

**Park and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting
July 10, 2018**

Chair: Welcome to the July meeting of the Park and Recreation Open Advisory Committee. Thank you all for coming. I am going to keep the Chair's report incredibly short tonight but I'll start with roll call.

Jordyn Aquino: District 4.

Nick Belloni: District 2.

Steven Currier: District 11.

Trevor McNeil: District 5.

Kenneth Maley: District 3.

Robert Brust: District 8.

Ken McGary: District 11.

Gisele Rainer: District 3.

Wendy Aragon: District 1.

Jane Weil: District 6.

Richard Rothman: District 1.

Chair: Steffen Franz, District 2. Thank you. Our next item is to take up the minutes. Did everybody have a chance to look at the May and April minutes? We'll start with April's minutes.

Steven Currier: I move to approve the minutes for April.

Nick Belloni: Second.

Chair: All in favor of approving the April 3 minutes, please say aye?

All: Aye.

Chair: Any opposed? Hearing none, this item has passed. For the minutes for the May 1st meeting do I hear any—

Steven Currier: I move to approve the May 1st minutes.

Nick Belloni: Second.

Chair: All in favor of adopting the May 1st meeting minutes please say aye.

All: Aye.

Chair: Opposed. Hearing none, this item has passed.

So, my only Chair's report I have for you today is to say although I was upset that we missed our last meeting and the General Manager was unavailable to present to us, it presented us with the opportunity to watch our team gamble on the finals. I will go on record saying that us having meetings on these finals games are very difficult but we trudge through and in fact next year and for at least a few years from now I hope this is the worst problem we will have.

My second item is to say that I attended a going-away party for Dawn Kamalanathan who has now left the Department, leaving the very capable acting head of the Capital Division. I will just go on record here as saying in attendance at that going-away party was myself, Linda D'Avirro who is the ex-Chair and Les Hilger who was the Chair prior. And all of us were in agreement about one this.

Steven Currier: And Steven Currier.

Chair: Well, Steven was there too and others but I'm just saying three ex-Chairs and we all had one thing to say and that was that Dawn was harsh but she taught us so much about coming into the room. I know other people spoke about that in that environment that it's very difficult to win a battle that you don't start like discussing and working with people. I feel like Dawn no matter what even if you had a completely opposite opinion she was willing to talk to you and willing to hear your issues. So she will be sorely missed and I appreciate Richard going to the Commission on our behalf and thanking them for her service.

With that said we're going to move on to the next item. Are there any comments on the Chair's report? Hearing none, this item is closed. Any public comment? Hearing none, this item is closed.

New business. This is pretty up to date now. Are there any members before we roll in that have any adds, subtractions, items that they want to be added to the new business? Excellent. So I have added one item and you'll see it, it's at the bottom. Richard, I know your interest in the Golden Gate edge improvement strategy, it will probably be heard next month. I know that the Parks Alliance I guess will check and see where they're at with their Strategic Plan.

Next month I'd like to do for you a presentation that I put together with the support of the Department as well as the Parks Alliance. This presentation is basically how to build and grow a Friends Of group and I think it would be very relevant to all of you and why I say this is because I've created it with the hope that I can share it with you and that you can take it and show it to others. I really feel like it's for people who are starting this process it's like an instant get to the track, get to the race.

So with that said next month on the August agenda I would like to add this item, establishing and growing a Friends Of group, as a probably 15-20 minute presentation. It will be short and sweet, it will be stuff that most of you know but aging my goal is for you to take it with you and use it in your own communities.

Anybody else? Anything to add?

Steven Currier: Just to add on that, I got an email today regarding—it was probably sent out by the Parks Alliance and we can talk about this next month when this is ajenized. But to put out something with the dates that have already happened because it's not useful for our neighborhoods. So if we have Friends groups and they're having a workday it comes up three days later.

Chair: It does nobody any good. So I will just tell you that the presentation is about communication. It speaks to the idea that if you want to have an effective Friends Of group you have to have an email list, you have to have a Facebook page. You have to be engaged in growing your group. So certainly to that point I think you guys will find this presentation good.

Anything else under new business? Hearing none, this item is closed. Any public comment?

Very quickly, Capital planning before the General Manager.

[simultaneous comments]

Nick Belloni: I've been getting a lot of questions since the golf course happened to have that little fire I've been getting a lot of questions on what Recreation and Park is going to be doing about it. So can I just get an update so I know.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: So Monday around 3:30 in the morning I got a call from the Fire Chief and from the lessee, from First Tee, the clubhouse was ablaze. It was arson. It was really [unintelligible], the building was totally destroyed, red-tagged by a building inspection and actually demolished yesterday and today. It's gone.

So we moved quickly. We've been on regular conference calls with our team and the First Tee and other city folks. We hope to have the golf course opened by next week. We're going to have trailers and internal restrooms while we work on a plan to fund, design, and construct a replacement for the existing structure. We have not solved funding yet. I have a meeting coming up or call actually on Friday with the City Administrator and the Budget Office. The city is self-insured but that means there ought to be some insurance, right. So we need to find out what that means and whether we are able to tap into a General Fund reserve of some sort to help get it rebuilt. First Tee also is going to plug into its donor based and try to fundraise a little bit. It's very early but we're thinking about using some of the models of some of the modular structures down at Crissy Field. We want to get a functional building up as quickly as possible. It could be two years.

Nick Belloni: Thank you.

Stacy Bradley: [unintelligible] Our biggest project for the next couple of months is India Basin and it will be before the Commission in August. The environmental review is going to start in July and we will have [unintelligible] taking action on the shadow this month that the new proposal will cast upon the existing parks. So this is a really big wonderful step for India Basin, getting a new concept plan—I'm sorry, the EIR certified and then probably the Commission adopt the concept plans. It's just a huge hurdle and it's been many years in the making.

So actually this is the only thing I wanted to say because we are talking [unintelligible] through the rest of the meeting so Phil is going to give a bond funding update and then I'm going to talk about historic and cultural resource projects. In think Gary has a couple of things for Operations.

Chair: We can do it after.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: For those of you who don't know me my name is Phil Ginsburg, I'm the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department. On July 7th I had my 9th anniversary. I am officially into my 10th year as the General Manager of this Department.

Apropos of me being in a push to get going I'm also on July 12th I celebrate my 20th anniversary of marriage. My wife is at the Giants game waiting for me. She told me if I'm there by 8:00 I'm fine, if I'm there by 8:30 she's leaving so in the name of a happy marriage—

It is National Parks and Recreation Month which is a big national thing, you all should know about it. So I wanted to say thank you to PROSAC. You all are park advocates from all over the city and we really appreciate you and the relationship between the Department and PROSAC has evolved considerably over the last decade, dare I say before I start my presentation, I think it's as healthy as it's ever been. I want to say thanks to the leadership and thanks to all of you for working with us. We're all on the same team, trying to build and maintain the best rec system in the United States, that's what we're doing together.

We're going to talk a little bit all that we've accomplished together over the last nine or ten years in our park system and this presentation is the pivot to the next ten years and how are we going to begin to tackle the next ten years.

What I will say to tee-up the conversation is the investments that we've all made together and really the heart of what PROSAC does is to really work with us on Capital and obviously there's a lot of Operations and the roles have changed and evolved but the heart of the mission as when PROSAC was created, with the Open Space Fund was created is really to work with us on Planning and Capital and because of that good work which you'll see as soon as we get this going.

What's not covered in here but I think we should not lose sight of it where we sit and we're often sort of struggling with a neighborhood by neighborhood park issues and questions of equity and the on the ground problems which are very real, they're very real. But as we—I sit on the

National Urban Parks Board and I talk to a lot of big urban parks directors, this city has become the gold standard, it really has. The Trust for Public Land does its park rankings every year which I'm sure you're aware of. We have been a top-five city for the last six or seven years. We're the first city in the United States where 100 percent of us live within a ten-minute walk or a park or open space that's included in the way that they measure. Our ability to work together as a community to advocate for resources for parks is really looked at across the country as a little bit of a gold standard, some of the ways we're working with developers now and getting developers to make investments in open space is starting to be watched.

So there's a lot of physics happening in our system and that's frankly—I've very proud of our staff and the expertise and passion but that's very much because of the parks community. I mean this is a city that really cares about its open space and it is because we're so dense and open space is so important.

Jane Weil: So as a representative of the now becoming even more densest neighborhood in the city I think the stats—and I've very proud of you and what you do, Trust for Public Land recognition and all of that but I really think it is sort of a false image if you will because you do have to consider even though the people in the Tenderloin and now South of Market are within a ten-minute walk if that ten-minute walk is dangerous and not walkable it's really not a true fact that people are within a ten-minute walk of an open space in a park and so the equity measure, all of these things sound great on paper and I know you need to do them to get all this national recognition but I just think the reality is very different on the street in certain neighborhoods.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: I'm very well aware of the reality on the streets. As I prefaced that doesn't mean that we don't have challenges and that's one of the compelling reasons why I'm here, to talk about what we're going to do over the next ten years. The ability to walk to a park safely is super important. The ability of any piece of open space, it's one thing to have it, another for it to feel usable and safe and culturally relevant and all those things. Our system has really good bones and we should appreciate that. Sometimes we need to elevate and sometimes we need to be in the muck. Our park system is not immune from the challenges of urban living. We live in a big crazy city and some of that stuff are things we can control by activating public space. I've never seen Civic Center or Alfred Lake look better than they currently look. But there are some things that we can't control, except for the fact that parks are really a driver. The case that I need your help making is that parks are the solution to some of those ills. They are the solution to affordability. They are the solution in many respects to health and public safety and well-being of our communities and that's why we need to keep investing in them and all the conversation in the city has been dominated by housing and homelessness—super important topics, so I am not whatever—but open space is a solution to some of those issues and we need to kind of keep that on the forefront.

So let me now jump to the presentation. You guys asked me to come give you a little bit of an update on where we are. So let's do that. And we start by again taking a look back. We do have one of the best park systems, right? There is no city in the country that doesn't have some of the challenges that you talked about. It doesn't mean we should keep driving to figure out strategies to improve them. But it is important to actually look at this on a national standard because we do lose perspective a little bit.

Our Capital team has done a great job. Dawn's leadership was tremendous. We've all done really well together and I don't look at it as just us, I look at it as all of us.

Over the last ten years which is just about the span of the time that I've been in the role we've been able to invest \$380 million in parks of capital investments in our parks and the two primary sources are the 2008 parks bond and the 2012 parks bond but that only gets you to about if my math is correct about \$320 million. What is really significant about what we've been able to do with really robust public investment is leverage private investment. We've leveraged in that time another \$60 million of investment in parks for philanthropy from various grants that require a local public match, from impact fees and this is just an examples of projects of how we've leveraged public investment with private investment. Margaret Hayward Playground is 56 percent is bond funding and 44 percent other sources. [unintelligible] impact fees but there's also some philanthropy in there. Garfield Pool the same, 56 percent. Construction starts in August. 56 percent from bonds, 44 percent elsewhere. And by the way that's the margin of some of the things that we all want in our neighborhoods and communities. That's really the margin of excellence right there. This amount doesn't get you the Garfield Pool that we're designing, it just doesn't.

Community Opportunity Fund has been a really great success and has allowed communities and neighborhoods to decide upon their own investments and what's important to them. Let's Play S.F. which we're still early in the program—not so early in the planning phase but we're early in terms of the project delivery phase of the program, a significant amount of philanthropy involved in that.

City Fields, all the soccer fields that you've seen. That was \$25 million of public money and \$25 million of private. The Golden Gate Park tennis courts that is an extraordinary example that goes in this bucket, only \$3 million of public money, \$24 million of private. So our ability to leverage public money for other sources is really important.

Just taking a look back on where we are. When Garfield and Balboa and Rossi are completed we will have renovated nine of nine pools since about 2000. It goes a little further back than the 08 bonds but all nine pools will have been renovated.

I mentioned some of the synthetic turf fields. Ten of ten of these projects are installed. We're already on generation number two, we're using both public and private money, Prop B is super important. That General Fund Capital money is allowing us to make very deliberate maintenance choices annually where you're seeing all the tennis courts and the basketball courts and some of the fields that are getting redone and that General Fund stuff is helpful but we're already renewing—we've already renewed four of our oldest of the ten fields and when Margaret Hayward comes online because of the gift that field will also be turf. And we're now into a very different generation of turf so those with anxiety about crumb rubber, that's gone. In each new generation of field that's gone. It just keeps improving. These fields save water, they allow kids to play year around. Fields don't need to rest. It's easier to maintain. They are critical to cities. You know Minnie and Lovie now versus what it used to be.

Restrooms. I found this hard to believe but actually 35 of our 41 freestanding restrooms have been renovated or are in progress. And the last ones remaining most of them are in Golden Gate Park.

Rec centers. We still have some work to do but this is kind of the heart and soul of who we are and all three of these examples are amazing examples of the work that's been done with our partners in public works and Planning. This one takes my breath away every time I see it.

Play areas. 94 of 130 have been touched or are being touched.

So here's the pivot, let's look to the future and tomorrow the 45th Mayor of San Francisco is inaugurated. This was a quote from yesterday in the paper and the question I have for all of you is when she's talking about parks. I don't know but when I look at this I think parks and when I think parts we are about to make some decisions that will positively impact the next generation of San Franciscans growing up here and this city is growing. What I'm going to talk to you about is the potential nine or ten-year bond campaign that really tackles some very big projects and then tries to address some of the other need that's out there around the neighborhoods but our city keeps growing and the number of kids keeps growing and that's a good thing.

So before we talk about the opportunities let's talk about the challenges. Bid escalation. We're getting creamed and maybe it will cool off but it's not going to come down to 2008 levels. And let me bring you back for those of you who don't remember the city's ten-year Capital plan was created around 2008. I served in the Mayor's Office at that time and it was Mayor Newsom, City Administrator Ed Lee and member of the Board of Supervisors soon to be Chief of Staff Sean Ellsburn that were kind of the drivers in the creation of the ten-year capital plan. Because parks are so popular we were one of the first bonds out of the gate and we were coming off the 2000 parks bond which this organization had some growing pains, didn't do as well as it needed to do. It was one big lump sum of money. There wasn't enough preplanning people. There were people that were frustrated and maybe some of you around this room remember that. It was a little before my time but in 2008 we were given an opportunity to do it again with basically \$155 million. \$30 million was a parks and water fund open spaces bond, so \$30 million was reserved for the Port which was in the campaign because they felt that the Port couldn't do a bond for parks on its own. It's now got it's seawall bond, that's a whole different kettle of fish. But the Port had been with us as this bond campaign the Port has a very critical waterfront [unintelligible].

So we had \$155 million. In 2012 for our next bond and we went a year earlier that we were originally anticipating we started out with the same amount, \$155 million, \$30 million for the Port and through the give and take of the Board process and because of some advocacy frankly by some of you in this room, there was some District 6 advocacy that was important, our bond allocation went to \$165 million. Unlike other Capital programs like the Department of Public Health there's no placeholder for the Department of Public Health or no placeholder for Public Safety, they actually go and look at what's the need and San Francisco General Hospital has \$800 worth of need so guess what? They had a \$800 bond. But we had had a placeholder, a fixed amount and so when you look at this escalation that means less park of time.

This is another way to look at it. This was eight years ago, today, and very conservative escalation assumptions for 2021 and frankly, we need to refine this, we need to show this for the mid-point of the bond which is 2025 not 2021. But look what has happened. This is very real. We are not puffing. There is no puffery in the slide. You all know some of this. This is what Palega costs, this is what Gene Friend is going to cost and this is what we fear the near rec center in the next bond is going to cost.

And so because of that more dollars means less park improvement. Things are costing more and we're getting less. In 2011 this \$3.5 million did all of this at McCoppin Square. In 2017 \$3 just did the children's play area and [unintelligible].

So then if you have less then you get to situations—Robert D8—this happened in the 2012 bond which was it was very important that there be a little bit of money for George Christopher but it was not enough to do a curb-to-curb renovation in the entire park like we did at Palega. Moscone is an example of one that we did which is a partial renovation. And people get frustrated because you still have high expectations, there is inconvenience in park use. People get invested in the planning and design and then at Moscone we saw the irrigation problems in the fields, we saw cracks in the tennis courts, things are not taken care of and that's some of the challenges we're having at George Christopher right now which is we only have the money that we have and you can't do everything. So we much prefer doing curb-to-curb renovations than partial renovations

As we think about the future over 2008 and 2012 is was called the Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond campaign and we really did tackle a lot of small neighborhood parks around the city all over. Some of the things which remain are really big and really challenging and they're going to be really complex and costly but to the good they are also potentially very transformational for us. That's where we sit today.

One of the lessons learned from all of our bond campaigns is more planning ahead of time. When you find stuff there's always going to be a surprise, there's always going to be an unexpected delay. It's just going to happen. That's just the nature of the beast but the more site evaluation we can do, the more research we can do, we're trying to mitigate risks in our planning so if there are several projects which we hope end up in the bond where we are well along in planning already, right? And then we need to be even more conservative about both project and program reserves and contingencies. A project contingency is money that is attached to a particular project in the bond. The problem with that is everybody knows it's attached to the particular project in the bond and so then we go through conversations and Ana you and I have had these conversations and you want to kind of [unintelligible] and we want to build as much park as we can and so then we get forced to actually kind of use the contingency for things that are not contingent and then when something happens we're kind of stuck and we have to delay. Then the costs go up.

So we need both project reserves but we need program reserves so when a bid comes in 20 percent higher than the engineer told us it was going to come in we don't have to tell you that we're not going to build this park or we don't have the money to build this park or we have to cut something out.

Steven Currier: District 11. So Phil. How do we go back to our community? Because what you said, yes, the bigger parks go attention, the smaller parks didn't.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: No! I'm saying the opposite. The smaller parks got a lot of attention.

Steven Currier: In District 11 unfortunately not in District 11 so we're basically screwed because we actually we had a list of the smaller parks. We're catching up right now but what do we tell our constituents?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: Why don't you let me go through the presentation because I don't know what you to tell your constituents yet and actually District 11 has gotten a remarkable amount of investment. So let me just go through it and then we can chat a little bit.

So the point here is that we've got what's on the table is going to be big and a lot of what's on the table is going to be very big and challenging. Not all of it, there are plenty of—we haven't done the whole system. We have 225 parks, right? But more planning and we need to be a little bit more conservative about our reserves.

So how do we think about what is going to make it into the next bond, what are the criteria? We have not started a community process yet, we are in the planning phase. We're not starting a community process yet because we're hoping the number that's in the capital plan isn't the number because if that's the number it's going to be really problematic. So under we are really sure what the size of the bond getting back to Mayor Ferrell's letter which was based on a proposal of us which I'm going to share with you in a second, we're hoping for a bigger number.

But regardless of what the number is what do we look at? We look at need. We're very focused on our equity zones, we take this very seriously. We've worked with you very closely on this. We focus on density and growth and equity, right? That's this high needs. We have to look at a condition of our system. Three years ago we started something called Project Lifecycle which is basically a modernization of the way we assess our assets. We are currently in the process—and maybe you've heard this in prior meetings—of assessing 54 million square feet of park assets. That is happening right now and we will come back to you and share our data of course we'll share it as part of the bond process but we'll give you guys sort of a primer on what it's looking like. So we look at condition assessments, we're particularly focused on seismic safety obviously. And then we're really starting to focus if we have to make choices let's look at sites that have a diversity of use, that are multiuse sites that are really going to be a draw for the community and be a community hub as opposed to a single use spot, a single basketball court or a single neighborhood park that has one feature. Now, everything deserves investment and if we can all figure out a strategy to give us the money, we'll deliver. We'll hire out and we'll deliver and we're acquire more land. We want as much park and the best part that the resources that this city decides to give us but this is the criteria and this is the Planning Department's growth map and the our equity zone map and you can see there's actually some alignment there.

So as we look to the future we are focused on five core projects and these are projects that meet those criteria and for which there has been a significant amount of advanced planning and they are kind of—they fit this idea of transformational. So let's go through them.

The first as Stacy talked about is India Basin which has been in the planning phase now since 2010. Community engagement 2010 they acquired 900 Innes and you asked us to buy it. And the Board of Supervisors approved us buying it. So we bought it. Now we've got to build it and it's not just 900 Innes. The promise of that site and of that neighborhood is it's 1.7 miles of continuous waterfront open space. That is and for those of you in the neighborhood if you don't like this analogy I totally understand but I'm going to use it to explain to you how I feel about this space—this has the potential to be a Crissy Field type site for this southern part of the city. This might be in my view the most important modern-day part project in San Francisco. It's currently a [unintelligible]. There's a lot of similarities here between here and Brooklyn Bridge Park in that we don't own all 1.7 miles we if you go from—we can do a deeper dive someday, I don't even have the whole map—but think about Heron's Head in the Port, then you've got the PG&E site and that great trail that goes down India Basin Shoreline Park which is fine, it's somewhat pedestrian but it's got great views. And then there's the 900 Innes piece that we just bought and then there's India Basin Open Space which we own but have done nothing with and then inside that is the Build Inc. development in which they plan to give the city five acres of parkland and then if you go further south you get to something that is strangely named Northside Park because it the northern tip of the Hunters Point Shipyard. So you've got all open space around the India Basin rim. It's an unbelievable opportunity and it's one where we've already got a Measure A restoration grant to do some of the cleanup, a Coastal Conservancy grant. We just put in a \$10 million philanthropic grant all from philanthropy. The challenge is this is probably \$120 project and we may not be able to do it all at once but that's what this is going to cost and we are sitting on \$155 bond.

Next one, Portsmouth Square. You're all familiar with this I assume. One of the most important open spaces in this city. It is literally the living room for people who live around that area. I have gone on the tours of the SROs, it is literally the living room. People absolutely have to have that space because they don't have any other space and it is one of the city's oldest parks and it's a space that this city other than the restroom that we put in has done for a really long time. Also in a equity zone. India Basin, equity zone. Portsmouth Square, equity zone. One of the densest neighborhoods in the city, well along in planning. We have our next community meeting on Thursday, tomorrow is our next meeting. How many community planning meetings? Are we at ten, twelve? And we have funding in place. We've had over \$2 million where we've been able to begin the planning and design process. Probably somewhere well north of \$50 million, probably \$60 million.

Next, Gene Friend rec Center in SOMA, also an equity zone. Obviously my District 6 comrades can speak passionately and articulately about its importance. It is one of the heaviest and most well-used recreation centers in the city. It has a lack of multipurpose space. It's facility condition index I'm assuming will prove quite high. Our intent is because there isn't always new land our intent is to make the building bigger to accommodate its use. The planning process has been going on actually since 2015 and we have the benefit of a \$1 of philanthropy that has helped us with planning and design on the project. I don't know what the philanthropy will be like to build

it but we did start out with a \$1 million to help plan and design it and we are expecting money from the neighborhood plan, we don't know exactly when that comes due, it's tricky but we've fought and thank you to those of you who participated in this conversation. We fought to prioritize Gene Friend in the central SOMA so we have our fair share of impact fees. But all-in that building is probably a \$55-\$60 million building. Hopefully we can put it together with a mix of impact fees and bond funds.

Kezar Pavilion, right down the street. In 2024 this building turns 100 years old. It looks it. Parts of it are inaccessible because there's no ADA access in it. It has the highest seismic hazard rating of any building in our system. It is tied with this one. We have got some preliminary data back from our facility condition assessment—it's got a .9 rating on a scale of zero to 1 and the way this works zero to .5 you repair, you don't replace. As you move from .5 to 1 it's time to replace. And so we're just throwing money at this building. We just replaced a boiler for \$200,000. This building needs to be done. It is the hub of SFUSD, there's all kinds of youth activity and sports that goes on there. It's a hub for summer camps. It is the only indoor athletic facility with more than 100 seats in our system. We have some outdoor—we have Kezar Stadium—but it's the only indoor facility that actually can accommodate guests or visitors to watch. And it needs to begin to serve a little bit of a broader role as a recreation center. The closest recreation facilities in this neighborhood is Sunset Rec Center, not so close, and Hamilton. There actually really isn't a recreation center in the Sunset-Inner Richmond hub. Richmond has the Richmond Rec Center. We have some existing money for planning the design and by the way it is Golden Gate Park's 150th in 2020. We need to think about all of us, about what the next 150 years of Golden Gate Park is going to look like. We have some other issues, we've got the Conservatory which needs some love and attention, the Senior Center, but this might be the most poorly conditioned building in the system.

Japantown Peace Plaza. A crumbling plaza. It was designed poorly back in 2000. The plaza crumbling, water intrusion into garage, tiles coming up. There was a water feature built into the park which not only doesn't work it actually contributes to the degradation of the park. The space doesn't accommodate the neighborhood. It is actually sacred space because it is the site of significant displacement of the Japanese-American community in San Francisco. Already underway in planning, another equity zone project.

So we look at those as core projects and obviously we got through a big robust community conversation but these meet our criteria of density and equity and poorly conditioned facilities and multi-use and advanced planning and the ability to leverage some outside money which all these projects have done already.

So here what you see is we did a little bit of a scale on cost and planning for these core projects and you can see—and what we're saying as high as \$50 million-plus. So three of the five are \$50 million-plus. So three, three, three. Japantown Peace Plaza we hope will come in a little bit less than that and you can see that all of these have begun planning in some stage.

That alone kind of blows through our bond and then the next bond. But we know that there's other need in many different neighborhoods and so what we hope to be able to put together is a program that includes these core projects, also includes some neighborhood parks that meet that

criteria and then as we always do we have programs within the bond that are more specific to either constituencies or uses.

This is just an image. This is not an exhaustive list. We don't have a list other than the work on those five core projects and we don't even know if we can do them with the amount of money that we currently have but everybody should see something in there that looks familiar. There's some work at Crocker that has the potential to be a public-private partnership with the Giants that is just emerging. Obviously 11th and Natoma a little further down the road than India Basin but we bought it. Someday we need to build it. Jackson Playground there's a community that's actually been working and planning for that project. Buchanan Ball, Hertz Playground a really important equity zone site in the Bayview where we're working with the Hope S.F. team to reshuffle the deck. Some of our oldest rec centers, we have three really old rec centers and buildings are really expensive. Mission Rec, St. Mary's and Bernal Heights are the three oldest now. I don't see all three getting this, I don't. It's going to be hard. Buena Vista has been waiting a long time, a big regional park, one of our oldest, more of a landscape project, there are no structures in it so that means we have a little bit more flexibility in how we approach it. You can't phase build it. You can phase park investment but you can phase a building and then remember what we said about curb-to-curb versus piecemealing a renovation. If we need to do it, we'll do it but our preference is to try to get to curb to curb as much as possible.

Ocean Beach, Mira Loma, obviously McLaren Park and Golden Gate Park and Lake Merced they are ongoing work. So there's a lot. So what do we do?

Here's our pitch. We remember what I said earlier, we had a \$155 million in 2008. We have \$165 million in 2012, \$30 million each year to the Port. Now obviously I guess that's negotiable but we've gone to the Port, we want the Port to have great parks and open space too, I think you all do as well. Mere escalation alone on 2012 not 2008 but mere escalation on 2012 alone would have us at \$225 million is we did nothing else, just to stay whole with 2012. As of 2019, by the way, I think we're understating this because this is as-of 2019. So it's probably a little higher. But 2012 bond in 2019 dollars is [unintelligible]. So that's not enough.

So our pitch, our proposal will be and hopefully you guys would support it, is to merge a 2019 bond and 2025 bond, they're six years apart. Our last bond was 2012, we're in 2019, we won't be done until 2020 or 2021. We think a real bond can't be particularly the big complex projects can go nine years easy.

So rather than piecemealing this in a way that doesn't give us all as a community the opportunity to make good choices we want to merge those bonds and then advocate for some recognition that there's been escalation, right? So it's merging the 2019 bond and the 2025 bond because by the way they're all the same amount, they're both at \$185 million with \$30 million each to the Port. So you merge the two and then we can advocate we're getting less park out of this because things cost more and that was the Mayor Ferrell recommendation.

Now, I don't know what Mayor Breed, all the housing and homeless, all very serious stuff. I don't know what her policy and priorities are going to be or whether she's going to lead with something else. We probably have a little bit of flexibility. We'd like to go in 2019 because we

think that's the right time to go. We could probably have a little bit of flexibility in terms of them but we really believe this needs to be the \$500 million range to try to go back to all those things that we talked about.

Here's our schedule and we're assuming 2019. Right now we're in the Capital plan at \$185 million, \$30 for the Port, so \$155. I don't even know how comfortable I am with that bond program given what we're facing because I either have to put one or two projects in and that's it or we pretend that things don't cost what they cost and we put more projects in but we underfund them and I don't think that's a good strategy.

So here's our schedule but we really can't launch a community public planning process until we have a little bit more clarity on what it is. Now, Mayor Farrell said go forward as if it's going to be this and start your community planning process. Mayor Ferrell is not Mayor anymore. So we're in a little bit of a wait and see mode. Just going back here we're continuing to do our condition assessments, we're doing all the preplanning that we can do. The projects that are in the pipeline where there have been community processes that are underway, Gene Friend and Portsmouth and India Basin and some of the others, we're driving those. We're continuing to drive but we can't really go to the community and Steve to your point I don't know what we have so how do we make choices?

Assuming we get some clarity then we have community process through the spring of 2019, to the Board in June and election in November. That's what the 2019 schedule looks like and then when we do go to the community this is how we will do it and we want your help. We look at data and then decide if that's a fair way to balance that. Data is our criteria that's quantitative, it's subjective, it is what is the facility condition index, what is the income density, what is the youth density, what is the income density, what is the cost, just data. And then there are values and we all have different values and different priorities, we all come from different neighborhoods, we all use parks differently and we understand that. So that's more qualitative and value-based and parochial and I don't mean that in a bad way, we all love our neighborhood park and our neighborhoods and all of the Districts we've ever met, we totally get that. Our job is to try to put a puzzle together.

So that's it, that's the story.

Chair: All right, so I'm going to open it up to questions. Let's be respectful of Phil's time. I'd like to cap questions at ten minutes which means that each member—

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: And Toks and Stacy are Captains and then can come.

Chair: Yeah, we certainly have ongoing conversations with Stacy and Tokes. I think that members may have direct questions for you so I'm just going to take a list. I saw Kenneth Maley's hand up so we'll start with him. Steven, Jane.

Kenneth Maley: District 3. I've been perplexed for some time about this \$30 to the Port and the three bonds there that's \$100 million. The Port has what, seven miles of shoreline? How much more open space is realistic for the Port and why is the Port unable to support this draining

on we do the legwork, we get the bond passed and yet we sacrifice \$30 million time after time. I don't understand why we can't at least gradually shift some of that back to the Port?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: It's a fair question. The seawall is the first bond measure that the Port itself has ever put on the ballot. I think there was a determination that because of its geography and size that it didn't have the citywide reach and because its open space really matters and it needed help. I think that was the original determination. The Port has been a very good partner during the campaigns, they help raise money and stuff like that but your point is a valid one and it's going to take someone above my pay grade to disentangle them. It's very difficult for me to go in there and say you want to take out a sister agency and someone who share and open space mission with us, a smaller open space mission but shares it.

One of the advantages of one bond and not two is that. Assuming the practice continues, we go once not twice, maybe one allocation, not two. Then generally when the bond gets on there's always a lot of horse trading and getting everyone together. Maybe that's healthier to be once and not twice in such a short period of time.

Kenneth Maley: So how would you suggest we raise the issue of divorcing?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: I think it should start with kind of understanding—and Stacy is going to help facilitate this—is what's the status of the Port's open space, what are their unfunded projects, what do they hope to accomplish in the next five to ten years, what is their open space message.

Kenneth Maley: I had asked the Port to make a presentation with PROSAC on their open space program. They're agreed to do it.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: That's a good idea. I'm very neutral on this because obviously we want more investment for our park system and I'm always going to be an advocate for that but our open space network is great because of our parks, because of the Port's waterfront open space, because of some space that the Port has because of the Presidio, because of all these things and so I get it.

Kenneth Maley: The Port's been a client of mine for—

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: I get it.

Kenneth Maley: And then continue just to depend on that, they plan on it.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: I get it.

Chair: So Ken I think that is an absolutely a good point. I think it's something we should take up as an agenda item. Thank you for bringing it up. It is within our scope to talk about that. Steven.

Steven Currier: District 11. So just to follow up on what I said—and I just want to make a couple points on what you said after my comments. I appreciate what you said. I think District 11 has received quite a bit of attention from Recreation and Park and we're talking about the bigger parts—Balboa, Balboa pool, Crocker-Amazon, Minnie Lovie. We've been really excited and fortunate that we've got the attention. What I was talking about with the smaller parks is that people come up and say but we haven't had any attention. Now we're into the phase of Alice Chalmers which is something I've worked on for years. You made also a comment about a public-private relationship. One of the things that I did in the early 2000s when Elizabeth Holstein was here was I pulled in the San Francisco Giants Foundation to renovate the ballparks at Crocker-Amazon. That's when I was chair of Crocker-Amazon. I also brought in the 49ers Foundation to build us a football field and then of course unfortunately that winter we lost the scoreboard and everything went downhill because we couldn't get anything from Recreation and Park say we were going to build that back up again.

So my issue is there is an underlying current right now that everybody things that there's going to be a bond measure in 2019 that everybody is talking about. Well, people in the know that are talking about, and people are already jockeying to put their ideas on what they want to see in this bond. Okay, so—and you don't have to answer this because you already said we don't know where we're going to go in the next few months regarding this bond measure but how do I appease the neighborhood organizations, the myriad heiresses, and the Linda D'Avirro and all the other organizations, Outer Mission Resident Association. How do I say you know what, we're going to be taken care of?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: You can say that.

Steven Currier: Yes, exactly. But we want—you know, one of tasks that I've been given on being on PROSAC is to push this bond forward in 2019 which I am going to do when we find out what the parameters are and where the money is going.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: Let me try to answer Steve because I think I under the gist. Let me just say something about District 11—the bond is an important one for parks but not the only component, right? We're using Market tax credits that are helping us get down the Geneva Car Barn all this time. We use General Fund Capital, we're doing Let's Play S.F. is taking care of Merced Heights with a lot of General Fund Capital. Alice Chalmers is getting resurfaced and redone out of General Fund Capital. We just did the Geneva Community Gardens. So I think in fairness there's some big and some small and I think District 11 has a lot of parks, a lot of kids, it needs a lot of investment. We're doing it. We have to work together. I think it starts with helping us work through the process to advocate for the largest bond we can possibly get.

Steven Currier: So my question back to you is you mentioned Crocker-Amazon and redoing the baseball fields. What do you want from me and Ken in building that type of partnership for the Giants Foundation?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: So this is not super [unintelligible] but we are in some planning phases. The Giants actually have an interest in cultivating—I'm being very project

specific here—they're focused on a youth baseball academy that they are willing to make some significant investments there but we're going to have a responsibility to match. So we'll have to decide as a community whether we want to pursue that opportunity. It's a really exciting one.

Steven Currier: But you'll keep us in the loop.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: Of course, as it evolves.

Chair: Jane.

Jane Weil: District 6. So what I'm hearing is you want us to lobby anyone we can get the ear of and so what would help me because I've been away and I'm hearing some things like Mayor Farrell [unintelligible]. It would help to have some bullet points exactly what you want us to lobby for so would we want to keep the \$500 million, we want to do it in 2019, just either you or Stacy could just give us some talking points that would be very helpful.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: Let me say this—and thank you for being direct. It's not a comfortable position for a Department head to ask you to lobby. My job is to help our Mayor and our Board of Supervisors and our communities have the best park system it can have, that's my focus and there are tradeoffs. You're all here because you're park advocates so I assume that's your focus too. What you're seeing here because of the fact that the projects are bigger, they're more expensive, we have not really been given a cost of living adjustment in the bonds of the last decade or so—we've got, and there's a whole lot of need—we've got some challenges. It's also very exciting. We have an opportunity to do some amazing things for the city like going back to Mayor Breed's quote that are going to make a difference for families ten years from now. That's my goal. If I make it that long, that could be a career and I would like to be able to look back and say we did some amazing things.

I do need your help in making—we all have our parochial interests and constituencies and our pet projects. I do ask you to think about the whole. If we're going to do Portsmouth at \$65 million that might mean some smaller neighborhood parks can't get done this time or this way. If we're really going to take on India Basin we're going to have to make some sacrifices or tradeoffs together.

So I guess I could use your help in thinking that through whether we want to tackle fewer, bigger things or just spread it around all over the place which might feel good at the moment but may not feel as good in the long-term.

Jane Weil: So the second piece of that is a huge—there's a \$185 million everybody knows in the Central SOMA Plan for open space. Some of it is your priorities but some of it is not so I mean again I think it's important that Recreation and Park administration as well as individuals just stay on top of that. That's coming out over 25 years but we want it to go not [unintelligible] push the developers every minute but if they want it they have to pay for it. So again I think that has to be part of our Capital plan, staying on that all the time since that's where some of the private money is but I guess it's sort of rhetorical question, how do we manage that process. How do we manage making those developers pay for what you want, not what they want.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: That's probably a longer conversation we've had together and I think a lot of us are on the same page really. Again, it's tradeoffs so there's only—we've worked more closely with the Mayor's Office Economic and Workforce Development over the last four or five years than I think this Department ever has in its history. There have been a few different projects including India Basin, including Visitacion Valley, including Shlaga, some of the Hope S.F. sites. But at the end of the day if the developer is going to do the project it's got to pencil for them and you can only push so much and then it's just being a voice for parks saying like hey yes, housing and transportation and childcare all these things matter and they're all interrelated but parks are a really important solution in that equation.

Chair: Ana Gee.

Ana Gee: District 6. When you're at this stage where you're [unintelligible] how involved can we be in that process?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: We would love your representation and we will design a process but we love—you guys can figure out how you want to divvy it up, hey we'll come back to you and share data as a group but we'd also welcome your participation and leadership and your facilitation in some of the community conversations.

Stacy Bradley: I think they see you as the key gateholders to your neighbors and communities and so coming with us to the meetings when we go to your neighborhoods and tell us that this is the one that you need to go to, don't forget about these people, don't forget about this group, that's what we really want to get and work with you really closely and make sure that we're touching as many people as we can because all of our parks touch everybody so we want to make sure that with our connections to you we're able to actually reach out and hear back as well.

Chair: So I'm going to close this item. Any other comments from committee members? Phil before we let you go I want to say thank you. I want to also thank Robert Brust who started this process months ago in saying if we're going to work together on this bond we want to bring it to the table sooner. I'll say this is my ninth year at PROSAC, the General Manager coming here this far in advance shows how serious this is as an issue because in reality he doesn't really know what the next steps are nor do we. What we know is we can sign on to say that we'll support whatever direction he goes. My only question to you, I heard \$550 million, what do we take? What's the number that we take?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: Look, I know that we're in a position to—I mean you see the projects out there. I don't know. I feel like we're saying let's put—we're in the Capital Plan in 2019 and 2025, those funds have been penciled. We're saying let's push them together to give us more flexibility to tackle some of these big things and start now. The longer we wait by the way the more expensive it gets. So we're saying let's push those two bonds. So that's not a huge lift, right, it's a policy decision about whether to kind of allow us to move forward with a nine-year Capital Program instead of a five or six that only ends up being seven or eight anyway, right?

The biggest thing is acknowledging and seeking a remedy for the fact that we have the same amount for a decade, right, and things have gotten more expensive so we're able to build less parks. So it's that escalation, what is the fair number there and I don't have an answer. We have a new Mayor starting tomorrow, I work for her and she's going to have priorities and so I'm here to relay information. The dilemmas that Steven and some of you have talked about all the pent-up community need it's going to be a tough conversation no matter what the number is and we're all going to have to think about whether they're willing to invest in these bigger projects, some of those core projects that we're talking about. The more we have the more we can do.

Male Speaker: So Phil, do you think that the current makeup of our population will accept and swallow a larger bond?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: The goal here always with our capital program—you ask an interesting question because—so let me get this out. The goal of the city's Capital—when we put new bonds on the ballot it doesn't increase property taxes unlike the School District or Community College District or BART because we only issue new debt when old debt expires.

Male Speaker: I understand that.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: And we know that calculation is based is based on issuance. So we can actually have a larger bond without increasing taxes. That escalation factor would come from new room because of increased property tax assessments. So there is some new room, there's some additional resources in the Capital Plan that are unaccounted for now, that are unallocated that the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors are going to make some policy choices about and that's I guess PROSAC's opportunity to advocate that money for parks.

Male Speaker: Should it be the Mayor we go to or our Supervisors?

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: My job—

Male Speaker: I know, I know.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: My job is to give you information about our hopes and dreams and facts. You guys as a body I'm giving you information. You need to figure out how you want to process that information.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] I absolutely think you should advocate to everyone you can advocate to.

Chair: Good answer. We're going to wrap this up. Thank you very much for that. We'll see you again. You'll come back and visit us in a couple months.

General Manager Phil Ginsburg: Of course. And we are really grateful for you, really. Thank you for the time.

Chair: So one thing I will add as Phil is departing and Robert I would ask you to take the lead on this, clearly there needs to be some sort of a working group because this is going to be an ongoing process for the next year and a half of the Department. I feel like Robert has started stirring this pot. I don't know if he wants to continue. Giselle certainly based on your history I think you would make a good member of that working group. So I would just ask that you talk offline, a couple of you who feel strongly about these things, can work with Stacy and Tokes, and just again we don't necessarily need to breath down their necks, we're on the same team. I think Phil really gave us the ability to play a role in this. I'm just saying to you guys now I'm speaking at the Chair and as an individual, I term out in eight months. It's you, right? Other people are going to sit in this chair. There's going to be a whole other committee here by the time all this hits the ground except for Ancel who will still be here but everyone else will be gone. My point to that is we've got to make some decisions now. The reason he came today was because we pushed to say how can we be of service? How can we as a community help? So I'm leaving that you to you guys as my legacy is to say we need to start forming what the next steps in this process are.

Ancel Martinez: I wanted to add following up to that and the question is like why Phil what can we do to help. I think it would be helpful Robert is to look at what the playbook in terms of the successful previous bond measures say about running a successful campaign. I'm just throwing that out there in terms of what are some of the lessons learned, what can be optimized.

Chair: To Ancel's point—and I was here for both the 2008 planning and the 2012 planning, both of those were wide but yet covered a lot—like what Phil was saying how you kind of lowball it, we can get a lot of parks done but then you've got a lot of unhappy people whose expectation is here and their park comes in here. So what they're kind of going at this time is more of a here is five huge projects, maybe we'll get them all done but we're definitely going to consider some smaller projects.

Richard Rothman: District 1. I mean that sort of bothered me too just doing five.

Chair: It's not just doing five.

Richard Rothman: But I mean it may be better to spread them out in the District to get a more broader support. District 1 got a lot in 2008 and 2012 but it just seems to me that if we have these giant projects then—I mean, there's some on there that I want to see too but I just think it might be a harder sell concentrating on five instead of giving something to every District in the city.

Chair: Certainly just on Ancel's point, the Department can present us easily with the successes and failures of the 2008 and the 2012, they can say this was great, we did this but we went too wide.

Stacy Bradley: I think that was how we focused the challenges signs were based on what we're learned from the 2008 and 2012 bond implementation. For the five projects are projects that have been in the words for multiple years but hopefully those are not the only projects. So that was one of the things I think Phil was discussion about how there's the main projects, there's

also all those programs that we didn't discuss, the Community Opportunity Fund, the Urban Forestry, Water Conservation, that have been really successful in the two bonds and have helped up be able to address citywide needs through some of those programs as well as other named projects. So we're still in the planning, a very early stage, because we haven't completed that conditions assessment yet and we don't know the bond amount. We just don't know what we have yet.

Male Speaker: So when should we know?

Stacy Bradley: That's the problem, we just don't know yet.

Richard Rothman: If it's going to be 2019 how far?

Stacy Bradley: The timing—we go to just the basic timing, November 2019, it goes to the Board in June of 2019. And so the Recreation and Park Commission has to approve it in advance of that. So we're talking like by May there absolute latest everything is done.

Chair: So theoretically you would come to us in January or February.

Stacy Bradley: Right, if we're coming in the fall because we want to be talking. We don't want to provide you with a package, we want you to be part of the discussion and the figuring out delving into these details.

Richard Rothman: Doesn't it have to go to the Capital Committee first?

Stacy Bradley: Yes.

Chair: But again it would still come to us.

Stacy Bradley: It would still come to you.

Richard Rothman: Well after that we still need the values from there.

Chair: I really support us having a working group that can get some more information that can put together the committee's position and then let us talk about it as an agenda item at that point. Wendy?

Wendy Aragon: District 1. One of the things I'm going to ask for is that when you're putting together these talking points for us some of us have really strong feelings about this Department for lack of—just kind of to put it bluntly and we we're going to have to sell this to them [unintelligible].

Stacy Bradley: We want to work very closely with you.

Wendy Aragon: [unintelligible] She and I share a lot of the same concerns like when we look at the equity zones that there's language access issues that are not being met and that some

communities think—because she's not looking at District 1, she's looking at citywide and she's looking at equity issues. And so if you want to sell her on that like we really have to show her what's coming and where that money is going because she's going to be a hard sell. I know the 2012 bond [unintelligible] so just making sure that you're preparing us with everything we have so we can get them onboard.

Stacy Bradley: Yes, I agree. I want to do that as well.

Kenneth Maley: Just a quick comment. If we do invite the Board and ask them to make a presentation on their open space program, expectations, etc, because they're thinking about this bond issue as well, they're expecting to have another 30 or so, maybe even more if we get a larger bond, they're going to jump on the fact that they'll get more than \$30 million so if we ask them to come and make a presentation I would suggest that the information that we do not a tip a hand that we're concerned about examining how we might divorce some of that money from them but I think it would help us understand better the relationship and what the Port does with money that we are moderating for.

Chair: Ken, I will just give you my two cents on this. When Dawn told us in the 08 bond that we were giving \$30 to the Port I was my junior PROSAC me lost it. I was like wait a minute, can you tell me why we're killing ourselves going door to door to raise this money and they're standing there collecting \$30 million. So I completely support that but I also realize and Phil makes a good point this is deeper than just this conversation because it predates everyone, maybe not you, but pretty much everyone in this conversation points to each other and goes I don't know, we always have done it together, what do you mean. So undoing that, that's a not a conversation. I want the Port to come and tell us what's this money for? What are your goals?

Kenneth Maley: We need to get them here.

Chair: That's the next step I'm sure.

Nick Belloni: They have presented to us before prior to the 12 bond they came.

Kenneth Maley: They've agreed to come, they just need to be invited.

Chair: We'll get to that.

Richard Rothman: So you're saying in this bond measure, in the 2019, whatever, that the Port expects to get some money out of it.

Chair: They're married to it. There's not even a question about it.

Richard Rothman: Why are they married to it?

Chair: Well, because the last two bonds they got [simultaneous comments]. Let's take a break folks. So any other committee comment? I know we could go on and on until the break of

dawn. Is everybody settled now? Any other committee comments? Any public comment on this item? Do you have a blue card?

Female Speaker: No, am I supposed to?

Chair: You are.

Female Speaker: Can I talk and then fill it out?

Chair: You absolutely can. Two minutes and it's on this item.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] everything that he said, the escalation of money. My husband has been on the Friends of Geneva [unintelligible] if it had been listened to at that time the whole project would have been done and paid for and now we could have just been able to do the power house with the amount, the original amount, that would have done the whole building and project and I really think all these projects are very worthwhile and I get it all. We're all part of the city [unintelligible] that doesn't mean that we need to think about the whole city as a whole but for District 11 we have waited long, twenty years, to rehabilitate that building and [unintelligible]

Chair: Thank you. Will you fill that out so we have a record? Can I ask you just off the record, well on the record, what would you trade? You heard what he said, what if you had another project in District 11 would you be willing to trade that project or trade of the bond for that project?

Male Speaker: There are a couple things that could be in the pipeline.

Chair: No, I know, but you've asked for a project I'm just asking whether there is a willingness to look at other potential projects in District 11 or is that the only project you're interested in as part of this bond?

Female Speaker: Yes.

Steven Currier: District 11. I would actually nix anything to do with Crocker-Amazon, baseball or football fields, I know that the soccer field's online but this is why I said something to Phil on how we can increase our public-private partnership with Recreation and Park such as the Giants Foundation and the 49ers Foundation and any other foundation like City Fields. City Fields was great to us. Harris knows, he was on that committee. But I would think that if we can build up the public-partnership that really some of that money on the bond to do other issues which would be the Geneva Car Barn. I've been working on the Geneva Car Barn since 1998.

Chair: Sure. I certainly voted to support it as did PROSAC. That's not my point. My point is like he said everybody has got a priority and I just want to make sure that you can bring ten people from District 11 in this room and they would all have different priorities. Mary just happens to be at this meeting and makes a good point that that needs attention.

Okay, any other public comment? Hearing none, this item is closed.

Let's move on to the next item, a Richard Rothman special brought to you in part by Stacy.

Stacy Bradley: Can I ask to swap it and have Persia Triangle go first.

Chair: You sure can.

Cathy Meyer: [unintelligible] I have lived in District 11 since 1999, I have a child, one son in high school and another daughter at Aptos Middle School so District 11 has been where I've raised my family and I've spent a lot of my adult life there.

I have a PowerPoint presentation that actually has better images that I would like to load. I would like to introduce Stephanie Cajina, she is the Executive Director of Excelsior Action Group and that group in particular has been involved with activating the area known as the Persia Triangle over since 2002.

So we're going present on the Persia Triangle. It's considered the heart of the Excelsior. So once the presentation gets loaded we'll get into it

Stephanie Cajina: These images just mirror what you will already have. If you don't have copies I've brought some, does anyone need a copy of the presentation? So the Persia Triangle has been called the heart of the Excelsior for at least twenty years. That's due to its location.

This slide shows an activation from 2014 when it was part of the Pavements to Park Sunday Streets program. It was a temporary installation on the outside of the property that we would like you to consider for acquisition. A temporary parklet was designed and implemented there. That great thing about the temporary solution was that [unintelligible] partnership with both a property owner, a business owner, we got input and engaged everybody in the process and a really incredible engagement effort that involves a serious of nonprofits. [unintelligible] designed this process and he [unintelligible].

This is what it looks like currently. So as you can see it's been much minimized, it's not the same type of installation, activation. This is the area that we're looking at for the parking lot and the building that houses the auto body shop. This is the larger map I wanted to show you. So this area really, truly is the center of this District 11. This is the Excelsior District, this is Mission Terrace, this is the Geneva intersection and Silver intersection. It is .6 miles away from one of the entry points to District 11, Silver Avenue. It's .5 miles away from Geneva. It's .8 miles away from the Balboa BART station which is another entry point into District 11 and this is where the intersection—this is Persia Avenue, Ocean Avenue and Mission Street.

Over the next ten years or so we will have quite a bit of housing development going on in this corridor, about 1000 units are projected to be built there and as you see we only have one parklet ready the whole length, almost 1.2 miles of Mission Street, that's it and it's the parklet that's right in front of the Persia Triangle area.

This is actually a Google image of the section that everyone is interested in open space acquisition, this particular triangle right there. So the parklets are installed right around here and that's the parklet that serves all of 1.2 miles of Mission Street. [unintelligible]

I wanted to take you an opportunity to show you a project that is in New York City. This is called Pearl Street and one of the things when I was doing research is the Global Design Cities Initiative identified spaces specifically parking lot spaces for conversion to create pedestrian destination, to improve access to transit, improve walkability, enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety, support local development and building community partnerships and preserve and promote neighborhood character.

So New York City identified various parking lots like this and now that is how that space has been activated. They were able to install [unintelligible], they changed the street directions. It's a nice family spot for people to enjoy and that's kind of the vision we hope to achieve at the Persia Triangle working with community.

I wanted to talk about the importance of this is transit access hub, the pedestrian access hub. This is a focal point of where the 14 Mission is one longest bus routes in San Francisco and one of the best-travelled. The 29 Sunset runs along this corridor and that is also one of the longest bus routes in San Francisco. So this actual corner here ends up being a major transit hub serving District 11 residents, providing them with access to the western part of the city, the eastern part of the city and northern and southern parts of the city as well as connecting the Balboa transit station. The Balboa transit station, the J line, the M line, the K line and the BART station.

So this is a way that we can also bring new people into the District, it's activating this space. [unintelligible] We are working SFMTA [unintelligible] to identify areas where they're going to be installing docking stations and there will be a docking station installed on the sidewalk near the Persia Triangle.

I wanted to talk a little bit more about supporting local development and building community partnerships. This space has been used by Excelsior Action Group for years to bring in others but we also have coordinated with groups like Youth Arts Exchange and this is the central hub [unintelligible] that went along the entirety of Mission Street and we actually have public art installations happen that day that this is the focal point of where everybody left and it kind of moved out so we had two murals installed that evening and the public helped install those murals. The designs were created by local community groups and local artists so that's one way that we've actually used this space to activate and bring in community to represent themselves culturally, through design and art.

So we're talking about as Phil was talking about the different uses of spaces, the multi uses of spaces, right. This space is [unintelligible] we've used it for markets, we've used it for public parks, arts events, for a series of different uses and every time we activate it we get a large crowd so folks like [unintelligible] partnerships with DPW and MTA and all these different public and private and nonprofit partnerships come together to activate the space.

The San Francisco opera came and did a performance in the Persia Triangle a year and a half ago. They had identified that space through their work with community based organizations that said yes, let's do it, let's go see if we can activate, we can hold the event at the Persia Triangle and it was a great success.

[unintelligible] and a series of performances at the Persia Triangle as well.

So this has just been an example and I want to show you a little bit of how this really was transformed through that temporary installation. How long was the installation? Eight months?

A year or so. So we installed it in 2014 and it came down about 2015 [unintelligible] but it was a design that the community participated in. Each [unintelligible] so it was one of those projects that it was all hands on deck in the community and everybody came together so it was big success for us.

This is another shot from the Mission Street side of the triangle on that particular [unintelligible]. We have a rich senior and youth community in the Excelsior and District 11 generally and so there aren't a lot of places for our seniors to sit, to just enjoy the commercial corridor. We don't have it, we don't have benches, we don't have outdoor seating, we don't have that. [unintelligible] so with the current installation that's there we have seating for our seniors and this is widely used. Every time [unintelligible], they're using that space.

And here's another photo of one of the cultural performances that took place during the 2014 Excelsior Festival that also was the grand opening of the parklet transformation.

This slide shows what we did last year during the Excelsior Festival which is now held in conjunction with Sunday Streets. Sunday Streets helped us work with Livable Streets to bring in plants and tables and a little bit of green carpet to kind of give people an idea of what this would look like if this actually was a space where you could come, hang out for a few minutes, go grab a burrito or some Chinese food and go sit and just relax in the parklet, eat with your friends. And it was a success. People really loved it and they gravitated towards it. We just had tents. We didn't have any really special activities. There was no music performances this year, it was staging a parklet. We also had Friends of the Urban Forest provide trees and so like Kathy was saying we were trying this minimalist approach to see if this would work, can we stage a public park and [unintelligible] and they did, you know. It was a very minimal design and yet a lot of folks felt [unintelligible] to just sit down, eat some foods and foods congregated there organically and so we considered it a success.

This is the last slide I have, I just wanted to include it because I actually [unintelligible]. This area is known as the Heart of the Excelsior. Do you have any questions, comments?

Chair: I'll start with Jane, Jordyn.

Jane Weil: District 6. On one slide I just have a question about the information. So the parcel as it is now does the owner just allow you to do these temporary installations out of the goodness of his heart?

Cathy Meyer: Exactly. So the business is closed on Sundays and so the business gives us their keys and says open up, lock up whenever you want and they're very friendly with us so we have a really great relationship with them and the property owner we also have an amazing relationship with. So it's been a partnership that benefits all of us.

Jane Weil: That's very generous. So that's 4650 Mission. So that's the 10,000 square foot lot and the 10,000 square foot building which you are proposing to demolish.

Cathy Meyer: Right.

Jane Weil: So it's a 20,000 square foot potential.

Cathy Meyer: No, this is a 10,000 square foot building. This is a 1200 square foot building and [unintelligible].

Jane Weil: So it's a 12,000 square foot.

Steven Currier: I'm going to jump in on that. So on that property also houses a Laundromat and if you recall in the Chronicle property about nine or ten months ago where they found a crawl space with many people.

Cathy Meyer: [unintelligible]

Jane Weil: My second question then you have 4680 Mission here but that's just for informational purposes?

Stephanie Cajina: This is just because this has a two-parcel lot in this block, so this is 4680.

Jane Weil: And that remains, right.

Female Speaker: The city has first time ever has penalized that property owner, they have to pay fees and fines to the city for their egregious misconduct and behavior and housing people in dangerous conditions [unintelligible].

Jane Weil: So is there any way to get that fund, that fee dedicated to creating that park as opposed to the money going to the General Fund and disappearing.

Male Speaker: That belongs in the hands of the City Attorney.

Female Speaker: Right. And that money—it wasn't a huge fine, it wasn't the biggest fine they could levy. It did go to paying the expenses for moving the folks and for the legal expenses as well. We do have hopefully some opportunities. District 11 currently has no Community Benefits Districts at all so that's another reason we're coming to you. We are in the process of trying to coalesce people to possibly have a Community Benefits District but quite frankly that is years away. This year we funded the Excelsior Outer Mission planning strategy with the

Planning Department and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Develop. We're going to keep moving forward with that project. They have come up with plans of how we can attract businesses and make the Mission Street corridor more attractive. Now, they've identified because it's such a long corridor, it runs from Silver Avenue to the County line which is over two miles of Mission Street. We've identified notes of activation. Of course this is the main note of activation identified through that planning process. We did get funding this year to develop a better streets plan with the Planning Department, the Department of Public Works. So we are diligently working toward being able to make Mission Street a more friendly place for businesses, for folks who live there, make it safer. This is a high-injury corridor, it's been identified as a high-injury corridor since 2011 so we've been working with SFMTA and there will be an installation of [unintelligible] traffic calming that's already happened right now. So we've been working diligently just trying to kind of renovate this area because our commercial corridor that supports [unintelligible] in relation to cash revenues.

Jordyn Aquino: District 4. Thank you for coming to present. I'm really impressed with how this area has been activated but I also know that because it is like a parking lot I wanted to know what kind of feedback you have received from the residents and customers that frequent this commercial corridor about the loss of parking and what the alternatives are for the community.

Female Speaker: So it's an auto shop. They repair cars there so nobody is really allowed to go in there and park. So it's not a loss of parking for them.

Steven Currier: I can answer that question! I know I received that question also. I don't know except for the last meeting that I attended with the Excelsior District Improvement Association and one person said why don't we just build affordable housing and a new library. He was talking about the Laundromat and we're talking about the open space, in the open space concept. I think I can safely say—please back me up—that I think 99.9 percent of the residents of the Outer Mission, Crocker-Amazon, Excelsior, New Mission Terrace are all in favor of having an open space in the middle of the Excelsior. Actually it's almost a relief for pedestrian safety and vehicular safety to have something calm in that District.

Female Speaker: That's the one unifier in our District.

Nick Belloni: District 2. So you want to buy this property which is great. What do you have a plan for the cost of building what you want to have on it and where?

Female Speaker: So right now we are working with some developers who are actually building space within a block of there. There's two developments, 65 Ocean and 915 Cayuga. 915 Cayuga is 50 percent affordable housing and 50 percent rent control and they are actually looking for a community investment. So specifically this is what they're talking with them about in regards to community investment. We also have a proposed project that's 60 percent market rate, 40 percent affordable housing, that is being built about .2 miles away from there. It's a Safeway and again that might be some sort of community benefit for them.

Nick Belloni: And how much are we talking that will cover building what you want to build there? The reason I ask this is I don't want to spend \$3 million on something where we sit there

and just languishes for a long time without having some money to go and at least have it planned.

Female Speaker: Right. So when we talked to the Department of Real Estate to do the demolition for the whole entire parcel they didn't break it out and said the demolition would be \$2 million. Now, keep in mind this is a three-story building with 10,000 square feet. This is one story, 1200 square feet. So we will have demolition costs. So I can't specifically answer like do we need a \$1 million to do what we'd like to do because again it would be a community process of seeing how we want to activate the space. But I can't give an estimate on that, I can just give you the number that I know for the demolition of the buildings. But again, one of them is much larger than the other.

Steven Currier: District 11, toward the Chair. To answer that question I think that's where it comes—the question to Phil was that public-private partnership and I think that's where EAG comes in and the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development comes in, it brings those partnerships together.

Chair: Before anybody else chimes in I'll just say that this committee anxiously heard about the Noe Valley Town Square and how it's going to be acquired and how there's all this private money that was going to be used for that and that 85 percent of that is funded by [unintelligible]. So I think that's why Member Belloni is asking because we don't want to be duped in the sense that—and again we understand the position. We know that the acquisition would have to come from the Acquisition Fund, from the Open Space Fund but the building of it we want to be confident that if we support this that there is something there that is actually there, there's an MOU with the development that you're talking about, something that we can look at and say as a committee hey we support this acquisition, what are you building? Where's the money?

Female Speaker: All I can tell you is that Supervisor Safai has been working with the developers specifically at 19 Cayuga because they did want to do community activation and this is what they're talking about. I can't give you an MOU at this time but I'm certainly willing to come back to you and tell you more specifically about what they've been working on.

Chair: Yeah and obviously this is a process, we know it's a process. We're not going to come away tonight with a resolution, we're going to come away tonight with an agenda item for a resolution probably, that will be what the outcome is, so that gives us some time.

Female Speaker: But also to keep in mind you know how quickly Prop 8 values are increasing and as construction increases along this corridor the property value is going to be more expensive to purchase each property and we're not looking at building structures on this property, we're looking more—the biggest cost is probably going to be the demolition and then we will have to build more public-private partnerships.

Jane Weil: Can I ask you to go back to the map. So the small triangle is what you're talking about.

Female Speaker: Yes.

Jane Weil: And where is Crocker-Amazon on that map? [simultaneous comments] And what is the large area up by Balboa, that's the school? That's the college?

Cathy Meyer: This is Balboa High School and Leadership High School and San Miguel Early education Learning Center. There's Balboa Park, Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse is right here, 100 units of affordable housing is being built right here but you can see with the exception of a football field that we don't have access to because it's in a school facility there's a tiny park that's a half a block long called the Excelsior Playground and here's Crocker Park down here. And then you've got Balboa Park up here that's usually activated on weekends with citywide leagues, so these fields are usually not available for use for most people. Here's the pool. This is a soccer stadium. So again this is something most people aren't really given access to using. You walk down into the [unintelligible] so you don't really have access to this, most people don't know. You have access at certain times of year to this. So this lawn area, this pool, the new tennis courts and there's a little skate park you can't even see on here it's so small but it's right here on the corner.

Chair: Nobody would advocate that there is—District 11 is open space deficient, we all know that.

Cathy Meyer: And we're an equity zone.

Chair: We know that, we certainly support that. I want to give Ken McGary a chance.

Ken McGary: District 11. Besides this being a great idea, I live two blocks from there so I'm especially big on the idea. I walk past there every day and it really is a lot of concrete around and so—and it is definitely a transit hub, the 29, the 49, the 14. So my question is about the auto repair place, is there any danger of little hidden environmental things to worry about?

Cathy Meyer: There could absolutely be abatement issues, soil abatement.

Ken McGary: Is there any way to kind of check into that before we get too far down the road? I don't know much about that.

Cathy Meyer: It would be an expense certainly.

Chair: It's something we'd want to know. Again, we've been in that situation, we've acquired open space that had questionable issues.

Cathy Meyer: I do have to say though because of the equity zone and the location we do have access to other types of funding for soil abatement from the State and Federal Government that other locations may not.

Chair: That's a good point too. So that's my list of questions. I would like to propose in order to move this along because we know that we can't give you a resolution tonight, I think generally in just gauging the committee's interest in this I think that you would have support if we could

develop a resolution. So I would like to urge the members of District 11 to work with the Supervisor's Office in coming up. The first step here—it's not on the acquisition roster, so that in itself rules it out from us supporting acquisition. The first step is to put it on the acquisition roster, let the Department go and see what the reality is and then have them come back to us so that we can offer a resolution.

Steven Currier: My recommendation is to close this presentation out, have public comment and then I'll bring forth my recommendation for a resolution.

Chair: Perfect.

Jane Weil: Just [unintelligible] an updated acquisition report would probably be helpful to put that into context so we know how much we have in the acquisition fund, where it's been allocated so far, etc.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: Any public comment on this item? Hearing none, this item is closed.

Steven Currier: Ken McGary, I hope you'll join me. I would like to make a recommendation and I'm going to actually go one step further than what I was asked to say, if we can draft a resolution for the next meeting in draft form and maybe vote on this in either September or October. Would that be okay with the Supervisor's Office and Department of Real Estate in a resolution?

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: Gary and I talked about it beforehand, so it's clear what the procedure is. If you want him to reiterate it, that's fine from the Department's perspective. So it has come to our understanding that the community wants this, we're here for this conversation. We would like to start the process of having you guys look at what it might take for the Department to acquire it.

Male Speaker: So your resolution could be directing our Department to assess the property.

Chair: We can't put it on the acquisition roster until they decide they want it.

Male Speaker: Let me finish. Do we need to make a resolution or do they just have to fill out the form and then do it that way and hand it to you within that respect?

Female Speaker: I don't think you need to make a resolution. If you want to make a resolution that codifies it so there's no downside to making a resolution and it shows official support that you guys are interested.

Steven Currier: I want to get the full support of PROSAC to put that resolution forward to put it on the acquisition list which is not next month or the month after but to actually look forward to see.

Chair: I would say a resolution could be accepted by next month with the intention of coming back in September or October and let the Department issue a report and say yes this is what I vote for us to do. We still don't know what we're talking about numbers-wise, money-wise. So that's going to become an issue but I think at this point you generally have the support of the committee. I think that we could steer this however we need to in terms of the support that you're looking for. I think bigger than that is once it gets on the roster that's going to be a push to get support by Supervisors, by other people, to actually allow us to purchase this property or allow the Department to purchase it. So I think we've been well-informed by the Supervisor's office, thank you very much for the presentation. I certainly think we have enough support to get that solution so I think we should let everybody get to the day-to-day of this meeting as it gets into the night. Thank you very much for your presentation.

Cathy Meyer: I just wanted to thank all of you for what you do for parks because not only do the parks make this city livable with just the high density population we have but I know families that wouldn't be able to live here without the Recreation and Park summer camps program being so affordable or accessible for free. It is so vitally important for families. So thank you.

Chair: Stacy?

Stacy Bradley: I'll try to be brief and concise in this presentation. I'm the Deputy Director of our Planning unit. Richard asked that we give a presentation on our cultural and historic resources so I thought the best way of structuring that was to show you what we've done with them. I'm focusing on just a few.

I think when we talk about history we don't always think about first our natural history that really lucky to have a lot of space within the city. So I wanted to highlight that as well as our building cultural resources that I think Cayuga really does a good job of highlighting. I'll get into these projects in a minute.

These are our parks and other parks, our park system over the whole city. These are natural areas. So this is the 31 spaces that we see as being still existing from before the city was developed and I walk by here all the time, almost all of these. I just think they're such a special, unique aspect to our city.

These are our landmarks. These are identified within the city's Planning Code as the special identified spaces. Coit Tower is on here, Fay House, Palace of Fine Arts. There's a number in Golden Gate Park.

The rest of my presentation is going to be highlighting a number of our projects in the past and a few in the future or currently that we're doing that really highlight our historic and cultural assets. So the way I structured it is just [unintelligible].

First, Carl Larson Playground. If you grew up here you called it the plane playground and there were actually bombers that were retired and placed into the space and through a Community Opportunity Fund we put in a sculptural representation that's safe for today.

Cayuga, this is what I was mentioning before. This is a really special resource. The gardener [unintelligible] there's 376 sculptures that he tucked in throughout his 22 years working on the site and when we redid the playground we were able to incorporate it into the playground. Really I think it makes it a special space that you can't get anywhere else and I love that we're able to do this with his work.

Conservatory of Flowers. So this is the project that I'm talking about is completed but there's still a lot of work that needs to be done here. We recently [unintelligible] which is the upper left building and it's basically going through and putting in the putty that holds the glass in. It was falling apart and we replaced it with a silicone putty that will last significantly longer than the original design so this is one of the ways that we're respecting our historical culture.

Fay House. This is in the Russian Hill Neighborhood and it's an old property I believe that was donated to the city [unintelligible] and the house really fell into disrepair over the past few years and we recently did a project to stabilize it, to stop it from falling into disrepair, didn't completely modernize it but it's not able to be used. There's not so much going on in the building but you can always go and visit the gardens.

Steven Currier: I did a wedding there for a friend of mine who got married and it was absolutely wonderful.

Richard Rothman: I know it's not your Division but they need to find a way to put the inside space to use. One of the neighborhood residents had the idea that it's right near the Lombard Street [unintelligible]. I don't know how much more work it needs inside.

Stacy Bradley: I think it needs a pretty significant amount of work to open it up to the public.

[simultaneous comments]

This next project, Fulton Playground, which is in District 1—the next slide that I have is a video of us actually moving the clubhouse but because I can't find my flash drive I don't have the actual video. So we're putting it [unintelligible] it moves out, all the work is done in-ground and then it's shifted back in. It's just incredible.

Richard Rothman: So why did they have to move the building?

Stacy Bradley: It's a historic clubhouse and the work that needed to be done to stabilize it and to meet accessibility requirements had—go ahead Toks.

Toks Ajike: I worked for this project about seven years ago now. The reason we had to move it was because in order to seismically conform to correct guidelines we needed to drive piers in the ground so we needed to move the building out of the way, put in the piers and then move it back.

Stacy Bradley: Another similar one to this is Cabrillo but that didn't need to be moved, we were able to seismically secure it without moving it.

Glen Canyon. This is also a recent project. One of our rec centers, this is one of our highlighted projects. The climbing wall on the bottom right is the first indoor climbing structure that we have and it fits within the historic structure. We were able to shift—it was a confusing space with no clear access points into the rec center so the new project opened—this is actually the back of the clubhouse near the rec center. The front now has this open multi-purpose space with a wall of windows that pushes aside so you can have indoor-outdoor party and there's also very clear lobbies so it was opened up and became more inviting to everybody. We were actually just there as our Division and when you initially went in it was sort of a hidden gem in that if you knew where to go you could get in and access this space but the renovation allowed it to be accessible to everybody, newcomers and people who had never been to the space before to take advantage of this incredible site. It still has the same basketball court. You can see that the court itself looks pretty much the same, the windows are roughly the same, we really take great care in making sure when we do our renovations that we keep what we can, reuse what's available but still modernize it and improve the programming the possibility and make it accessible for users today and hopefully twenty to fifty years in the future, because these things will last for a while.

Murphy Windmill. This is one of our landmarks, it's registered as City Landmark #210. Dan Maur completed this project a couple of years ago renovating the windmill itself and how we have another project that Dan is working on in doing some safety improvements and fixing the interior staircase. And then there's a third phase or fourth phase of the project to start to invite people inside the space. That's not a funded project yet but one in the future that hopefully we can. Dan's current project we'll be able to start the windmill moving again, it will be safe to operate.

The little house next to it is the millwright's cottage and we're actually moving our permitting staff there from the log cabin. It's actually Volunteer Services, I'm sorry, I said the wrong one.

Pioneer Park which is the real name for Coit Tower. We recently resurfaced the murals and restored them. I think that project was about four years ago and in that project we also fixed the elevator, modernized the elevator and then just a couple of years ago we put in these lights to improve pedestrian lighting and we worked really hard with then Supervisor Christenson to make sure the lighting features themselves were complimentary to the existing space. We also put in a kiosk that is sort of similar in look and feel to the JCDecaux so that it would blend to provide some more surfaces.

Toks Ajike: We also fixed the roof and also [unintelligible] to address the water infiltration [unintelligible].

Stacy Bradley: We've also done some shore stabilization around the hilltop itself to make sure this lasts for many generations to come.

Palega is another one of our recreation centers, another one of Tokes' projects. And you can see how the building itself--most of the building remains the same yet we were able to open it up and

put this new awning and it helps to really draw you in, welcome you, show you were the lobby was. I'm not exactly sure why these weren't build decades ago. There was no lobby, I guess that just wasn't an important feature at that time but now we all want to know where to enter and how to get once you're inside where you're going and what's happening. So these rec center renovations have really brought new life to these rec centers and are invigorating them.

Toks Ajike: The project was probably done in the 1920s I believe and the contractor that actually did the renovations was the grandson of the guy that did the first building.

Stacy Bradley: It's too bad that the Harris' have left. I wanted to celebrate Geneva Car Barn as well. These car barns are really fascinating. This is interesting to me that it is within the Recreation and Park portfolio. This is an old MTA building that used to hold and store the transportation cars and so this is before and future of changing over the powerhouse into a multi-use community facility.

Steven Currier: In its history the Geneva Car Barn was the last point for funeral cars to go to Colma so there was an initial train and a funeral car for the caskets and the family going out to bury their loved ones.

Chair: So twenty years ago my rock band rehearsed around the corner and you wouldn't want to walk from the BART station to that rehearsal space. It was so blighted. You thought you would disappear between the BART station and the rehearsal studio. I went past there recently, oh my God talk about a transformation. Just that in itself, but now what you guys are doing there it's fantastic.

[simultaneous comments]

Stacy Bradley: Next we have India Basin. So these are our active projects. 900 Innes, India Basin.

Richard Rothman: So they're going to save the building on Innes.

Stacy Bradley: That's right, the shipwright's cottage.

Richard Rothman: But they're not going to save the work area, that building down the road?

Stacy Bradley: No, most of those buildings are going to be removed to allow for an accessible pathway to get you down from Innes into the site.

Chair: Yeah, that was always Nick's point in acquiring this was that they would keep the shipwright's cottage but that we knew they would lose everything else because they needed the space.

Stacy Bradley: Through this project we're going to be able to highlight some of the other elements that are in this area like the shipwrecks that are in India Basin. Right now the part of the

park up there they're there now but you don't really see them so you'll be able to see some of the ships that have just been left there.

Richard Rothman: I think all of the old buildings should stay.

Stacy Bradley: They're all in grave disrepair.

[simultaneous comments]

Stacy Bradley: Garfield, another one of [unintelligible] projects. The pool building, it's built in 1957, we're keeping the pool building and reconfiguring the site to connect—we're moving the clubhouse to be closer to the pool and creating an open area in between the clubhouse and the pool that will allow more activation of the site and so you'll be able to have, say, a birthday party and then go swimming and we can have movies nights which is what this image is showing and outdoor fitness.

Next is the Albert Bridge and the standing straight edge. I unfortunately didn't have a good picture to show you this same image because I think Albert Lake still looks quite nice so when you're standing on the other side of it looking at the bridge you get a similar view, certainly not the same, but you can see Albert Bridge down there. I just think this bridge is really interesting. It was the very first concrete reinforced bridge in the United States and it's carrying one of now very small roads although a crucial road.

Trevor McNeil: District 5. As someone who grew up a few blocks away from it I've got to say that gate makes it feel so much more scary. If it's ever renovated—I brought this up at the community meeting—maybe there was a logic to it but I don't know. I think it's bizarre.

Stacy Bradley: What we're doing right now is stabilizing it. But that is the great thing about it.

Mother's Building, Richard's favorite project. The Mother's Building is part of the Fleishhacker pool structure that's currently in the zoo. The pool is where the parking lot is today. This building was set up for mothers and their children to have a small wading pool that was easy for them to access and a place you could go and get snacks and use the bathroom. The building is still pretty much in the same shape that it was when it was used by the pool. The murals had been degraded significantly, especially the one on the western side that's getting hit by the ocean wind. Their working mostly at the request of Richard's insistence in getting us funding for this project both the analysis of it and the work to do this initial stabilization. The zoo has put on a more robust waterproofing membrane in roof areas to help protect that western wall. We've also done a lot of cleanup and the initial stabilization work is underway where some of the columns are crumbling so those will no longer be crumbling and then the larger project is still a work in progress. It's a few million dollars to renovate the building but I'm hopeful that we connect with the zoo's priorities. They have a children's play space right next to this Mother's Building so it's pretty late. If there's hope that it can be well integrated into the zoo.

Richard Rothman: I could either bring a slide show here. There beautiful part of the building is the murals in the close-up. We're going to hopefully have another visit to the zoo for the people to see it because the building is closed. We'll invite you again or I can bring my slide show and show it to you but the murals in there were done by two women. There weren't many women artists during that period and they spent four years working on this and except for the west wall where the water damage—and I found a video or a movie taken of the west wall before the water damage so when we do the restoration hopefully Ann Rosenthal can restore it but the murals in there are really exciting. Also we need to thank Supervisor Tang for the \$400,000 add-back to do the short-term and immediate work. She's been a big champion.

Stacy Bradley: Next we have Francisco Park. This is one of our more recent acquisitions It used to be a reservoir and the project will connect the 5 acres of parkland and allow you to get down onto the reservoir to see the existing bricks and piping that brought all the water to and from the site. It's right along the Hyde Street cable car line between Bay and Chestnut.

The only other one I had is Portsmouth Square as well. This was our very first public plaza in San Francisco and where the announcement that there's gold was announced.

Toks Ajike: The only other one is the Palace of Fine Arts. [unintelligible]

Chair: I want to take some quick questions on this and let you all go back to your lives. Richard.

Richard Rothman: District 1. I was the one who asked Stacy to do this. [unintelligible] Architectural Resource Group did a survey of all the Recreation and Park buildings and a list of the historical buildings and I just wanted—while the main mission of Recreation and Park is recreation and park on their properties is a lot of historical buildings and I just wanted them to be aware that they needed to take care of their historical and cultural resources and not let things get in disrepair like what happened to Coit Tower and the Mother's Building and other things so when they have this list they're going to work on the buildings they can be aware of trying to save the historical resources if they have to touch up the windows or some other things just to be aware of it. Thank you for providing this information.

Trevor McNeil: District 5. Is there a formal process for how the Department identifies what could be in the future could be historical? Like you know the Japanese Tea Gardens, the gutters at Buena Vista Park, there's all these sort of interesting things that may be idiosyncratic to our Districts but I'm wondering if there's a formal process where maybe there's a possibility of developing a formal process that helps. It may be a side project for us as District folks to say hey have you thought about this cute statue? Because I like that you have the bomber and the Cayuga because I wouldn't have thought of that as a cultural historical heritage but of course it is and I'm thinking about like the boat at the park at 45th, things like that have so much meaning for locals. It's just something to think about.

Stacy Bradley: Yes. I actually think what Gary was saying about the podcast that that's one way that you can suggest things like that to elevate them from just being a neighborhood favorite to things that other people know about.

Trevor McNeil: Or a sect below a historic landmark.

Chair: What would you say Richard?

Richard Rothman: I mean I would say maybe Stacy could pass that list to us you could see what's on it. And then also the Historic Preservation Commission is commission a study on the WPA buildings and there's WPS buildings at the zoo and Golden Gate Park that are starting to become historical. So they're going to be putting out this context that many—this list that they put out was pretty extensive list and they might be using some list that you haven't thought about.

Chair: I like the idea of each individual—most of you are San Franciscans, I'm a New Yorker, born and bred, but I have been here for 25 years and there are certain things that I see that mean something to me but those of you—I mean, I hear you talk about it right here, Nick talking about it, and I know that as kids they were in the Mother's Building, he was a child, right. What are you now, 70? Nick's been here for a long time and he makes reference to things that I don't know what he's talking about but he remembers that ball field or that thing and Gary I think it's great to be able to have these specific people who can remember these actions, these places they were that have specific significance not just to the community at large but to individuals because that's what this is.

Nick Belloni: For the record I'll be 45 in December. I agree, there are many things. I mean I can give them stories like I said of the Mother's Building when it was the gift shop for the zoo. I remember as a kid you're like oh my God there's a gift shop. The gift shop went to the secondary point, it was the murals that were amazing and I told you that story too that if you can stop a kid from looking at a gift shop to look at a mural that tells you how good they were and those are things that there are many statues that we are in Golden Gate Park that are around always, there's just tons of stuff here that we have. We all have our stories of them when we were kids around here. I mean climbing them, things that when we were in high school it's Strawberry Hill, stuff like that which should be considered a historical landmark as well I would assume. Cultural landmark, yes. And I don't know why we were stupid back then, we really were.

Wendy Aragon: District 1. I really love presentations like this as an urban studies in American [unintelligible] but I think to kind of put on Trevor's point and [unintelligible] is to really highlight these because I think a lot of people don't know the stories and I don't know [unintelligible]. I think these are really important resources that we don't always think about and it makes me happy because I mean we also have to think about we have thinks that are named after people so that we highlight that we have this really amazing history and we're trying to focus on that just as much as we're trying to focus on changing people's deeds of the past.

Chair: Maybe not their deeds of the past but naming things after them. So you guys are changing Julius Khan?

Wendy Aragon: But I'd also like to hear like some of the names we named them after so that we know that [unintelligible]. [simultaneous comments] I'd like to see doing the podcast like storyboard style, like where you're telling the story about it.

Chair: Any other questions or comments for Stacy? Hearing none, this item is closed. Thank you very much. Are there any announcements from Commission members? Ana Gee would like to let everybody know that McCauley Park \$213,000 in add-back money from the Supervisor. For those of you who don't realize how important this is Ana Gee and I have gone back and forth on millions of different ways to raise money to find funds and for them to have found \$215,000 is huge in that neighborhood. So that's super awesome, I wanted to make sure that got on the record.

Any other announcements?

Gisele Rainer: District 3. I was just wondering if there had been any development on the use of the space in City Hall for our meetings?

Chair: Yes, there's been some development that the President of the Board of Supervisors who kicked us out of there is now the Mayor and what could be left is the new President of the Board of Supervisors. Richard Rothman is going to talk to her and her staff and see if he can make something happen. So the likelihood is we're going to meet her for the rest of our lives. Maybe with this new President of the Board of Supervisors we might have a chance. We'll see if we can get it back and if we can't this place is going down. So to your point we have tried and we have continued to try. Ken?

Ken McGary: A quick announcement that the McLaren Park Collaborative will be meeting on July 18th and talking about the bond and various projects going on at McLaren Park. It starts at 6:00 p.m. and we be at the Glen Eagles clubhouse.

Chair: So anybody in District 9, 10, 11, that would be awesome that you could show up at that event. Any other comments, questions?

Gary McCoy: I have just three short items. Greenbelt planning process. Supervisor Fewer provided a \$40,000 add-back to revitalize the green beltway. Richmond District Neighborhood Center will be hosting the first meeting to begin brainstorming with the community on plans on Thursday, July 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Richmond rec center. I can send you those details as well. As mentioned Portsmouth Square they're having community meetings tomorrow 4:00 to 6:00 with the unveiling of the final concept design. And there will be groundbreaking for Willie Woo Woo Wong Playground on July 14th from 11:00 to 12:00.

Chair: Thank you.

Richard Rothman: Recreation and Park is having a community meeting about the dog park behind the senior center Monday night, 6:00 o'clock in the basement. They'll be voting on the plan.

Chair: Okay, anybody else? Other announcements? So I'm going to close this up. I think this was a great meeting, thank you very much for attending and we'll see you next month. This meeting is closed.

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