signal that you'd like to ask questions or comments. Thank you.

Steffen Franz: Please note also this version has been revised from the version that was sent to you by Cristina, slight revisions, no major revisions but a couple of pieces that we touched on.

Chair: I see a hand, I see two hands. Okay Robert and then Mark.

Robert Brust: Has anyone heard is there could be a possible problem with the DPW funding of cleanups with this project?

Steffen Franz: DPW has been doing it for five years and will continue to do it.

Mark Scheuer: Mark Scheurer, District 8. Regarding the locking and unlocking of the gates, if all the schoolyards are open like say a hundred do they really have enough people to have you open and close all hundred?

Chair: This is Park Patrol.

Steffen Franz: Actually it was from what Supervisor Ferrell's office said was they have one or two people that do the 24 that are already open so they will probably [unintelligible] but they felt like Park Patrol would be able to handle eighty if that's what they've got.

Chair: Good questions. Any other questions or comments? [simultaneous comments]

Nick Belloni: Nick Belloni, District 4.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: Okay, motion from Nick seconded by Toby, District 6. So can we pass this motion? Any public comment?

David Pilpel: Just very briefly I like the revised version. I just wanted to suggest after the last whereas, semicolon, now therefore be it and then resolved. [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments] Just in the last paragraph, it's not a substantive change.

Chair: Yeah, now therefore, okay.

David Pilpel: And then the paragraph that starts resolved, that PROSAC strongly supports the mission of this project, urges support by the Recreation and Park Commission and maybe make that a comma and recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopts this program in perpetuity. So that's one, two, and three. I'll make that up but it's good and I recommend.

Chair: Thank you. Any other public comment? Does someone want to call the question. [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments] Okay, so call the question, all in favor?

All: Aye.

ITEM # 5

Chair: It passes, thank you very much. Now we had [unintelligible] presentation. Oh, there you are, I didn't see you, I'm sorry, you're hiding in the corner. So our next item is the Urban Agriculture program update. Some of you may or may or may not have gotten the handout but there is an attachment that is I think posted. [simultaneous comments]

Hannah Shulman: So I'm going to get started. Linda, do you want to say anything before I get started?

Chair: No, this is your floor. You have fifteen minutes and tell us everything you know.

Hannah Shulman: Great, I'm Hannah Shulman, I'm the Urban Agriculture program coordinator for the City of San Francisco. The program is housed at the Recreation and Park Department. I started in January of 2014. So it's still a pretty new program and I really appreciate you all having me here today to chat to you a little bit about it.

It is different from the community gardens program. I know there is some confusion. My colleague Linda Stockman who is not here tonight she still runs the community gardens program, it still is under all the same things you knew it as, it still exists in its own world but we're collaborating on a lot of projects. I think one of the things that we really see is there's a need for increased capacity of the existing sites we have. So one of the things that my project is working on is trying to address that need and I'll talk more about that in a little bit.

So my plan is to walk you through a little bit of what's happening in urban ag in San Francisco locally, talk what we're doing here in the problem, and then we'll leave lots of times of questions and answer.

So my program is set up to supply the infrastructure for the public to steward open spaces in San Francisco through urban age. That is both on public and private lands. That was set up through the ordinance of 2012 that Supervisor Chiu's office championed and so we really think that the

process of growing food in the city really has so many benefits. I know you all these but we'll re-illustrate them again for a moment. We think it builds community, we think it has ecological impacts and we really think it has an active stewardship component that we're really excited about especially at the Recreation and Park Department.

So as part of this program one of the many things that people have asked about is what does urban ag look like right now. This is the map from last year from 2014, this year's map will be out shortly, but this has about 120 dots on it and we've added about 40 more in the past year as we've learned about more sites in the city. This is a map in a system called Tablau, it's available at sfrecpark.org and you can actually click on each one of these and search for more information about them, how to get in contact with someone, if they accept volunteers. It's a great interactive tool that has allowed a lot of people to get more access to this information.

We have about 160 sites in San Francisco, 25 percent are S.F. School District sites managed through the Education Outside program. 25 percent of those are the Recreation and Park existing community gardens, 38 of those. 25 percent of them are on non-Recreation and Park lands, so the PUC has some, DPW has some for the Street Parks program, and there's about 25 percent of those that are also on private sites, so people who are private property owners who have lent out their land for urban ag for a number of different reasons. One of the questions that people have asked us a lot about is how can I start gardening today. I heard you have these waitlists, they're really long, I don't want to wait on them, what can I do? We've found that there are sixteen gardens right now in San Francisco where you can start gardening today. You may not get your own little plot but you'll be able to contribute to urban ag and I think that's one of the things that we really want to see is continuing to push people towards those sites to have people be able to access that information as soon as possible.

Chair: Nick, do you want us to wait until the end to ask questions?

Hannah Shulman: I'd rather if that's okay.

Nick Belloni: The only reason this is kind of more relevant just where those are?

Hannah Shulman: Where those sixteen sites are? I'll be happy to chat about a couple of them briefly and I think I'll cover a couple more in the photos but Alemany Farm is a great example that you all know at 700 Alemany, a three-acre farm, the largest we've got in the city. We've also got sites like Garden for the environment at 7th and Laughton, you can do a gardening workday and volunteer opportunity twice a week. There are several other gardens in the city like the 18th and Rhode Island community garden that's the permaculture that we'll talk about later and a couple of other sites that just have a public component that is about communal gardenings, there's always an opportunity for anyone to contribute. So they're not necessarily allotment gardens, they're more communally managed gardens. Does that make sense if I call it like that?

I think that seems fair, that seems like a very relevant question besides that's a larger question. So of Recreation and Park community gardens I know you all know this but we'll revisit this. Last year we did our first annual survey of the Recreation and Park Department community

gardens and we found we had about a thousand garden [unintelligible] system across the 38 gardens and about 1600 gardeners. Between last year's survey done in May 2014 and this year's survey done in May of 2015 we had 150 new people gardening in our system.

This is an example of some of the different urban agriculture sites you've seen in San Francisco over the past couple years. This is a little old but in 2007 the Victory Garden here in front of City Hall. Examples like that. This is at Koshland Community Garden in Koshland park in the Western Addition. They run [unintelligible] in conjunction with a group called Community Grown into Youth Education. This is the Garden for the Environment up at 7th and Laughton owned by the Public Utilities Commission and [unintelligible] garden education on sustainable agriculture and [unintelligible] practices seven days a week. This is an interesting example of a private site you can see here this is a billboard that Clear Channel owns. Clear Channel wanted to make sure you could see this billboard from the freeway so brought these properties so no one would build a property in front of their billboard. A very industrious colleague of mine, a friend of mind named Karen put together a beekeeping apprenticeship program. So she runs a beekeeping program there. [unintelligible] people to come visit and help learn about bees while they're doing it.

Alemany Farm again, this is the three-acre park the Recreation and Park owns, it's in the sort of central part of the city on the other side of Bernal Hill. [unintelligible] and show folks the diversity of urban ag sites in San Francisco is really large. We're not talking [unintelligible] we're talking about a number of different reasons that people that people participate and for all those reasons and more we think it's important to give people the infrastructure to allow people to do the fun stuff like gardening and less of the where do I get my soil and where do I get my compost. We'll talk more about that in a moment.

Another example of a site that's publically open is 18th and Rhode Island. This is the first site in the State of California to be accepted onto the Urban Agriculture incentive zone ordinance. So this private property and 18th and Rhode Island in Potrero Hill is [unintelligible] irrigated cropland in California with is about \$12,000 an acre. That is not the price of San Francisco real estate as you can imagine so this private property owner in exchange for a very long lease with the folks who are gardening on the land is actually receiving a tax break to have the garden here on his property. So last year I worked to help make San Francisco the first county in the state to implement the state bill and now Santa Clara County, Los Angeles County and San Diego County are trying to follow suit and get going on this too.

This is the Arlington Community Gardens, some of you might be familiar with it moving down San Jose, moving towards the southern part of the city, a basic allotment garden like a lot of the Recreation and Park gardens are. This is one of the largest sites in San Francisco, [unintelligible] it's on Kotter off of Alemany so again kind of near Alemany farm but this is the only commercial agriculture site we have in the city. The woman who runs it does a great job of marketing their produce to restaurants under a small CSA. They have about a three quarters of an acre property that goes all the way back.

So last year was the first year of the urban ag program. There was zero dollars in the budget, there was just my time which was very exciting and also there's a lot to do, a lot of activities we

could have done last year and so one of the things I wanted to kind of call out for you are some of the things we did do last year.

My background is in education, especially farming and garden education, that's where I came from before here and so a lot of what we knew people wanted and needed was information about what's happening with urban ag, how do I get involved, what are the opportunities, and also a lot of information about how do I do this properly, especially if you're new to it and you're just trying to get involved because you think homesteading is cool these days, it's very trendy. We knew that education was a big piece of this so we started a couple of different classes last year, just eight basic classes on some basic organic gardening tips. We created a one-stop shop website at sfrecpark.org where you can find all sorts of info about urban ag, more than you ever knew was possible out there.

We did a lot of site visits and technical assistance so there are 160 sites like we said, a big part of my job is making sure that those sites are starting to connect to each other and connect to the programs so I did over sixty site visits last year and a lot of requests for technical assistance. We worked together with other city agencies including the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Public Works and Department of the Environment in a small inter-agency working group. We meet together about once a quarter coordinating about projects going across different cities. Also I'm helping across the city I'm helping them also develop a couple new properties and a lot of coordination around how did you handle this issue? Are you running into the same problems in this district? Let's figure out how to work together a little better. It's been a really, really I think amazing opportunity for us to collaborate.

We passed AB551 here in San Francisco and finally how [unintelligible] community gardens program. Linda and my colleague who runs the community gardens program is 25 percent time. She's also a project manager at Capital so she has other projects on her workload as well and so she basically can manage the infrastructure of sites but there's not a lot of time for her to do other pieces of this puzzle. So one of the things we did last year was a big urban agriculture or a big community garden survey trying to get an idea of who's on these properties, what are they doing, how many folks do we have, how many plots we have, just trying to upload a lot of information so we actually start to make some decisions about how to manage that program.

One of the questions people had said is the wait lists are so long, how do I get involved. We're not putting a form online where you can actually just click I would like to be a member of Arlington Community Garden, here's my name, address, and email and you'll be automatically emailed to that list. So there was a while where as SLUG was dissolving and SFGROW was forming there were lots of different emails out there, ways to contact these gardens. There's not one simple form you can do online. That combined with a lot of coordination make us actually help decrease the waitlist last year by twelve percent so we're glad for that too.

This is an example of the one-stop shop page. Again it's at sfrecpark.org. I worked with some City Hall fellows, they created a cute interactive graphic, it tells you how to start a garden from start to finish and each of these bubbles is actually a hyperlink so it will click you to the right permit application at Recreation and Park where the permit application adds [unintelligible] So a

nice opportunity for people to kind of get the information a little bit easier to read from the format.

We ran resource centers last year, we knew the public really wanted to get compost, soil and mulch on a regular basis. As part of the ordinance we said we would do this and we delivered last year. We made three sites across the city last year, two are permanent and one is a kind of pop-up. We've been doing a permanent locale at the Golden Gate Park community garden behind Kezar Stadium. Another resource center is at Alemany Farm and the third is going to pop up in the Bay View. We're working with different community groups and partners down there to do resource centers. So we'll give away soil, compost and mulch. We give away a lot of information, it's a great opportunity for the community connect and meet each other. We do this about once a month and it means that last year we delivered enough compost to cover Alamo Square by two inches. So a lot of compost came through our means.

We've been partnering with Recology on that process so it's been a really good way to educate the public about what happens when you put your green waste in the green bin, it actually comes back to you in the form of this thing you can use in your garden. So it's a nice partnership.

Again, this is sort of revisiting some of the existing policies around urban ag. This is a very friendly city for urban agriculture, many times in the county you cannot garden legally if you're a renter. You can here in San Francisco, you can even sell things off of your property no questions asked. We have a very loose zoning policy around urban agriculture as long as you're under an acre. There are very few parcels in the city that are more than an acre so therefore most of those urban agriculture sites that I mentioned earlier are totally fine to be selling things off their property and growing food on their property.

There's also this opportunity through the Cottage Food Law which is a statewide bill that was passed for home processors to be able to work to sell things out of their kitchen, so it's a nice partnership that we've sort of been exploring especially with folks like the Food Security task force, our home canning folks. How do we get more people using produce grown in San Francisco and processing it to keep it here or [unintelligible] how is that possible?

I've been helping the Public Utilities Commission and Department of Public Works work on two new sites so part of my job is technical assistance. Neither of those groups are groups that necessarily have perhaps managed or start a whole new garden before and so part of what we've been working on is doing some basic technical assistance around some of the parameters we know at Recreation and Park for instance things need to be ADA accessible and what does that look like and how do you make that existing in a garden that may or may not have a slope, that's a possibility.

So this one of the left is the Crocker Amazon site. This is with the PUC. And this is the Brotherhood Way project at Brotherhood in Arch out in the way farther part of the [unintelligible] and we're working with the Department of Public Works to get a garden going there.

Those are all the things I wanted to tell you about but I'm sure you have lots of good questions. I hope that gave you a good sense of what I'm up to and what's happening this year with the urban ag program. Yes Steffen.

Steffen Franz: That was awesome, thank you so much. We were obviously here when Marvin kind of came and gave us his perception of what the community gardens would become.

Hannah Shulman: And when was that, 2006?

Steffen Franz: Maybe four years ago. There was some questions that he couldn't even answer at that point because I don't think there was really an understanding of how this would play out. You've now given us a real perspective of this program. It's successful and it continues to grow. The question I asked him four years ago that I never got an answer to was what happens to the [unintelligible].

Hannah Shulman: The produce that's grown?

Steffen Franz: Because I feel like I asked him and he said well we can't really donate it because there's concerns about liability or whatever but I've actually done some reading and in New York for example all of the excess produce is donated. There is no law that says—there's no legal basis for anybody who sues anybody over donated food.

Hannah Shulman: Under Good Samaritan laws you're protected.

Steffen Franz: So what does that mean to the urban ag program as it grows and there is a huge excess coupled with a huge need for produce.

Hannah Shulman: We've definitely talked about this with the Food Bank about some of the logistics and possibilities, the challenges on either side are always what's the capacity of the existing staff and the limited resources we've got. We certain encourage community gardens to donate their produce when it's available. I think at this point we don't mandate it, we don't require it, it's just if you choose to do so. The Food Bank said they're always willing to accept produce, you bag it, you bring it to them, they're happy to give it away. So at this point it's a very informal process. We don't have a formal plan for how to advance more of it but people are legally able to do that.

Steffen Franz: So a follow up to that might be a suggestion, some sort of [unintelligible] vehicle that would allow—because I know if you bring it to them or them—somebody bringing it to them be a challenge but if there was somebody who was willing to donate time or energy to bring [unintelligible] somebody like that you could tap and say listen, this is going to produce X amount in two weeks, back a truck up we've got plenty to donate. I just find [unintelligible] maybe a more formalized process would probably bring food to tables.

Chair: We has Les, then we have Nick, then we have Kim, then we have Mya and then we have Jane and then we have Linda.

Les Hilger: Les Hilger, District 1, I think I remember something about a gleaning project with DPW.

Hannah Shulman: They still run that.

Les Hilger: And I just wondered at the time this is like five years ago there was kind of a discussion about whether the city would maybe change policy about planting fruit-bearing trees as part of just the greening of the city and utilizing the benefits of that to feed people. I don't know if you've seen any change or if you've understood that there's been a policy shift.

Hannah Shulman: There's definitely been discussion about it. I think for years people have said why can't we plant fruit trees all over and make that be the bounty. I think the Department of Public Works should speak for themselves, I won't speak for them but I would say that some of the things people have suggested is that perhaps maintenance of those trees both and the care for as they grow and then the actual harvesting would be the challenge. So I think the solution thus far has been in protected areas with Department of the Environment's Urban Orchard fund people have been trying to install more of those. So there's a section of the Botanical Garden that has a small children's orchard with lots of fruit trees that are kind of [unintelligible] to a small level. So I think that's one of the ways that people have been working with it but certainly under the new street tree plan under Planning and Department of Public Works the conversation has continued to be there.

Les Hilger: Thanks.

Nick Belloni: Just quickly to tail on his where the food can go, have you looked where these are if they had the food pantries where the seniors go as some of the [unintelligible] you suggested to the people that are doing the agriculture and having the [unintelligible]

Hannah Shulman: It's a really doable project. When I lived in Philadelphia I actually ran a project very similar to this from the community gardens there. It would take a level of infrastructure that at this point we don't have but it's not impossible to achieve and I think you have talked about a couple of resources already that are going in that direction. Alemany Farm is a great example of a site that donates their produce, about ninety percent of their produce is donated and they're growing this year I think they're on track to grow ten tons of food so we're talking about a huge amount of produce moving through the food rescue system. So I think it's an amazing way to think about contributing to that system but we at this point haven't started a very strong program around it but there's been more talking about the different aspects to it, what could be possible.

Kim Hirschfeld: [unintelligible] so I think that would be an excellent organization [unintelligible]. And then my other question was do you do partnerships with schools? Because I know there's a lot of school gardens and a lot of teachers when teaching about math and science and what are you partnerships with schools?

Hannah Shulman: I don't particularly have a partnership with the urban agriculture program. We support the school partnerships that exist. So there's a lot of informal partnerships that

happen between a community gardener and a school parent who know each other and bring the kids onto the garden, there's a lot of that that kind of goes on that we don't know exactly what that all looks like. One of the things that's happened in the past year is that education outside has doubled their staff so they're able to have a lot more school coordinators in school gardens, that's been a great way to be able to help continue to increase those resources. And the youth stewardship program of the Recreation and Park Department works under the volunteer Division, they have a great that they've been working with to do actual youth education at Alemany Farms specifically and at the Golden Gate Park community garden. So both of those sites now when they get a request for a garden of farm based education piece with a school group they've been bringing them to those two sites. So we've been able to increase out numbers of access as a Recreation and Park Department increased out numbers of access to youth through that program over the past year.

Toby Levy: This is Toby Levy, District 6. I can add to that. The San Francisco Unified School District has a program called Green Schoolyards and they have been implementing as part of any reconstruction actually all through the city these green schoolyards which include food gardens and we've been involved in installing them at Sunnyside, at Alice Fong Yu, we have a fog garden all the way out near the zoo as part of a rain collecting for their garden. So I think there's a very strong program in S.F. Unified that's doing this in parallel.

Hannah Shulman: [unintelligible] So we've been really when we get questions about school groups if it's just a one-time visit we'll take them with the youth stewardship program. If it's a long-term plan we've been directing them towards Education Outside.

Maya Rodgers: District 10. I was just going to share that [unintelligible] we are in partnership with [unintelligible] and other urban ag partners to create programs that help with some of the issues around the gleaning and getting the excess to where it kinds of needs to be. Like we have partnerships with lots of community agencies that serve seniors, a group that [unintelligible] kind of you name it and we're in partnership with another community agency Hunter's Point Family and they are—we're all in the very beginning stages of it but trying to get it off the ground to ensure that we address food access issues.

Steffen Franz: Just to follow up on mine, the worst thing is you're creating all this free food and it doesn't reach the hands that it needs to and that's where maybe a group like PROSAC could step up and say hey go to our own Supervisors, we have to see if there is some way we can support them because again you're doing the right thing and this is exactly the conversation we had with Marvin where he was like I don't know what's going to happen with the access, you just even said it's not a strong program, there's nothing really no infrastructure to it. But what it sounds like is there's plenty of people here willing to facilitate if you give us a direction or it comes from you guys maybe one of use or some of us can take the responsibility or help.

Hannah Shulman: In this very room the Food Security task force meets once a month as well and there's [unintelligible] who is from the Department of the Environment she sits [unintelligible] and so one of the things that they've been discussing is how to increase that kind of access too from the same perspective of people who are working to really make change on a

systemic level. So I'd be happy to talk to you more about it offline but I don't want to take too much time here.

Chair: It sounds like there's a lot of things loose and it needs to be maybe formalized.

Hannah Shulman: [unintelligible]

Chair: Definitely it sounds like there's work to improve the bounty that is growing. Jane, I'm sorry.

Jane Weil: Jane Weil, District 6. There is a large site owned the Federal Government near us in our district. People who I've talked to off and on and I wonder how if we can suggest it to you to take on the task of basically negotiating with them to get it or what is the process? Because people have suggested it for an urban ag use.

Hannah Shulman: Sure. I think certainly the first step is talking to me. I think before my position was created in city government no one kind of knew who to chat with so the first conversation is starting with me and we'll need to talk more about it offline.

Chair: Linda.

Linda Shaffer: Yeah, just very quickly, it's not a question just an observation. I'm glad to hear that in your work with DPW and the PUC there is someone from the Department of the Environment involved because I know there already was one incident of a site being proposed that had funds that was thought to have been part of the Natural Areas Program and there was much confusion and I know it all got worked out successfully but I would like—I am reassured from hearing about the collaboration that there will be appropriate consultation before something happens that would be inappropriate.

Chair: I do have a question. Can you describe the governance structure. I mean I guess I understand that you headed up [unintelligible], DPW has their own people and then you all meet?

Hannah Shulman: There's not a governance structure—you're looking at the urban ag program. [simultaneous comments] I am it. But we word in collaboration with other City agencies so I think it's really important—one of the important things about the ordinance that really stated that it was very clear is that there was just a lot of confusion around this issue. Land access is certainly an ongoing question in the city, you all know that, you deal with the [unintelligible] all the time. And certainly around urban ag who is going to be responsible, which agency can help, and so I think my job is really to help coordinate amongst the city agencies to encourage them to continue to do their own projects, we're not taking everything in-house but definitely to have collaboration and communication across those. So for instance the brotherhood way site is going to be funded through a Carbon Fund grant and that was a nice partnership between DPW and the Department of the environment to have a conversation around. Okay, like is that possible to do, what would that look like and does that work. And so I think one of the things that we've been trying to do is not dictate what people should be doing with their time but

rather help leverage resources to make sure we're maximizing the amount of impact we can have across the city.

Chair: And then a follow-up question on governance at a lower level how is that handled in the urban ag structure? I mean who runs it? [simultaneous comments]

Hannah Shulman: What do those garden site—how do those garden sites report to me?

Chair: Well, how do they structure themselves so that they work or they don't work or how they manage.

Hannah Shulman: There are a different varieties around the city, it really depends on the land owner and the way the community group or nonprofit group that's managing the land had decided to take it on. So it's really varied across the city. I think one of the challenges of my job is trying to wrangle all that into some sort of form but also not to structure what everyone wants to. I think my interest is more to make sure that people are communicating with each other so it's very clear moving forward. Here's an example that worked here for these folks, it may not work for you if you try this out on your site, let's talk about what that may look like and try to see what we can learn from each other.

Chair: And does that include the community gardens as well?

Hannah Shulman: It does.

Chair: I'll talk to you offline about that. The governance of community gardens [simultaneous comments]

Hannah Shulman: It's a whole other story.

Chair: Any other questions? Okay, I'd like to open it up to public comment. Do we have any public comment on this item?

Steffen Franz: It's nice to meet you Hannah finally. I think this is good to have a presentation to PROSAC. You may want to schedule this every two years, not like every month but maybe every couple of years so you know what's happening I was involved with the urban ag alliance a few years ago with [unintelligible] from SPUR that really helped get the Chie ordinance through and talked about the cottage loops and all kinds of things. So this is good and I'm glad that you got partnerships with other Departments. It sounds to me like the inner-agency workings, if you've got the education outside folks but not specifically the school district as part of it it might be good to get Dick Kastner or somebody from the school district involved who has links to the Green Schoolyards and not just May Ling at the Department of the Environment but maybe Kevin Drew or somebody from the Zero Waste Team because they have given Zero Waste grants from the Department of the Environment to food runners in past years to help facilitate composting, to facilitate not composting good food that can still be used and instead reverse, getting it to people who can still eat the food that is still good. All these words that we've created rather than—anyway, this is all for the good and it really took a lot of effort to

create this position because really stuff was scattered all over the place and there was a bit of a fight as to what Department would land with urban ag but it was Rec Park and so here she is and here it is. Thank you.

Hannah Shulman: Thank you.

Chair: How is that funded too? How is the funding? Because I know initially when the proposal came through from Supervisor Chiu it was only funded for one year I think, wasn't it \$100,000 or something.

Male Speaker: I think it was \$200,000.

[simultaneous comments]

Hannah Shulman: \$120,000 that went to cover the past year and a half of my existence and that for this year I just found out yesterday we'll have my position secured for this year and there will be \$50,000 of a budget that we will use for operations to be determined what exactly that will look like. But I just found that out the other day.

Female Speaker: Will that come out of Open Space?

Hannah Shulman: I am not a hundred percent sure where that is coming out of but I can check in with Katie.

Chair: Yeah, would you because I think the community garden does. The community garden has a specified—

Hannah Shulman: They have their own specific budget and they made very clear these were two separate budgets.

Chair: If you could kind of enlighten us that would be great. There's actually another hand, Robert.

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Hannah Shulman: I have a cube. [laughs] [simultaneous comments]

Chair: Did you have a question Cristina. [simultaneous comments] All right, thank you very much. We have no more public comment and no more member comment, okay. That item is closed, thank you. We will have you back for sure.

Hannah Shulman: Thank you.

[simultaneous comments]

ITEM # 6

Chair: Before we go in—because obviously we're going to have a [unintelligible] which is lovely, agenda setting. I wanted to take a quick look at that and see if some of this stuff needs to be grouped up or if they have things to add because [simultaneous comments] Operations and Maintenance I have that down as monthly reports, we'll probably change that to see what Danny's quarterly [unintelligible] but we are addressing that next month. Okay. [simultaneous comments]

Steffen Franz: We can take off the update on urban ag because we just had it.

Female Speaker: You can probably also take off the impact fees and set-aside because I believe Recreation and Park and Planning are sort of kind of working together. I think this acquisition piece is going to be part of that.

Chair: I think that's a real valuable get-together that you and Robert—yes, go ahead.

Female Speaker: The popos, somebody somewhere in Recreation and Park and Dawn are trying to make legislation about po pos, private open space, publically accessible private open space. I think we have a real stake in that and that's really a District 6 thing and to be quite honest we've had several open spaces where people have got credit and money for them that are open only if you know which door is open and I would like if we could move that higher up, get Planning here as opposed to have it Dawn's responsibility.

Chair: Okay. Do you have contact that you would recommend?

Female Speaker: You can start with Max Snider, he's the eastern neighborhoods staff person and I can send you his contact information. [simultaneous comments]

Stacy Bradly: Steve Worthein would probably be good as well.

Steffen Franz: Just to add to that, tell me one thing—I don't remember what it was published in, I think it was like the Chronicle or it might have actually been the Weekly but they actually took the time to really document all of those and I know that some of them—you know, I spend a lot of time South of Market, I have tried to check some of them out, they're on a rooftop where there's a gate.

Female Speaker: A gate and a guard and—

Steffen Franz: And you ask and they say we're not really sure if it's there. What do you mean it's not there, it's on this damn map that says it's there.

Female Speaker: And they posted signed recently but I'm more concerned—you know, I'm willing to write these ones off, I'm really concerned about the ones that are coming up.

Steffen Franz: Future ones. And again I think the transparency, the idea that you know if there is a map and as PROSAC we can say hey in our District we visited every popo and these are sketchy because we can't get access. It stands to reason.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: Our Supervisor has other priorities that trump open space, affordable housing and that's been the single—

Female Speaker: On that legislation did it just get tabled?

Female Speaker: I don't even know.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: There was a proposal that was floated that specifically aimed at the Intercontinental Hotel which got credit for a popo that is impossible to get to. It's inaccessible and [unintelligible] the 6th floor so they made a proposal to basically somehow give the money back and enclose it and it would no longer be a popo and that immediately ran into so much flack that the proposed legislation was removed and it just sits there now inaccessible, not used, and they just tabled the whole thing.

Female Speaker: I think they were afraid of a precedent where you do something crappy and then years later you just buy it back.

Female Speaker: The Intercontinental wants it back.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: Yes, Linda Shaffer.

Linda Shaffer: Thank you, Linda Shaffer, District 10. There is actually a related issue that is related to this and I'm not quite sure how to put it on the agenda but that would be what relationship does Recreation and Park have if any with parks and open space that are part of developments but are being provided and managed by the developer.

Female Speaker: This is the same issue.

Linda Shaffer: It is the same issue, it's just because I can think of at least three, not mine—I know you know which ones I'm thinking of and three huge development projects in District 10 that—and that's the arrangement in all of them, they are providing the parks and the open space and the RPD has nothing very much to say about it and I'm not sure that is a good thing.

Female Speaker: Linda which one of the projects are you talking about? [simultaneous comments]

Linda Shaffer: Schlage Lock and Potrero Terrace. [simultaneous comments] That's true, I forgot that had change. The Lenore at Candlestick.

Female Speaker: Yeah, Lenore at Candlestick they've been pretty good at connecting with us, the first phase we got too late but I don't know if it's a shift from redevelopment to OCII but they are talking to us and we're reviewing their plans. So I don't know about the management.

Linda Shaffer: That's really the essence of it.

Female Speaker: But at least we're part of the conversation with the Capital Development because before we weren't really a part of the conversation.

Linda Shaffer: I'm very glad to hear that because that's been an issue and then Potrero—I'm sorry to take up—Potrero Terrace which is bridge housing and they're good people so I'm sure that they'll do something that's good but again it's park and open space that [simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] will be PG&E built and managed.

Linda Shaffer: That's another one, thank you.

Steffen Franz: It will be managed by them. [simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: It's almost like you won't be able to say anything about the misuse of it.

Steffen Franz: Can I propose [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments] I think there needs to be a sheriff hired maybe from somewhere like Nottingham who can go and tax these people when it is not [simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: But I actually think that we need to get more involved and understand the memorandum of understanding that has some principles because if it's a good guy whether it's Bridge to [unintelligible] Yerba Buena Gardens is wonderfully done but you know there are a hundreds of others whose stewards are less responsible. So I don't know how to do this but I think we need to have principles set up and at least some general idea that they're just not by the—I get the feeling that there is like by the good graces of the people that run it that the public is allowed to use it is the way it's currently set up and I don't think that's the way to do this.

Steffen Franz: I just wanted to ask what is really a staff question, who makes the deal, right?

Female Speaker: So I think it's often the Mayor's office of economic workforce [simultaneous comments] So often like in the Schlage Lock case there was a connection with Recreation and Park and so we were able to push forward our agenda and [unintelligible] They don't always connect with us. When they do we are able to I think it would be great to have something, guidelines if you're interested in [simultaneous comments]. They reached out to us recently on the [unintelligible] one in Potrero.

Female Speaker: Is that Bridge housing?

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: The just reached out to me a couple of weeks ago connecting and making sure the [unintelligible] I feel like there's a movement of making sure that the parks and open space are really quality open space and have a not being maintained by the city they are being maintained well.

Steffen Franz: And just overseen let's say by Recreation and Park because I think Toby is right you have to go back to the MOU and what the words say. We are going to build this thing, we are going to maintenance this thing but we're not going to run it. Or we are going to run it but we're going to run it at this level. RPD determines what is the right—

Female Speaker: Right, and certainly if there's fields to be permitted Recreation and Park and should be permitting those so that there's not sort of a weird way of [unintelligible]

Steffen Franz: But I think it should go all the way from design through—you know, at least that you guys have a view of it.

Female Speaker: I think the Department [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: I'm just going to say that you know even with the best intentions these are people that develop apartments, these are not people that run parks. And so the capacity issues that plague Recreation and Park—I mean these are people that would be managing hundreds of people in apartments so it all makes me wary of the situation just because that's not their thing. Everyone has their thing, that's not their thing.

Female Speaker: It also sounds like we have to be [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: I think it's also they need permitting from Planning and Planning has to involve bringing Recreation and Park to the table as opposed to Ken Rich who has to invite you.

Chair: Nick then Richard.

Nick Belloni: I apologize, I just want to jump in real quick Richard. Historically how long ago was it Les that we got called in—

Les Hilger: Two years ago.

Nick Belloni: Seven years ago or something when the Mayor's Office of Economic Development called a couple of us in and then presented here and then they explained what the Lenore project was going to be and how all the parks were going to fit in. If we can get an update on that, that might be a good idea.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: Oh yes I remember.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: Well I wasn't there for that one but yes, the arrangements are made as part of the community benefits package and that's the process that RPD should somehow be involved in and isn't.

Chair: Okay, Richard. I'm sorry.

Richard Ivanhoe: Richard Ivanhoe, District 5. Since we're presumably still on agenda setting how about just kind of agenda item something like policy on open space not developed and managed by RPD.

[simultaneous comments]

Male Speaker: Aren't you supposed to call people when they raise their hand?

Chair: Yes we are, sorry.

Male Speaker: Thank you. I'm still working with the Art Commission to get them to follow up to come to our meeting. It will probably be near the end of the year because they're moving but I will work with them.

Chair: And dogs are still a problem we know.

Steffen Franz: Dogs were always a problem.

Chair: Is it still a hot issue?

Steffen Franz: It's still a hot issue. I mean Richard if you want maybe you and I can offline just have a quick dialog on that because I do see progress. It seems like the GGNRA person [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments]

Chair: If you could put that together that would be great. Thank you. And Synramp is still [simultaneous comments] All right, so public comment on agenda setting?

Male Speaker: So a couple of things. On the public and private open space however you scope that, whether you include popos and development things which are sort of like past and present future, like however you want to deal with that I think Dawn or Stacy somebody from Planning and somebody for OEWD should be here so that you don't have them say well we have [unintelligible] and they said get in the same room, talk about it, how are we going to deal with that. And on Urban Ag although you had the presentation tonight and I know there was going to be some discussions offline if the committee has formal recommendations for the Department or for Hanna think of a resolution like [unintelligible] Have a quick resolution [unintelligible]

following a presenting is good and it's suggests that you're actually doing things and not just doing things [unintelligible]

Chair: That's a good suggestion, thank you very much David. Any of public comment on agenda setting? Did you have your hand up?

Steffen Franz: I did because I just wanted to follow up on what David said—

[simultaneous comments]

ITEM # 7

Chair: Okay, public comment on items on the agenda this is your chance guys. Mr. Borden.

Tom Borden: Tom Borden, representing myself. I just wanted to comment on something I found kind of troubling with the Community Opportunity Fund money seems to be pilfered by the Recreation and Park. I've seen that in the community garden and it appears on the other agenda item for tomorrow for the Tank Hill trail improvement project that sounds like something that didn't go through the COF process and so that's—

Chair: That's on what, [unintelligible] committee tomorrow?

Tom Borden: Yes, a \$51,210 to approve pilfering the Community Opportunity Fund program round four to fund this thing for soft costs and capital costs. Anyway, it's a continuing theme of COF money getting pulled out with the process.

Female Speaker: You know, I talked to [unintelligible] and I didn't know that. Stacy, did you want to—

Female Speaker: I'm sorry, I don't have any information. [simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: I don't know, I'm trying to remember Tank Hill and if there's something about Tank Hill on there. I think we did have an approved project but right now it just escapes me.

Male Speaker: Just the name the trail improvement projects usually means something.

Chair: Yeah, I think we did give money on the COF for that. I don't know what that is. Thank you. Linda Shaffer.

Linda Shaffer: Well just a quick guess, there is also separate money that was allocated for trail improvements in the bonds, it's not that money?

Male Speaker: No, [unintelligible]

[simultaneous comments]

Linda Shaffer: Because I read that agenda item and I didn't see that.

Female Speaker: Well, it was for a handrail or something or steps. It was some minor thing that was separate from trail monies. Anyway, let me find out and I'll put it to you in an email and get back to you. I do have the binder at home I just have to look that up. Okay, any other public comment? Nothing about your bike and your [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments] Steffen, go ahead.

Steffen Franz: Just going back to Item 6 one thing that I think we should relegate and obviously Dawn will be here, Linda is talking about trying to have conversations with Denny about maintenance and we constantly have conversations with Dawn about Capital. Where I'd really like to hear conversations is where the two cross in the same room, where one can't say this is an operations problem, talk to capital. This is a capital problem, talk to operations. Because I've played that game and I know that game very well. It leads to [unintelligible] and nobody takes responsibility so I think it's really imperative that both Denny and Phil or Denny and Dawn are in the same room so that there can't be the what do you need, what do I need, I don't know, talk to Denny, talk to Dawn. Because that runaround is old and no matter what Denny comes here and does it's not going to stand if Dawn goes that's not me, I don't know what he told you last month but that's not me.

Chair: [unintelligible]

Steffen Franz: And if it's not Dawn then it should be Phil. Like it should in one way or another we should hold them to what they say, not allow Denny to go that's not me and then let the buck slip on something that we're passionate about.

Chair: Yeah, I agree and I hope this start of meetings with Denny leads to a closer understanding of what's going on.

Steffen Franz: I thought we had—you were at the meeting, right? That was actually a very forthcoming meeting with Denny, he put it on the table. You weren't at that meeting but it really felt like he was trying to be transparent and I'm sure he's not trying to hide anything but I do feel like this is a consistent shell game of not me it's you and the way we break that is to put them in the same room and fine, we have some questions for both of you and we'd like to find out whose job it is.

Chair: And I think that could be very specific too because I think talking in general the handoff doesn't work. We have to go back to real specifics, say well here's an example of this and tell me how that happens.

Steffen Franz: [unintelligible] because I can talk about two years ago that we're still dealing with, you're going to have real fresh problems that you're going to have to address as are other people. [simultaneous comments] So make notes.

Male Speaker: We did see—I ran into Denny standing there staring at the lawn about a week after it opened and he [simultaneous comments]

ITEM # 8

Chair: We do definitely have to [unintelligible] this thing off of dead-center because it has been a subject as long as I've [unintelligible]. Thank you. Is there any public comment? Anybody. All right finally we have announcements and as I said I'm turning it over to Jane first. [simultaneous comments] Let's do regular announcements first and then we'll have Jane make her presentation.

Toby Levy: I just want to tell everybody that Jim Meeko [unintelligible] big advocate passed away last night. He had a stroke just two weeks ago. He was on my open space committee so I'm sorry.

Chair: Richard.

Richard Rothman: I have two announcements. I'm going to be giving a talk and slide show on August 18th at the Richmond Library on 9th and Geary about murals and the murals in the Richmond District and I want to sneak in some murals about the Mothers Building too, at 7:00 o'clock, 7:00 to 8:00. And the other thing is maybe people can talk to me offline or call me or email me but we're having issues in Cabrillo playground about park hours and apparently it goes back to Scott Weiner's legislation which they're starting to enforce so if anybody is having issues about their playground let me know because I won't make any editorial comments but—

Female Speaker: They changed the hours because [unintelligible] and now you want lesser hours [unintelligible]

Richard Rothman: Yeah but I mean and they're not—the bathroom hours and the playground hours aren't the same and you've got to go through a whole rigmarole to get it changed. Thank you.

Steffen Franz: Quickly, just to make you all aware last time I told you about Saturday in the Park McLaren for those of you who never visited McLaren Park it's a little do-dad right on the other side of the hill, almost the same size as Golden Gate Park. Can I just get a show of hands on how many of you have never visited McLaren Park? Awesome. I don't have to sell you on this. There are less murders than ever. Well, they were bringing up the murders before so [simultaneous comments] So we have four shows, we have two shows in the month of August, the first one is August 22nd, that's Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Martin Luther McCoy of the ever popular McCoys. Martin is a soul singer, he's fantastic, he does a great show. August 29th we have a flavor of the south side show which is basically a bunch of groups from the south side of the city. Our kids show is October 10th and our closing show will be a blues who on October 17th. I urge you all to come, it's an amazing day out. Linda we'll talk about it because it's her baby. I will talk about it. It's an amazing event to kind of bring back that park and we would love PROSAC to attend. We will feed you, we will give you a little name badge, we will treat you like royalty. Saturdays in the park, thank you.

Chair: And there is parking. [simultaneous comments]

Male Speaker: What time of day does it start?

Steffen Franz: Generally [simultaneous comments]. There are all the flyers I have for now but please—

Female Speaker: There'll be more.

Steffen Franz: There'll be more. So generally other than the kids show—the kids show is starting at 11:00 but every other show starts at—we start [unintelligible] recorded music at noon and then live music at 1:00. Thank you.

Chair: Any other announcements? Being none.

ITEM # 7

Jane Weil: It was a perfect segue from the earlier conversation about parks that are being established and [unintelligible] and that was a huge piece of [unintelligible] [simultaneous comments] So I just wanted to bring you all up to date on a project that is being rushed through very quickly called the 5M project. It's basically what we would all call the Chronicle building site. So it's at 5th and Mission, it's a square block that goes all the way from 5th Street on 5th Street on Mission to Howard and then halfway down the block. So just to give you a sense you can see the Chronicle building there on the bottom, you can see the little Chronicle clock tower and if you look to the left going down the street there's a yellow building and the blue building sort of at the end is the Intercontinental Hotel which itself is an exception, it goes up 360 feet. So just to give you a sense of the [unintelligible] they're proposing is 470 feet. It's over 40 stories tall. And it's a complex of by their description a Transbay like complex. Now the way they want to get that through is to create SUD, a Special Use District. So what they're proposing is literally carving the square block out, creating special use, creating their own rules, breaking every Planning Department rule that there is—height, bulk, size, wind, shadow, everything goes out the door and a special set of rules is created for this special use district. So that gives you a sense of what [simultaneous comments] This is a the view looking down Mission from 9th, from 10th, from uptown in the Castro looking down Mission and it gives you again a sense of how enormous this project is. You can't even see the Intercontinental Hotel behind the [unintelligible]

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Jane Weil: And Howard Street would be just to right of it. Okay. So it's a square block.

Male Speaker: So is that part of the project too?

[simultaneous comments]

Jane Weil: This is a new building that's being proposed, 220 feet tall. These are 47395, this is actually two buildings that are sort of connected together. This just gives you a sense of [simultaneous comments]

Jane Weil: Can you see the bridge that's over the alley?

[simultaneous comments]

Jane Weil: So one of the ways they're trying to justify it is that there's a set of [simultaneous comments]. So the whole idea that this is supposedly A, along a traffic corridor because they are building the new subway and b a transition between downtown and SOMA. SOMA you know is a special district, it's all low level industrial. It's currently height limit at 85 feet. They are in the [unintelligible] change that to 160 feet but that really doesn't relate to 370 and 395. So they are attempting to push this through, they are creating—it is being sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Workforce development in partnership with Recreation and Park and every other city Department because they all have to agree to suspend their existing rules for this project. It ultimately has to go to the Board of Supervisors and be voted by the Board of Supervisors but the Mayor is really—they're pushing it through and they're getting all these approvals over the summer so that—this is what relates to us, they have a special meeting of the Planning Department with Recreation and Park on September 3rd with Labor Day weekend when everybody is here of course to testify to push through the part that needs Recreation and Park.

Male Speaker: So it's going to shadow over a park or what?

Jane Weil: That is the one little piece that they have to get Recreation and Park. It will shadow Boeddeker Park. However, backing up from that their draft EIR is 650 pages and it goes through all of the potential parks that it shadows. So Planning Code 295 is for parks, [unintelligible] Recreation and Park and then there is Planning Code 146 which is streets and 147 which is public plazas. So think about where that is, you've got UN Plaza, Halliday Plaza, Yerba Buena Gardens, Jessie Square, Yerba Buena—the children's park. All of them are potentially shadowed by these buildings.

The draft EIR they did was on two alternatives. They're not taking either of those alternatives, they are putting a new response to the complaint with the new alternative. It has not been studied, not wind, not shadow, not anything. So the first demand that we're making is to slow this down and redo all these mitigation studies on the actual project because it has changed and increased ten percent [unintelligible]. But they are being asked to accept the existing draft EIR which really, truly doesn't study the impacts of these things.

So again [simultaneous comments] is Recreation and Park has scheduled these special—the Commissioners have a special meeting on September 3rd with Planning Commissioners to accept the exception on Boeddeker Park, the shadow on Boeddeker Park. They also dismiss all the shadows on all the other parks. It shadows Yerba Buena Gardens children's playground, it shadows all kinds of places. It shadows UN Plaza but they're saying it's just minor, we don't need to worry about any of that. For whatever reason that I don't understand they didn't even

study Manolo Draves park. It's not in the EIR. It's .5 miles away and I think the limit is .5 So they studies all these other things that are .4 and .3 but they didn't study Manola Draves.

Male Speaker: So these minor shadowings get dismissed in the EIR?

Jane Weil: They did. They said these are not [unintelligible]

Jane Weil: Well this is going to be their argument. There is a threshold under which it's like light hours per year and if it's less than—they're allowed to have a two percent increase in light hours per year and there's also a 10 percent variance where you don't have to really redo your EIR. So those are the things they're going to argue.

Jane Weil: We feel [unintelligible] there's a large group that is saying because you have revised the plan you need to go back and redo the EIR studies because we think they are significant and we certainly don't want Recreation and Park putting through their approval even on the part [unintelligible] or others which haven't been studied.

Chair: Are you finished?

Female Speaker: No, I've got lots more questions.

Female Speaker: Has the EIR been certified?

Jane Weil: That's September 3rd. September 3rd is when they're going to certify the EIR. Oh and by the way any responses to written and verbal comments at the last two informational meetings will not come out until August 15th.

Female Speaker: Of course not.

Jane Weil: So you have two weeks to—[simultaneous comments]. But the other part that is I think really important to us is the fact that they have listened to the community input and they are making a very large piece of this public open space. However, we in the community think that the public open space is very ill-conceived and has not been studied. So if you look at this diagram there's the 220 story building on the top, the 470, the 395. The zeroes are the open space. The open space is inside the middle of this, surrounded by these very tall buildings, the middle. They're redesigning all the streets to try to make people [unintelligible]. It's not visible from any major street so you don't see it the way you see Yerba Buena Gardens from the street, it's all in the middle and where it is—according to their wind study which we don't even think is adequate the locations where the exceedances are created are clustered primarily on the interior, particularly along Mary Street but along the periphery. So by their own study the wind exceedances that they are creating are all right in the middle so it is just—the whole thing is ill-conceived, ill-placed. They do have all kinds of statements in the [unintelligible] about who is going to run it and what they're going to program there and all of that but there's no teeth to it, there's nothing to make them a couple years down the road do any of the wonderful things they say they're going to do. It's off the records, you know, we have a pretty serious homeless issue downtown and if nobody is managing this park it will be probably end up being closed off. The

other part of their proposed rooftop. So there you see the two green spaces right in the middle of all the buildings. The other big green space is on the rooftop of the Chronicle. Now, they're being given credit for all this wonderful green space they're giving us but fifty percent of it is on the rooftop of the Chronicle and by the way it's the entire Chronicle if you look at the middle that's all the mechanicals. So from the edges of the Chronicle building. Once again they admit the wind exceedance. And when they do have a couple popos in there. They also have just so you know hazardous wind conditions being created along some of the streets. They have shadows being created by some of the massing and there's all kinds of growth implications.

So the bottom line is I think we need to give a message loud and clear to our bosses at Recreation and Park that this is being—this was never brought to us to discuss. We never had an input on where the park is, we think there needs to be further study before they vote on it on September 3rd. We think that we need answers to this and time to review them and we'd like them to consider alternative sites for the open space because where they're trying to put it—there's also all kinds of implications on historic buildings by the way including the [unintelligible] and the Chronicle building and the effects on them. They are leaving two very tiny little historic buildings you see there in the middle, they made that concession. Right there, those two. They are keeping those.

They also at the last—so we just had our first big informational hearing July 26th from the Planning Commission, the Filipino community came out en masse with a hundred people to talk about the displacement of their community, basically the destruction of their community and the Planning Commissioners did ask that there be an impact study be done on they gone call it gentrification but they call it community displacement and property values. To see what raising all the property values here is going to do to all the people that live in these houses on these alleys which they dismiss by the way as not important and nobody uses them and why can't we just change—they're going to change, literally move some of the alleys without any—

Male Speaker: Who is the developer?

[simultaneous comments]

Jane Weil: A city developer with Hearst Corporation.

Female Speaker: The Hearst Corporation owns the property [simultaneous comments].

Female Speaker: Are those all commercial structures?

Jane Weil: There is no housing that will [simultaneous comments] You can see market rate units and then this is the big—this is how they got the Supervisor support, it's the affordable housing, 58 affordable housing so they play [simultaneous comments]. 58 affordable housing there which is about eight percent of the total of the over 400 units—470 market rate condos and that has to go [unintelligible]. But they are putting 58 on site and then the rest they're putting money in a fund and they're getting credit for all this stuff. They're also donating a lot right next to the project to which they are giving money. They're giving the lot to the city and they're

giving money to study to do a feasibility study to build housing but they're being given credit as if they're build all this housing and of course they're not. So, but that's how they're selling it.

Male Speaker: You know, we have a meeting right before that Thursday so maybe you could ask Recreation and Park to come to our September—will that foul things up?

Female Speaker: I mean we're talking about the Mayor's office again.

Male Speaker: We can only ask Recreation and Park.

Linda D'Avirro: At this point here's the thing, we have Mr. Sunshine Committee over there to keep me honest but at this point today what I can do and I did draft a letter which of course I left on the seat of my car to send that up here as the fact that this subject came up at this meeting, we're concerned about it and we would like this delayed long enough for it to come to PROSAC. At that point am I legal doing that David? Were you listening?

David Pilpel: My opinion is that you can't take action on this tonight. As Chair you want to send a letter to the powers that be saying that this has come to your attention, that you intend to discuss it at the September 1st meeting and probably take action there. If you can do that with their schedule you're good with that. If that doesn't work with their schedule you would ask them to delay or however you characterize it so that PROSAC can weigh in on the Recreation and Park open space implications of this project and then you should definitely follow through, have it on the September 1st agenda, invite Stacy and [unintelligible]

Chair: The usual suspects.

David Pilpel: And have something in writing, both the presentation, some follow-up and a proposed resolution. I would strongly encourage that so that you're close to getting somewhere.

Chair: So that's probably what we can do tonight.

Jane Weil: This is the last slide, I just wanted to show it to you, this is a view from Potrero Hill. So this is the new project right here, that's the Intercontinental Hotel. So you can see it's whole other—the call it a hill in the city, they've created, you know.

Jane Weil: That's what they told us on Rincon Hill, that's why there's so many big towers. [simultaneous comments] And that is why I have to say to everybody in this room and everything listening I mean there is nothing to prevent anybody from buying up a bunch of lots on Lombard Street or Fulton Street or anywhere else in the city—I guess there's one on Ocean Avenue they're fighting right now, but all they have to do is get enough property contiguous and then they go and say we want a special use district and all the Planning rules that you think you've worked so hard to get are just literally thrown out. [simultaneous comments]

Chair: We will adjourn this for the September 1st meeting. Any other announcements from any members on anything under the sun? I seen none. [simultaneous comments] Seeing none, announcements are closed. The meeting is adjourned.

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