Meeting Minutes of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, A California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, a California nonprofit was held on October 13, 2009 at 4:30 PM in Room 408, City Hall, San Francisco, California.

1. Roll Call
   Present:
   Nancy Rowe Conner
   John Lum
   Stephanie Chase MacColl
   Margaret O’Sullivan
   John Rizzo

   Absent:
   Douglas Moran
   Mark Dunlop

2. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
   Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2009.

   Action:
   Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written. (5 yes/ 0 no- PASS)

3. President’s Report (Discussion Only)
   No discussion was taken under this topic

4. Director’s Report (Discussion Only)
   Mr. Dan Mauer gave a brief update on the status of the EIR for the San Francisco Bicycle Master Plan. SFMTA anticipates that the EIR will be complete in the Fall of 2009. Once the EIR has been certified, MTA will work to resolve the legal injunction which is affecting our grant projects in Golden Gate Park. We will proceed with our projects once the injunction is resolved.
No action has been taken on the two active grants. Both grant projects are tied to the Bicycle Master Plan EIR process.

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

5. **Concourse Authority Financial Update (Discussion Only)**
Mr. Mauer identified that the status of our finances are identical to our last reporting period.

Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

6. **Music Concourse Parking Garage Operations (Discussion Only)**
Mr. John Steele of City Park gave a brief presentation on the operation status of the garage. He distributed parking counts from the last several months. He identified that the parking counts have increased from 122,892 (2008) to 173,799 (2009). He attributes this increase to the success of the Academy and the King Tut exhibit.

Additional comment made by Mr. Steele:
- The garage fills regularly by 11AM and is full until 1PM.
- Staff monitors cars before and after these two hours and shifts cars to Fulton entrance when necessary.
- Provided valet parking for the Academy on evenning without issue.
- There were several public questions regarding ADA parking. Staff is working with MOD to provide better signage.

Discussion:

Ms. MacColl: Does the south pod fill more quickly.
Mr. Steele: The south pod does fill first and when we close that entrance, it has worked well. RPD has not received complaints about south entrance closure.

Public Comment:

Kathy Howard presented a sign in the Sunset District which needed correction.
Mr. Rizzo: This sign is against the intent of the Concourse sign and traffic patterns.
Jerry Robbins (MTA): Will look into sign issue.
Jerry Robbins: MTA is working on changeable message sign on Fell and Divisadero.
Supervisor Mirkarimi is hosting a meeting in November to discuss this item with neighbors. Neighbors are in opposition.

7. **Golden Gate Park Shuttle Service (Discussion Only)**
Mr. Dennis Kern, Director of Operation for RPD, gave a brief presentation on the new GGP Shuttle Program. In the development of the program, he worked closely with the Academy and DeYoung staff. The program will reduce congestion and back-ups and will broaden ADA access in the park.
- The shuttle will include:
  - 15 stops throughout the park
  - Run Saturday, Sunday, legal holidays, 10 days during winter holiday, one week during spring break (Academy is funding 3 free days in addition)
  - 3 clean air buses running full time (20 plus passenger capacity w/ ADA access)
  - 15 to 20 minute wait time
  - Stops at UCSF garage once per hour
  - Shuttle speed in the road closure area is 7 mph max

There have been a few complaints about the speed of the shuttle in the road closed areas. RPD is sending out monitors to track speed.

Ridership varies depending on weather. Weekend ridership is 100 to 200. These numbers rose to 400-500 during the Bluegrass event. It is anticipated that ridership will increase as more patrons learn about the service.

Discussion: None

Public Comment:

Chris Duderstadt.- The drivers are going about 20 mph in the closed areas. Please continue to remind the drivers to slow down.
L. Dillion- GGP is a respite from the City and cars. The Concourse should be a carriage concourse. New York Central Park has horses and we should follow.

8. Music Concourse Fountain Restoration (Action Item)

Mr. Mauer presented the following item:

Discussion and possible action to award a construction contract to Aquatic Environments, Inc. in the amount not to exceed $1,100,000 for the restoration of four Golden Gate Park Music Concourse fountains.

Discussion:
Mr. Rizzo does not like the vendors in the Concourse Bowl

Public Comment:

Chris Duderstadt- Likes the fountain project and requests approval. He also wants the drinking fountain to be added if possible.
Kathy Howard- Likes the fountain project and encourages that we keep the skaters from using this space. If a drinking fountain is added, please stay away from tree roots when trenching.
Mr. Dillion- Recommends the fountain work. Fountains were designed at a height for horse drinking.

Action:
(5 yes/ 0 no- PASS)

9. Meeting Schedule for the 2010 Year (Action Item)

Two meeting dates were identified for the following year. April 20th and October 12th.
Discussion: None

Public Comment: None

Action:
(5 yes/ 0 no- PASS)

10. Public Comment (Discussion Only)

Chris Duderstadt- Vendor does create money for RPD but should be placed behind the bandshell.
Kathy Howard- Agreed with Mr. Duderstadt and referenced the GGP Master Plan
Mr. Dillion- John McLaren opposed vendor sales. He does not want vendors at all

11. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.