

**Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Commission Meeting
May 7, 2019**

Chair: Hello everyone and good evening. Welcome to the May 7th, 2019, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee. This meeting is going to open with role call. I'll start to my left. There are also a couple of new PROSAC members here with us this evening and I will include that as part of my Chair's report. Please speak clearly.

Nick Belloni: District 2.

Elisa Laird-Metke: District 9.

Karen Rhodes: District 9.

Anthony Cuadro: District 7.

Mark Scheuer: District 8.

Steven Currier: District 11.

Roisin Isner: District 10.

Rosa Chen: District 3.

Ieeshea Romero: District 10.

Katherine Jones: District 5.

Kenneth Maley: District 3.

Robert Brust: District 8.

Richard Rothman: District 1.

Wendy Aragon: District 1.

Chair: And Jordyn Aquino, District 4. Now that we've concluded roll call is there any discussion on this item? Hearing none, this item is closed. We'll move to the review of the minutes. Did everyone have the opportunity to review the minutes from the April 2nd meeting? The transcript was also emailed to us.

Steven Currier: I move to approve the minutes from Tuesday, April 2nd.

Chair: So Steve Currier, District 11, motions to approve the April, 2019, minutes. Is there a second?

Roisin Isner: Second.

Chair: All in favor to approve the April, 2019, minutes?

All: Aye.

Chair: Opposed? For all that have attended the April, 2019, meeting and had the opportunity to review the minutes all in favor say aye?

All: Aye.

Chair: Opposed? Hearing none, this item is closed. So we have a couple of items for our Chair's report. I'd like to first have our two new members have an opportunity to discuss a little bit more about themselves and introduce why they're here, what their local park is, and what they're most looking forward to as being part of PROSAC. So I'll start with you Rosa

Rosa Chen: Perfect. Hi everyone, my name is Rosa. I am a born and raised resident in District 3. I still work in District 3 so I guess my entire life is surrounded, my entire community, in particular some work I've done before surrounding public parks and open space, I used to be on the Youth Commission for the District 3 seat and I worked on public parks and open space projects with our Supervisors back then. But in particular currently I'm a community organizer in Chinatown working on open space projects and transportation projects but in particular I guess since my entire speech in on District 3 my favorite park would have to be Portsmouth Square just because I remember as a little kid my grandparents would bring me there while they talked to their friends and I'm running around the park. That's my fondest memory for a park.

Chair: Thank you so much for introducing yourself Rosa. Welcome to PROSAC. Next I will have Ieeshea speak a little bit.

Ieeshea Romero: Good evening. I reside in District 10, have been for close to thirty years. My three children are all born are raised in Hunters Point. I choose to be part of—I don't even know what the words are—it's been an honor to be asked to sit on this for the fact that I am highly involved in my community in different levels. In reference playground, parks, and open spaces unfortunately in Hunters Point even though we do utilize an access some of the parks we tend to go to Potrero Hill, McKinley Park is the only safest park that I feel for my children of all their—you know, as they've grown in their ages to go. However, it's too far for me to drive. India Basin was another one because of the water and certain places there, because I also grew up on the Harbor Road side of Hunters Point, but I wanted to be as a mother and strong advocate in our community to really set precedent on the fact that we need to improve what we have or what we don't have honestly and it's unfortunate that we have to travel so far away just to have a safe environment or park and you already know what I mean by safety because there's a long list of things that come into effect for that and being that I'm pretty much—I can't say I'm born but I've pretty much been raised in the community so my safety on other levels isn't necessarily a factor but for my children it is in a sense and I really want to make a very impactful, positive

change not only for my own family but for every other family that I work with, that I support and that I empower.

Chair: Thank you so much for sharing your story with us. Luckily on our agenda today we'll talk a little bit about safety as it comes to Golden Gate Park as well as equity. If everyone had the opportunity to review today's agenda. Before we close this Chair's report item, I did want to recognize the Department for the last Commission meeting in April. Ken was there, Ana was there, and Jane was there, and it was a great opportunity to watch the General Manager. He actually congratulated Steffen for all the work he had done on PROSAC during his nine years. He presented Steffen with a plaque and he had an opportunity to talk a little bit more about the achievement of PROSAC. It was really nice, if you have the chance to review it on sfgov I would. You could tell that the General Manager's sentiments were coming from his heart. It was a great reminder of the work that we do here and what is to come in the future.

I think that one item for our Chair's report is that I also forgot to introduce Christina who is our secretary while Tiffany is out on maternity leave for this month and next month and then we're going to get in another transition but we're not sure who will be transitioning. To Steve's point she was not in attendance at our last meeting but had the opportunity to walk through our minutes to complete that transcript and so I can appreciate the work that you've done in the last month Christina and I appreciate everyone that's part of this committee for not hitting reply all. It helped my inbox and it really helped coordinate and make sure that we had a quorum for today's meeting. So thank you for that.

That concludes today's Chair report. Are there any discussion items before we close? Hearing none, this item is closed.

Now I'd like to move to Item #4 on our agenda which is the Golden Gate Park traffic safety project update and today we have Mark Dreger from the SFMTA.

So just as housekeeping, what we'll end up doing with our agenda is we'll have multiple presentations. We're happy to open it for discussion and question and answer but it's really just for presentation and discussion.

Mark Dreger: Great. So I have a pretty short presentation but I'm happy to then turn it over to questions and answers and we can talk about anything and everything. I'm Mark Dreger, I'm the transportation planner at SFMTA. I work in the [unintelligible] streets section and so we generally do traffic safety projects in Golden Gate Park. Primarily we're focusing on walking and bicycling but of course SFMTA we do everything transportation and parking, [unintelligible] anything under that umbrella.

So I've discussed some things with my colleagues, speaking to the entirety of Golden Gate Park and surrounding streets. I'll touch on a few little things. [unintelligible] related to my project but the general project and scope of my work in Golden Gate Park is the Golden Gate Park traffic safety project and we've been working on that for a couple of years. You may have seen some of the improvements that we've made for traffic calming and in particular [unintelligible].

So I'm going to briefly outline this project and some of the scope of that work, then we'll move on to a few other topics as well.

So the impetus for the Golden Gate Park traffic safety project is unfortunately a pretty somber one. Two years ago there were a couple fatalities, one in SOMA and one here in Golden Gate Park, two women died in a pretty horrific traffic collision. So one woman [unintelligible] on JFK drive near 38th Avenue somebody I think had stolen a car and was driving very recklessly fast and went into oncoming traffic and hit her and she died immediately. And so the very next day Mayor Lee passed an Executive Directive to look in particular at Golden Gate Park and initiate a traffic safety study immediately to see what we can do. And even before that, looking at the western half of JFK and Golden Gate Park and doing some immediate action to reduce speeds.

And so we did, we delivered on some near-term traffic safety improvements on JFK Drive immediately in 2016. Some of those speed humps that you see. And then we initiated a traffic safety study that I took on and our team to look at all the streets in Golden Gate Park, to improve pedestrian safety and to reduce speeds. And just do some target spot improvements, things that people have been talking about for quite a long time.

And so just looking at those initial speed humps that we did on the western half of JFK Drive, we have some additional evaluation that we'll be looking through in the next few months. We've dropped speeds from a little over 30 miles per hour on average down to about the speed limit. Just maybe still a little bit [unintelligible] than some people would like to see in Golden Gate Park, it's definitely a park setting, we like people to be slow and enjoy being in the park and we want people to access it and not so much drive through as a thoroughfare. But these are some promising results as I mentioned, and I'll discuss a little bit later in the presentation we're going to do a larger evaluation for all the streets in the park later this spring and summer.

So looking at the traffic safety plan for the whole park we incorporated a lot of different components, so we had [unintelligible] Sunday Streets, we met with a dozen or so neighborhood associations around the park and really captured back some of these intersections and areas of the park where people are seeing traffic safety issues time and time again. Certain areas just really rose to the top in terms of people not feeling safe in a particular crosswalk or seeing speeds that are particularly high along a certain stretch, maybe a blind turn, bike safety issues, these sorts of things.

We then also collected [unintelligible] traffic volume and speed data. So often you'll see these on the streets, these rubber tubes. We also use cameras and other tools to really look at that quantitative side of things. We also did a full comprehensive collision analysis in the park. It's not always the case but sometimes in certain locations we have seen the same sort of collisions happen at the same places and so we brought all this together and we came up with a package of traffic safety improvements including some of these improvements that you see here, speed humps, raised crosswalks are kind of a speed hump on top of it. So these are kind of elegant in the sense that they're slowing people down while people are trying to cross the street. So we actually put fifteen of these in Golden Gate Park. Turret Gun striping. These are solid white lines to slow drivers are they're turning so they're not picking up speed when they're rounding a

corner. And then we also upgraded crosswalks with new high visibility striping, that zebra pattern and also added new crosswalks in Golden Gate Park.

So most of these are complete. I think we have one more raised crosswalk on JFK drive that should be coming in the next month or so and another brand new crosswalk at the [unintelligible] at the east entrance to that. But these are generally complete and we're still working through some of these spot location projects. So intersection squaring, so these are intersections that currently meet at irregular angles and so sightlines can be [unintelligible] if you square them up so that people are meeting at more of a 90 degree angle, so we're looking to do that [unintelligible] and the entrance to Concourse Drive as well, extending that existing island there so again people are making turns a little bit more slowly and reducing the size of that intersection. There a few key locations, we want to add those plastic posts with soda straws. Some of these can protect the bike lane like the one right in front of us here next to the Panhandle, JFK Drive, and in other locations. This is a cost-effective way of squaring up an intersection without expensive concrete. And the other [unintelligible] here is adding stop sign at JFK and 30th and that's where [unintelligible].

So looking at our [unintelligible] map this is probably difficult for you folks to see unless you have a printout yourself, the highlight in green are projects we've already completed and we're working through the rest of these in the coming months, so we hope to have this entire scope finished by the end of summer. The projects that we're still working on are some that Public Works needs to construct. So they're working on getting curb ramps constructed for new crosswalks and also, we're just finishing off some of our intersections. You should see most of these wrap up by the end of summer.

As I mentioned, we'll be doing a comprehensive evaluation to see—to measure the effectiveness of these projects. We like to do this especially for our larger projects so we have a good sense of what's working, what's not, I hope that we're going to see vehicle speeds going down, well look at changes in vehicle volumes and start [unintelligible] in particular looking at some of these raised crosswalks [unintelligible] crossing in that cross walk more than they did before. And so we're collecting data I think next month in a lot of these locations and later this summer as well and then we'll share the results to you all and the community thereafter.

Outside of Golden Gate Park a lot of attention and interest has been given to Fulton over the over years. We've made some significant improvements and increased the speed and efficiency and reliability of MUNI and we've upgrade traffic signals and we've added new crosswalks and better crossing times for pedestrians, assuming a slower walking speed to give people a little bit more time to cross the street or maybe they can get into the crosswalk a few seconds ahead of vehicular traffic and so all these little things together I think have made some robust improvements to Fulton but we're nonetheless continuing here, calls for people when they've had an easier time getting in and out of Golden Gate Park and so SFMTA has initiated a planning study which they'll be working on this year to take a comprehensive look at routs into and out of Golden Gate Park and Fulton, so that would results several innovations which can then translate into a project like the one that I took on inside Golden Gate Park. So I know that it can be a little frustrating and things take a little while at our agency and in the city, but this is an important first

step to really take a look at what are the opportunities that we can do to Fulton Street and then translate that into some actual work.

So that's kicking off this summer and recommendations are due in 2020. So that's not my project but I was able to check in with the project this week on that and look at the dates that they're giving you and have it connect [unintelligible] having open house dates and other ways for folks to be engaged and maybe then can come here at a later meeting.

That's really all I have but I'm happy to speak to anything else again.

Chair: So Richard has a question, Steven has a question, [unintelligible] question. So one, two, three, four, five.

Nick Belloni: Thank you for coming, appreciate it. Are you going to be putting raised crosswalks on 30th Avenue? I've been kind of talking and I think that would be—

Mark Dreger: That intersection, yes.

Nick Belloni: At the intersection there, that will get them?

Mark Dreger: I should mention, yeah, my project the scope is complete so right now we're really in the construction phase. That particular intersection is not [unintelligible].

Nick Belloni: So no is the answer?

Mark Dreger: The answer is no. We did stop signs at that intersection.

Nick Belloni: Which have been dramatic. I live right on 30th and Balboa. I've lived there pretty much most of my life in that area and the stop signs have been a dramatic improvement, but I also think putting a crosswalk there would because of the input to the park it would make more sense to put a crosswalk there as well. I don't know why no one has thought of that.

Mark Dreger: It's just one street into the park so I'm happy to echo that to the full committee.

Nick Belloni: It should get either a raised crosswalk or a regular just slap some paint down crosswalk.

Mark Dreger: To do a painted cross we need curb ramps. [unintelligible] asked of us do not stripe any new crosswalks in San Francisco without accessible ramps. Which is fine, we can do, it's just an extra cost.

Nick Belloni: I understand.

Mark Dreger: When we're looking at these projects, we wanted to look at a multitude of mid-block crossing in Golden Gate Park which don't have a stop sign to raise those versus ones at intersections, but I can definitely see a later phase that would take a look at that.

Nick Belloni: Because I think that would make sure people slow down there. I mean the stop signs have been a drastic improvement.

Mark Dreger: [unintelligible]

Richard Rothman: Thank you for coming. So when you do—so you haven't done any traffic studies yet, right?

Mark Dreger: [unintelligible] and we evaluated the initial set of [unintelligible].

Richard Rothman: Well, I would like to see—because Fulton Street, the Richmond residents feel very unsafe crossing Fulton Street and I think some of these improvements you mentioned but cars still speed, and I would like to see the data that what's the traffic volume. So you don't know whether the speed humps have reduced volume in the park yet?

Mark Dreger: In the first batch they did not reduce volumes, but we'll be able to answer that question.

Richard Rothman: But also when you do that I think you should do Fulton Street to see if no more cars now are using Fulton Street and Lincoln because of the speed bumps and especially on Sundays when they close the park or Saturdays too to see how that affects the—so do you know if they're going to do Fulton Street?

Mark Dreger: I think surely they will. So that's probably an early phase of the Fulton project. [unintelligible].

Richard Rothman: So are you talking about Sarah Jones' group?

Mark Dreger: Correct.

Richard Rothman: My understanding is they're only going to do a couple intersections. I don't know how far, whether they're going to do a comprehensive study, but I would like to see that and figure out a way to slow traffic down on Fulton and still keep the buses running. Thank you.

Mark Dreger: [unintelligible]

Chair: And to piggyback on Richard's question, is this data currently available to the public? Is there somewhere we can go on SFMTA's website to look at how speed humps have changed the traffic or the safeness of the park?

Mark Dreger: We have the evaluation of the initial set online on my project website and once we have the full evaluation for the other locations in the park, I'll be putting together a report that I will put on the project website. So probably expect that in the later part of the summer. But of course you can ask SFMTA [unintelligible] so that won't necessarily be a clean version or report but anything that we put together as an agency is public records. If you're curious about a particular intersection, we can [unintelligible].

Chair: Thank you.

Steven Currier: Can that also be linked to Recreation and Park website?

Chair: Since it's based on Golden Gate Park traffic safety is that something the MTA and Recreation and Park [unintelligible].

[simultaneous comments]

Mark Dreger: [unintelligible] Yes, these are park streets [unintelligible].

Chair: [unintelligible] Steven, do you have another question?

Steven Currier: I do. Thank you for this. I traverse Golden Gate Park especially since I'm a VA patient I come—I have to come through the park. I've noticed so many changes and I think all the changes are for the good. The traffic calming has been awesome, absolutely awesome. Especially on the western side of the park. So my question to and this is a question and you don't have to answer it but bring it back to SFMTA that I'm on the McLaren Collaborative and we every month talk about traffic and I think it's except for GGNRA which the Marina Green which is not part of Recreation and Park but the only park in San Francisco that's drivable is McLaren Park and we have so many issues with people coming in, going out, speeding. There's a lot of dog walkers and tai chi and pedestrians and whatnot. If you can just bring this back in to MTA to see if you're looking to any type of traffic calming or traffic decongestion in McLaren Park because if you can add this to that that would be awesome.

Mark Dreger: You're actually speaking to the right person. I've worked on Shelly Drive. A couple years ago we did speed jumps and speed tables on Shelly Drive, a lot of attention has been given to Mansell Street over the past couple of years.

Steven Currier: Except that we've had so many in the last maybe three months, head-on collisions on Mansell, so.

Mark Dreger: It's unfortunate. We really thought that the friction of two directions of traffic facing one another would lower speeds. I know other folks [unintelligible] Sunnydale. So there's a lot of work going on. We can maybe talk offline about that but being [unintelligible] much like Golden Gate Park any new project or traffic safety effort needs to be led by Recreation and Park but SFMTA is always happy to support our colleagues with traffic safety questions.

Chair: And is it possible for you to clarify what a speed table is?

Mark Dreger: So a speed hump just to start with those it just kind of a rounded hump and that's kind of our default, it works pretty well. We did a larger evaluation of speed humps and they generally reduce speeds to a little over 20 miles an hour. The speed tables have a flat top on them, and we've been using them in certain locations where we have transit or emergency vehicles coming through. If you know was a speed cushion is that's a third device. This has slots a larger vehicle can drive through but what we found that speed cushions is though they are effective in certain ways they're not as effective as speed humps and a lot of people just kind of line up their wheels are able to get through them and each one is designed a little bit differently. And so we found that speed tables we might be hitting that middle ground where we can still let transit and emergency vehicles get through at a more efficient speed but we're still getting the benefits of the speed hump. And then [unintelligible] then it becomes a raised crosswalk but it's essentially the same thing.

Chair: Thank you.

Mark Scheuer: I was wondering what effect having Healthy Saturdays and Sundays has on traffic? For example half the year on Saturdays the road is open and half the year it's closed. What's the different in numbers of accidents or incidents when it's closed versus open?

Mark Dreger: That I might not be the best person to answer but I know that our Recreation and Park colleagues are evaluating that. Department studies perhaps need a little bit more information on this work.

Male Speaker: We're still looking at that, but we did a series of traffic studies to mark the number of cars that are in the park and so we're still analyzing it that way right now.

Mark Scheuer: What about the accident component? Can you compare—just look at historical accident records and figure out?

Male Speaker: We are looking into that as well.

Mark Dreger: I think thinks are a little bit complex if you're looking at the safety of people walking and biking and jogging, that sort of thing, throughout JFK the collision rate is probably near zero but when it's not I know there's a lot of friction on Saturday that are busy when the street is open or another portion of JFK is not. So I think that's a worthy question to look at and maybe in the near future we'll have some answers.

Wendy Aragon: So two quick questions. So I notice here because it's covered you don't show 47th Avenue. A few years ago there was a small [unintelligible] crossing the street, it was pretty horrific and that is a really high accident intersection so if there's any improvements to that because I can't see it on the list.

Mark Dreger: Yeah, I covered it with the legends. Yeah, I don't have it listed here. I know that they did signal upgrades and sometimes that helps to have a brighter and bolder set of

signals at the intersection or a few extra seconds to get to the other side. I don't know the answer to that question, but I can circle back.

Wendy Aragon: And the other one is in the Richmond District a lot of people will take JFK to get to the Panhandle and then right here where the lodge is you have people coming from Martin Luther King, people coming from bikes, having to switch over across and people coming up JFK. It's I mean almost on a daily basis you see someone like almost always get hit on their bike or two cars always collide and what kind of traffic calming, like maybe a metered light so that [unintelligible] run into each other. So that's actually an issue that I see on a daily basis because we drive in through the park.

Mark Dreger: I see that as well. [unintelligible] going the other direction, we get those calls. You know, my project is putting in those little plastics post here and the buffer bike lane but that doesn't get at kind of the interaction of people going eastbound across [unintelligible] Kezar. I'll offer that to my Operations colleagues.

Female Speaker: The three traffic calming structures you describe, the humps and the cushions and the tables, are they each designed with cyclists in mind and is one approach better? Because I know cycling over them sometimes you get jostled a bit.

Mark Dreger: None two are constructed the same. We obtained examples of using slots, like the speed cushion specifically [unintelligible] on Octavia Boulevard, the frontage roads, just a simple slot in the middle and you can ride your bike through there. We did grapple with that when thinking about what to do in Golden Gate Park. A lot of people bike in the park. If we did cushions we felt like yet it would be jarring for people riding the bike over the humps and I ride my bike over these humps and they are a little bit jarring. But we wanted to get [unintelligible] and so we kind of had to weigh that tradeoff and we came out on the side of putting in the device that was really going to get people to slow down, people driving, and we thought that benefit to bicycling outweighed the comfort dynamic but I certainly hear that there's still that tradeoff.

Chair: Does anyone have questions? Trevor.

Trevor McNeil: District 5. [unintelligible] I just want to know about the entrance at 9th Avenue, is that part of [unintelligible].

Mark Dreger: We didn't look at anything specifically at that intersection we were just looking at streets in the park. You know, I think that's kind of the entrance to 9th and people getting into the garage and queuing on MLK.

Trevor McNeil: [unintelligible]

Mark Dreger: Lincoln, right. But I think part of what goes on there are people entering the park and then proceeding onto MLK looking for a parking space, trying to go to museums. I think all that interplays together. So it's a complicated issued but I think the only thing we did there is just a simple keep clear [unintelligible].

Chair: Does anyone else have questions for Mark? Any public comment on this item? All right, well thank you Mark so much for presenting on the Golden Gate Park traffic safety update. We appreciate it.

Mark Dreger: There's my contact info if you have any follow-up questions.

Chair: So that item is closed. We'll move into agenda Item 5, RPD Programming and Equity.

Female Speaker: Hello everybody, I'm not Lorraine Banford.

Chair: And there's no presentation for this item?

Female Speaker: There is. I'm going to do it right now [unintelligible] three days early, my apologies and made it hours ago. I wasn't quite sure about what you wanted to hear so I threw absolutely everything into this presentation that might connect equity and recreation. [unintelligible] required to do. It seems like about half the people in this room maybe have not heard my equity presentation. There's a lot of new members.

So in 2016 votes approved Prop B which is now part of the charter which was really a revenue measure. It allocated some of the baseline for a deferred maintenance for the next thirty years and a couple of little sentences required us to do analysis of the allocation of Recreation and Park services and resources in communities that are low income and disadvantaged. Which means two different things compared to the city as a whole. And then it said to take that analysis and implement it in the Strategic Plan, the Capital Plan and the Operational Plan so that there's a cohesive evaluation of our allocation of resources.

So we do that every year. This year is now [unintelligible] the way that we define disadvantaged. These ten characteristics are equally weighted kind of in two different categories, sensitive population, so some health characteristics as cardiovascular disease, low birth weight, age, the density of seniors and youth and we've recently added a factor for non-white just in recognition of historical disadvantage by non-white members of our community.

And then there's socio-economic factors. [unintelligible] which means nobody in the household over the age of twelve speaks English well. Poverty, unemployment, education and housing [unintelligible] how much of the income in the family goes to pay for housing. So those ten characteristics are equally weighted and the rate of them is weighted by census track. So they accumulate and so the darkest census tracks there are the ones that have the highest, most frequent appearance of those characteristics. Then we take that and overlay with a map of our parks, add a little buffer zone and call those the equity zones, the buffer is a five-minute walk. So in recognition [unintelligible] it's a common designation in the park world, in the Rose.

So then once we have these imaginary lines on the map we can name the park sites and the programming that's inside those lines and tally it all up into what are now called the equity metrics.

If you've never seen this raise your hand. You guys can share. I wasn't sure how many people maybe have never seen this. So when we evaluate the number of certain parks and resources in those areas compared to the city as a whole—so for example park access is probably one of the most primary. How many parks are there per person or by percentage of our total parks are inside those areas versus outside? So about 41 percent of our parks are inside by number, so that counts, a mini-park the same as Golden Gate Park versus by park acreage. So then about 20 percent of our park acreage is inside the equity zones serving about 20 percent of our population. Now we look at safety, maintenance. Maintenance is a combination of park evaluation scores and also work orders. So the swing is broken, how long it takes to get out there, investment, our capital dollars. Am I going too fast? Does anybody want to talk more about this? Volunteers, a different kind of investment. So volunteers come in two types—recreation and park. Recreation is like volunteer soccer coaches and things like that. Parks are [unintelligible].

Male Speaker: There seems to be an effort to remove volunteer hours from the parks that are in equity zone like Dolores Park and move them to non-equity zones to the fact I think they're over-compensating so that it's impossible to even get recognition.

Female Speaker: I think Dolores Park is a difficult example because there's so many other things going on there.

Female Speaker: Dolores Park doesn't have a clubhouse, this discussion is on equity and programming.

Male Speaker: I know. [unintelligible] To her point let's get to the clubhouse.

Female Speaker: So okay, so then recreation hours. This might be something [unintelligible]. Recreation is like hours of structured recreation. This includes all of our programmed registration so you can go online and you're signing up for a structured class. So mobile rec and drop-in. So that's pretty much everything together, about 40 percent, 39 percent is serving 20 percent of the population. And then scholarships, a different slice of that which is just supporting access.

Female Speaker: Can you go back to percentage of recreation [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: Yes. [unintelligible] all the recreational hours we provide, how many are provided [unintelligible]. 30 percent compared to 61 percent [unintelligible]. So almost twice if you're looking at proportionate amount [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: The problem with these equity metrics is like you said you weighed like are you a child equally to different [unintelligible]. But for example District 10 has more than 16,000 children whereas other Districts may have 5000 children. So if you're looking at the number of programs per area, you know, District 8 has 56 distinct programs. Visitacion Valley has swimming and Bayview has swimming, boxing, [unintelligible]. You know, you've got seven programs in all [unintelligible]. Seven distinct programs if you consider [unintelligible] it's 56 in District 8, 7 is District 10, [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: So District 6 is probably even less than District 10 because—

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] District 6 has the same number.

Female Speaker: Same number, okay. Wow, you've got those stats at the ready. I don't know about the veracity of [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] derived from the San Francisco Recreation and Park [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: One explanation for that is that in some of our more disadvantaged neighborhoods we don't put emphasis on structured programs.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] in this analysis is that it does average everything. We don't think of poor people in one neighborhood as counting more than in another neighborhood. All equity zones together are averaged. So that is definitely a flaw in this methodology.

Okay, just about recreation and equity everybody gets to play regardless of ability to pay. [unintelligible] This is a motto, everyone knows it. It's totally true. If you want to play and be involved in the specific program and register, we have scholarships. So scholarships they're not discretionary [unintelligible]. By the way, 25 percent of our population is on [unintelligible]. So we also have tons of free drop-in programming, one rec center in every district is staffed and fully programmed. Programming is determined either by facility coordinators or by these things called community recreation councils if they exist at your rec center. And I just wanted to throw in too that we're doing this analysis and I've given a presentation on it before called [unintelligible] which uses data to help us better understand what's going on and [unintelligible] has helped us—we match demand and supply better than we were before.

So these are some things that we're doing that are specific to recreation in the world of equity. This is a slide when I gave this presentation six or eight months ago. Just to revisit what we said we were going to do this year. We are continuing to [unintelligible]. The Controller's Officer is doing an analysis of our equity work and they might have recommendations on changes in which case we will follow [unintelligible]. We also have an internal [unintelligible] and we meet every month and then every other month we do a workshop for all staff are invited. It's considered training so you can [unintelligible] with your Supervisors. And we're working on writing [unintelligible] action plan together which I was going to public by June 30th but now it's going to be [unintelligible] when we do the next analysis and we'll probably fold in some other [unintelligible] as well.

Chair: So can I get hands for who want [unintelligible]. Wendy, Ana, Karen, Rosin, Steven. It might be a long discussion, sorry. Nick. Okay, so that's one, two, three, four, five, six.

Wendy Aragon: So I brought this to the agenda and it's something that I wanted to see both permits and programs is the issue of equity. I'll give you a good example—on Saturdays my triplet niece and nephews can take skateboarding classes at Richmond Rec but [unintelligible]

both rec centers are closed on the weekends so those aren't accessible for children on the weekends. And one of the biggest complaints I've heard about Camp Mather is that it's financially inaccessible to families who are low income and the statistic is that kids who grow up in the city specifically lower income kids never go camping until they're like in high school and they go to science camp. What I'm asking is like what Recreation and Park [unintelligible] to meter those issues? So that can we provide three spots a week for low income families that are free at Camp Mather? Can we make sure that rec centers are open on the weekends so that our members who live in District 6, 10, 11 and 9 have the ability to take their kids somewhere on the weekends. That's kind of what I wanted to see statistically and it's not—I mean, there are no answers to that but also it's the issue of language access outreach availability like have to work together and not piecemeal and so I just want to make sure that's being understood because [unintelligible] and they deal with District 9, 10, and 11 so I mean these are the concerns that they brought to me immediately like when they wanted to talk about equity and programs and permits. So I don't know if you can answer.

Female Speaker: That's a lot of questions. If you give me one at a time, I can have some responses. Some of them are problems that I'm not sure but let's try one at a time.

Wendy Aragon: So the availability of rec centers and programs to all the people on weekends, in the summer.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] is open on the weekends, right?

Wendy Aragon: Ana, is the rec center in District 6.

Ana Gee: [unintelligible]

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: All of our rec centers are closed on Sundays and Mondays except Sunset got a special funding [unintelligible] and then we keep Tenderloin open on Mondays for the afternoon school program so actually Tenderloin is a little bit different, it's open Monday to Friday and serves the after school [unintelligible]. So it varies a little bit, but Richmond rec is closed on Sundays just like other rec centers.

Steven Currier: Crocker Amazon is not closed on Sundays.

Female Speaker: The clubhouse is closed on Sundays.

Steven Currier: That's stupid! That is really stupid.

Female Speaker: Well, it's closed on Sundays and Mondays because people can work at [unintelligible] I mean it's just a funding issue. It's a five-day week and people who work in recreation work Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Steven Currier: You have the Boys and Girls Club which is something that children and youth can go through too on the weekends to keep them busy and they're closed on the weekends. This doesn't make any sense to me because there's no place for these kids to go.

Female Speaker: Well, I understand what you're saying. I mean the Boys and Girls Clubs are open Monday through Friday, they provide after school programs.

Steven Currier: Monday through Friday during the day the kids are in school!

Female Speaker: I understand what you're saying.

Steven Currier: Crocker-Amazon is open Tuesday through Saturday. If you're saying they're closed on Sunday I almost disagree with you because I see people there.

Female Speaker: We do the permits on Sunday.

Chair: There's a lot of discussion here but I want to go back to Wendy's questions.

Wendy Aragon: The second one would be issues of Camp Mather as a program making those that are—I mean we have sponsors for all these other programs, why don't we have scholarships programs for Camp Mather so full families can go and not just [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: That is a super-good suggestion. I'm going to take that back. It's from advocates like you that we can make anything better so I appreciate that suggestion. I know [unintelligible] more and more evidence that [unintelligible].

Chair: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: Just making sure like what we're doing to make sure that language access [unintelligible] outreach are all focused together constantly because there are some language access issues out there that are crazy-hard to solve.

Female Speaker: Yeah, it was funny I was in a language access training for two hours today so [unintelligible] that manages that and we're all trying to get better. I know there's probably [unintelligible] that try to interact with the Recreation and Park gardener and there is no communication at all but we're training all the time, especially rec staff. I know that our reception and support staff here that answers the phone and the door and stuff is well-trained and that should be the case at all facilities, approaching a custodian I'm not sure but we're trying. Thank you for reminding though to coordinate all those [unintelligible] of the policies because they're [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] they're never going to get used.

Steven Currier: And that's my thing about scholarships is that it's not publicized to people who really need and want it.

Female Speaker: So as I mentioned a quarter of our city's population would theoretically qualify for scholarship. So scholarship information is coming in six languages. It's distributed in all six languages at all rec centers. So we go out to schools in equity zones, we go to community organizations and when [unintelligible] get the word out but also of course if we got the word out perfectly [unintelligible].

Ana Gee: District 6. Thank you for the presentation.

Female Speaker: You've heard it so many times, yes.

Ana Gee: So going back to what we were saying about [unintelligible]. It's a ten-minute walk but it's not accessible for a lot of the residents and then going back to—

Female Speaker: We do everything we can to support [unintelligible] from the Tenderloin to Tenderloin trail. I think trails are a beautiful *[simultaneous comments]*. Yes, it's on the record, we all know.

Ana Gee: Going back to the rec center and I don't know the information that you have that [unintelligible] and we have two parks that are closed now. Is there any way [unintelligible] that rec center.

Female Speaker: That's a very functional utility question that's a great question. I will definitely take that back to Recreation and see because sometimes we are able to accommodate especially with two in the same District which I know was never the plan but now it just, you know, will all the delays and everything we ended up at the same time. So that's a great request.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] I think we need to ask Recreation to come back and answer some of these questions because they'll off the top of their head exactly which recreation center is open until when and also they can describe that and [unintelligible] much better than we can.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: No, agree with that it's probably not but I just did find out we do have—

Steven Currier: So are you saying that clubhouse staff has the information to give to the public?

Female Speaker: Rec center staff to give—

Steven Currier: About scholarships?

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: Yes.

Steven Currier: That's good to know.

Female Speaker: Absolutely and they have it in multiple languages and things like that and they do—and then we have a person she goes out with her cart to schools and tries to get—we should have some people come in so you can hear from them directly rather than—

Female Speaker: Yeah, us saying we try really hard isn't as good and [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: She's amazing, she [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: Because there's posters and post cards in different languages so it ends up being a lot of material, so she's got this really [unintelligible].

Chair: Did you have a question directly to Dana at this point?

Ieeshea Romero: Just that there's so much dialogue going on but I do have deep insight on a lot of the topics that are being discussed and bringing up some of the challenges [unintelligible] pertaining to the scholarship process that can't be processed and me specifically—so, Iesha, District 10, speaking to the specific communities that you're hitting on. Lillian is wonderful and phenomenal. I've grown to have a relationship with her for roughly about ten years or so in different capacities. However, in our communities throughout the city with the equity zones or whatever the labels are, the disadvantaged, I don't really care too much for those terms—that there are multiple barriers on so many levels that because of my relationship that I've solidified with her it is not the same for everyone else. For me being an [unintelligible] Latina woman for my community and the families that even while I have to be the middle person advocate we also have to keep in mind that Lee she is one person and she's the only person but that's still to your point of what you're saying that that sounds great but the reality of it is out there in the city these specific pots or pools whatever they are she is no way in any kind of capacity able to handle that. So someone in that Department needs to figure out other ways to allocate. She is overwhelmed, burned out and rubbing people the wrong way and when I say she's rubbing them the wrong way it's ugly and it's bad and when our African American families or Latino families [unintelligible] is there is no common ground interest for her to feel the need to go above and beyond she will not be very receptive or responsive and again I truly care about her. I mean I try [unintelligible] but she is one woman and you she is beyond burned out.

So when we're talking about these families, they're not getting the access. I don't care what's posted or what's being said whatever is out there it's not being reached because what it is, it's like basically a door slammed in your face and I can sit here and go on and on and on about all the reasons to why we as people of color in this city feel the way we feel, especially me speaking to Bayview Hunters Point being that that's where I grew up, it's not as easy as it seems. So yes, we say we have this access and this whatever, we really don't. And I don't care who they say it what advocating for whatever it's not being done and it's not being done efficiently and effectively and a lot of our families really need extra support, whether it be more hands-on with the language piece or just really being hands-on with the process because there's scholarship process is not as easy as it seems and then going to the camping part of it, even if we have five slots, ten slots, with scholarship we're still unable and it's not accessible and I'm a very high-functioning woman and pretty educated but yet again and I [unintelligible] I still have a hard

time getting access to take my children to Camp Mather. So I mean there's multiple things and it sounds great but in all actuality I know what the issues are, the systematic issues, all different levels of issues from the bottom to the top and I come with real strong solutions on how to really justify and get all these problems solved because we can talk all these different things but none of that's happened. It's going on for so many years so moving forward to you Wendy and Steven in this room—and this is my first day so I know nothing about the logistics of it but I have some real solutions and figure out real ways and strong leaders and I know my partner over there has the same that we're tired of the shenanigans and all the little whatever. We're ready to make moves and let's execute and plug people in the right places because I am too tired of hearing excuses but there are real big issues that we really need to address about policy or about the staffing and the reality of that. And of course outreach and I'm the queen of outreach in this city. So excuses we'll leave them outside moving forward. Let's figure out what we can do to do better and I'm willing to talk to you or your Department or whatever. I don't know. That's why I'm here but I'm tired of it because I'm with you Wendy and I personally am a strong powerful voice for a lot of the people of color in this city. That is why I get put in these positions to speak, so.

And again I'm speaking with a passion, the fire in my heart because me as a mother and a single mother raising three kids of color I'm not playing! And I'm tired of excuses so I come with love and passion and genuineness but also, I'm tired and we're ready. So I will stop.

I apologize, I know nothing about this. So someone needs to teach me. I just know other things at different levels, but I do not ever want to step outside. But yes, I will stop.

Chair: Thank you. I think even with this discussion—you know, we're talking about programming and equity [unintelligible] not to say the Department is doing a terrible job it's just that it's great to see the equity metrics but at the same time these anecdotes I think is helpful for you all to understand we are representatives.

Before we go on, I want to make sure that Ana did you have any further questions for Taylor or the Department before going forward in this discussion?

Ana Gee: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: Oh, the audit report. Let's see, how would—yeah, I can try to connect the project manager to you if you have things to say. The Controller's Office is not a Department that really takes public feedback. They kind of operate independently.

Ana Gee: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: I don't remember seeing something like that. But it would probably be good for them to hear someone's, you know, like a real person's personal interpretation of this. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you Ana. And then [unintelligible] did you still have a question for Taylor?

Karen Rhodes: A short question. Now that you have a few years of data under your belt about equity here in our Recreation and Park have these data points driven any major decisions of reallocation of resources?

Taylor Emerson: I don't know about major but it's definitely that Mark Dreger [unintelligible] said measure what matters because as soon as you start measuring everyone gets the message that that matters and so you have to be careful what you measure because then it does start to change just by virtue of measuring and all the data points have gotten better. For example, outdoor recreation I think one reason—one part of how that's gotten better, and we got a grant for connecting children to nature in the city [unintelligible] that's why you're measuring it. Wow, we do nature stuff in our afterschool program so I'm going to start calling that an hour of nature. So things do shift sometimes. Eventually sometimes [unintelligible] good efforts. So [unintelligible] I think it is an ever-growing conversation not just in our Department but in our city and our world really and so I [unintelligible] and I really feel like this is a revelation in government actually, it's not doing things equally. [unintelligible] another consideration which is who needs us the most. So yes, thank you.

Chair: Thank you Karen. Then Roisin.

Roisin Isner: [unintelligible]

Taylor Emerson: [unintelligible] for example in D6 if you look at hours of programming by District 6 was almost none because [unintelligible] it's packed. [unintelligible]

Roisin Isner: [unintelligible]

Taylor Emerson: It's hard for a white woman of great privilege to even talk about this topic without offending some, you know—

Roisin Isner: The problem that equity metrics seem to be missing is that they're not looking at [unintelligible] populations. If you look at District 10, we have by far the largest population of children in the city and [unintelligible] all we really need to look at is are we giving resources to the communities that need help. That's not happening, they are being—again, like you're distributing resources for children towards people that [unintelligible].

Taylor Emerson: Yeah, I heard that you were interested in—

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

Chair: Do you have a question for Taylor Roisin?

Roisin Isner: I have feedback. I also have questions. So there was recently an Examiner article about the [unintelligible] shootings and people interviewed said we need more [unintelligible] Bayview public safety town hall every single [unintelligible]. Recreation and Park theoretically provides [unintelligible]. So one of the things that we talked about is these

equity zones and for example [unintelligible]. Why don't we just automatically enroll people in scholarships because they [unintelligible].

Taylor Emerson: Well, there's people who are [unintelligible].

Roisin Isner: [unintelligible]

Taylor Emerson: I'm not sure that we can just use someone's address to determine how [unintelligible].

[simultaneous comments]

Taylor Emerson: In a dense city of rent control it's hard to say someone is poor based on their address.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: I think we should let the people who really spend a lot of time studying this come back to the meeting and talk to you guys rather than you trying to answer these questions because I know the people who have spent a lot of time thinking about how best to [unintelligible] and Taylor is not.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: It's unfortunate you couldn't have the people here that could answer the questions you have.

Female Speaker: Maybe we should defer the question and get the right people in the room.

Female Speaker: I don't want to be defensive or anything, I just want to point out the strict math if we hold everyone who lives in an equity zone [unintelligible] it would be 20 percent of the city. We don't even have that many slots, you know, we have 16,000 slots. So there's ways to access [unintelligible].

[simultaneous comments]

Roisin Isner: There's no drop-in art program in Visitacion Valley, that doesn't exist. [unintelligible].

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: I think what we'll do is we'll need to re-agendize this item to make sure that Elaine or someone else can discuss exactly what they do, and they can address the questions.

Roisin Isner: My question is what has Recreation and Park done to address the inequity [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

[simultaneous comments]

Roisin Isner: Right, but they can talk about the program [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: And let them talk because they can really answer your questions.

Female Speaker: And they're the ones that can build a partnership with you and other community organizations about what you [unintelligible].

Chair: That's a good point Taylor. What we can do after this meeting and before our next meeting is try to figure out what are we wanting to ask and what are some of the potential solutions.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

Chair: But I want to keep moving forward, so Steven and then Robert and then we'll move on to the next item.

Steven Currier: District 11. I'm going to go way back to the beginning of your presentation.

Taylor Emerson: Okay.

Steven Currier: Either I'm an idiot or I have no idea what you're talking about. So I've been like [unintelligible] is what is the equity program [unintelligible]. Because I don't have that. I mean you already said that you were here eight months ago.

Taylor Emerson: I don't know if you want this map with the list of sites that are in our [unintelligible].

Steven Currier: I would love it, but I think that everybody should know about it.

Taylor Emerson: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

Steven Currier: [unintelligible] it's on the website but if I could distribute it to people that need it to [unintelligible] like the neighborhood associations that don't really know about it.

Taylor Emerson: It's kind of wonky and hard to explain. It isn't about program, it's just a tool for measuring. It's like a ruler. It's not a program. It's just a tool.

Steven Currier: As long as you can send it out to us at least we can dissect it.

Taylor Emerson: It's difficult. Okay, I'll take that request, thank you.

Chair: And then we're going to make sure that everyone gets a copy of the equity map and the parks that are in the equity zone.

Steven Currier: I feel for Iesha and I feel for you. I'm in District 11 in Crocker-Amazon where we're tugged by low income and we're tugged by people that make great income and people that are knowledgeable and people that are not knowledgeable. And people don't know how to ask questions and so I think that as a park representative if I had actually the knowledge—at least half the knowledge that you have at least I could direct people.

Taylor Emerson: I'll try to [unintelligible].

Chair: Thank you Taylor. Robert?

Robert Brust: I really don't have a question, I have sort of a statement. I want to thank Taylor for coming in and giving this presentation one more time. This was—this little language that was put in Prop 8 was a good beginning. It got the park thinking about equity. It got us talking about it but there's a lot more that needs to be done and I think there's a lot more that just cannot be done in this room. You're meeting all of us and you're going to meet a lot of park people and if we keep working with it we'll get the right people in the room but I think that maybe one of the things going forward is the people that are really passionate about this issue like Wendy and you talk to each other and go back and get some meetings with out people in this building.

Taylor Emerson: [unintelligible]

Robert Brust: Great job, great job Taylor. Okay, thank you.

Chair: I think to Robert's point something that Wendy wanted to bring up was that maybe a good opportunity to reestablish and equity working group.

Female Speaker: We tried, and we didn't have the participation.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: But now we have people on this committee who have the desire.

Taylor Emerson: Totally, yes. And you know just as long as they understand that my job is to be a citywide servant. I have to serve all people and so I'd love [unintelligible] but it's a two-part dance.

Chair: And so if you are interested in forming this equity group or working group let's meet offline after this meeting so we can make sure that we have the appropriate number of [unintelligible].

And so I really do appreciate hearing everyone's comments. I think that it's really good feedback for Taylor and Dana and the rest of the Department. We know that these equity zones have evolved since Prop B. We know that it's not meeting the needs of multiple communities in our city and so what are we going to do as an advisory committee to support the Department in addressing those issues.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] and we just need to sit down—you know, they're all new and we're trying, and we need your help to do more and so that's one of the things that got lost [unintelligible] hours in like District 6. So District 6 obviously this is an equity area, but they also have 5000 versus District 10's 16,000 children. So we do have to be looking at hours per child when you look at overall population. [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: Yes, yes. And I think that although we do serve adults also and seniors I think that is probably one of the most salient recommendations that have been made over the years is that we should have a metric just about recreation per child.

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: Okay. Well, we actually just did that so I just wonder what is the population of seniors in the city and what is our percentage of [unintelligible] so that worked out right but of course for kids it's like way—it's like three times the number.

Chair: So thank you so much Taylor.

Taylor Emerson: [unintelligible] how different neighborhoods get programmed.

Chair: And again everyone thank you so much for providing your comments because there are a lot of new members on our committee and this is an opportunity to knowledge-share. It some like we're still trying to understand the process of programming, the process of scholarships, what it looks like what the numbers are. Taylor, thank you so much.

Taylor Emerson: [unintelligible]

Chair: Exactly and so I think that we're going to continue our equity conversation with Dana presenting on permitting and reservations. So I'm going to close this agenda item. Is there any public comment? I do have a couple comment cards for agenda Item #10. All right, so this item is closed. Let's move into permitting and reservation process as it relates to equity.

Dana Ketchum: So I'm going to apologize because I didn't [unintelligible] but we're going to talk about permitting and give you an overview of permits because some of your are new and don't know anything about what we do [unintelligible] reservations as well and what we do and

then we may need to come back and continue to engage but my goal is to give you a quick overview.

In the permit's we break our world into three things, and this is like permits 101. We have things that are called public recreation and [unintelligible], things like gymnasiums and using pools. Things have like clubhouse and rec center rooms that people use for birthday parties. [unintelligible] and it's actually pretty busy. We have athletic venues. We provide lots of our fields, the school district uses our fields to leagues to kids' groups to [unintelligible], you name it.

And then we have things called special events, so those are weddings and then we have outdoor events, those are things that are open to the public, they're big events or involve music. We'll talk about that. And we have some special even indoor locations too.

So how do you find out about permits? There's a public site, it includes tons of detail. [unintelligible]. You can look up any facility, there's pictures of the picnic tables, you'll see how big they are, how many they seat. We have maps, we have fees. We now are making availability online, it's been a soft rollout so if you look at indoor facilities and picnics you can see when it's available and starting a week from today you will be able to book them online and [unintelligible].

One of our big things is we balance the use of facilities, that's part of our role. We don't just put events taking out Dolores Park every weekend which people would love to do, or Golden Gate Park. [unintelligible] We put residents first. We make [unintelligible] facilities available to our residents [unintelligible] and then balance the different types of uses. So that's part of what we do.

One of our biggest challenges in passive events on neighbors and passive recreation. So the city does like to use Golden Gate Park for big events but there are neighbors around Golden Gate Park who would prefer to have it quiet more often. [unintelligible] you know, any park is their backyard [unintelligible] and we call them neighborhood parks which [unintelligible].

Athletic fields [unintelligible] changes to ensure that they're used by residents and kids of all abilities. We don't want to turn a child away but we literally for soccer take in rosters of every single name and make sure kids aren't on more than one team and take more than their share because it's really, really tight. We have some systems we're using to make sure it's very transparent and fair, but we do give equity zone teams with non-paid coaches the right to take fields first so that they can get a field in the neighborhood that's close to them and they don't have to travel.

Female Speaker: So that's an example, I don't know if that's major or not but they're having a lot of small changes [unintelligible] elevated service in equity zones, that's one example.

Dana Ketchum: So we would have like [unintelligible] which serves the Mission for instance, a very popular field for other people. If you are a teen that is located at a school close by so you're trying to get there from that neighborhood [unintelligible]. And then we [unintelligible] and I'll talk more about that.

Permit fees. [unintelligible] for our permits are set [unintelligible] but we do waive them for a number of things. Community meeting space—[unintelligible]. Those meetings must be open to all and focus on community and they can't be a commercial business. We waive our special even fee so we will cosponsor community events [unintelligible] at our facilities [unintelligible] up to \$700 which includes the cost of [unintelligible]. But there can't be vendor sales, alcohol sales or anything but modest food sales. The only exception is tee-shirts [unintelligible]. Protests and rallies, we support free speech and so there is a waiver of fees for any protest or rally, but they can't involve music, so we don't want to [unintelligible]. So that is a part of those policies.

Picnics. There are sites throughout the city [unintelligible] 82 percent were for family events, children's parties, weddings, family gatherings, 6 percent were schools, 5 percent nonprofit and 4 percent work-related events. A permit is not required [unintelligible] but the permit or reservation [unintelligible] you don't want to have to go sleep on it overnight to make sure nobody else has it. We view that as a service and it's just nice to know you've got this table at Dolores or whatever, you can go set up your balloons and have a really fun party.

So why should [unintelligible], they provide [unintelligible] accountability for cleanup and damage. [unintelligible] and we can manage space. You also don't want to think [unintelligible] in Golden Gate Park and find out you're on [unintelligible].

Picnic fees, they're \$36 for up to 50 people, \$72 for up to 100 [unintelligible]. Amplified sound is more expensive because [unintelligible] and there can be extra fees if you are in more than one [unintelligible] impact our park and other users.

We also do picnics on lawn areas where we have a number of parks listed here [unintelligible].

Gymnasiums, we rent those [unintelligible]. We only rent out our gyms when our facilities are closed, otherwise they are programmed or open gym time free for the public to come in. Different hours tend to have different activities. Sometimes they're opened for volleyball, sometimes [unintelligible], sometimes there's open gym for badminton. There's a number of different things, mostly it's basketball and [unintelligible] we provide it to the school district for free [unintelligible] up to West Portal is \$80 an hour. It depends on the size [unintelligible] but there are staffing fees of \$25 an hour that's [unintelligible] the cost of bringing in special as-needed staff [unintelligible] of over a 100 to 200 different staffing things that we hope to get everybody where they're supposed to be to [unintelligible] and make that happen.

Athletic venues—baseball [unintelligible], soccer fields. So youth non-profit programs serving San Francisco resident schools there are no fees. Residents it's [unintelligible] an hour for up to four hours per month. Non-for-profit adult leagues serving only San Francisco residents \$32 an hour. Others [unintelligible]. We charge a fee for summer camps unless the summer camps is charging only a nominal fee. [unintelligible].

And we allocate our athletic venues quarterly so that we can look at everything together and be super-organized about it.

Special events. I'm not sure that's on this agenda so I'm just going to go through it really quickly. [unintelligible] Lake Merced is available and then [unintelligible].

Other special events, major places, these are walks, races, festivals, [unintelligible] serving 500 people. We have 10 high school diamonds serving 30 high schools. It is a very complicated paradigm to get those out to everyone. 26 pitches. 313 practice areas for soccer. [unintelligible]. Number of picnic sites per week, 210, number of [unintelligible] sign up 9:00 to 1:00 or 2:00 to 6:00. Same with our [unintelligible] because we want to have capacity to make more people happy if we can.

[unintelligible] 58,000 a year. Picnic permits 7844, [unintelligible] rentals about 3500, those are the numbers. Special event permits very complicated, there's a pretty big [unintelligible] we get about 10,000 inquiries a year which [unintelligible].

I like to make people guess so I'll say it's a chandelier, guess what it's made out of in first three letter of the segment, chandelier. [unintelligible] I get lots of big guess on that.

We do make significant revenue from our permit area. It goes to help support our staff, our recreation staff. [unintelligible] I'd be happy to come back [unintelligible] so currently the only way to [unintelligible] different people have different skills. [unintelligible] We are going to be updating it so that when you call on the phone it gives you an option to push 2 for Spanish and it will take you to one of those two people. Right now [unintelligible]. We also have a satellite office admission one day a week, a Spanish speaking person is available there as well.

Other challenges—athletics as I said. We have more supply than demand. We actually have developed a system for teens to do an online draft where we've designated [unintelligible]. Our parks have become so popular we've gone from 200 [unintelligible] without any increase in our staff. It's a little overwhelming. But we put a lot of information on our website. And then making sure [unintelligible].

Other changes, we switched to an entire new system in the last four months which allows us to [unintelligible] reservations. We're still working out the kinks. Making sure people respect our parks. They have to clean up, they can't leave their trash. They can't [unintelligible]. [unintelligible]. Other issues, it's really hard to hire people in this economy and [unintelligible] we've also been working Golden Gate Park tennis closure, in the last two months we launched a pilot free online tennis reservation system in our neighborhood courts that people can [unintelligible].

And that's it.

Chair: Okay. Who has questions? Wendy has a question, Steven, Richard and Iesha.

Wendy Aragon: [unintelligible]

Dana Ketchum: Oh yeah, we took care of you.

Wendy Aragon: Yes, you guys took care of us but it's hard because nobody knew how to help him and I think that's troubling because I have you as a resource, so other people don't have that so I think.

Dana Ketchum: [unintelligible]

Wendy Aragon: [unintelligible]

Dana Ketchum: Yeah, I mean it was a little confusing with the Bessie Carmichael.

Wendy Aragon: So then the other thing is that going back to the issue of permits and online permits several years ago people [unintelligible] Mission playground this issue ironically on Columbus Day where [unintelligible] and kicked kids who had been using that playground every day for their whole lives out.

Dana Ketchum: Can I tell the true story of that? *[simultaneous comments]*

Wendy Aragon: Because I've heard one side from the community versus like what happened and so—

Dana Ketchum: I was involved in this, I'm going to tell the story.

Wendy Aragon: Okay, so tell the story.

Dana Ketchum: You know, it was a blacktop, right, way back when. So when we [unintelligible] we had multiple meetings with the community and compromised that Monday, Wednesday and Friday it would stay pickup and Tuesday and Thursdays we would do permits, okay? And so a decision was made that some people didn't like to have other people using it on Tuesday and Thursday and they came intending to film it and—because I know the person who did it—and so now we don't permit it and there's no women using it in the evenings, it tends to be all men Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. We still preserve Saturday and Sundays for kids, so we do and we still preserve the after-school hours until 7:00 for kids and we do ensure that those who are what I talked about [unintelligible] they're the teens and the kids from the neighborhoods are getting to use it.

I would like to see us be able to offer that so that a woman's group could use it but it's where it is now, but it wasn't—

Wendy Aragon: I know it's a very complicated issue and like the community had one way of feeling about it, other groups other different ways of feeling about it, but I guess making sure that those issues aren't happening again because I think right now we [unintelligible].

Dana Ketchum: [unintelligible] talking to that community in so many meetings three years prior and it's sort of like all of a sudden people didn't remember [unintelligible].

Wendy Aragon: But [unintelligible] make sure that like people are getting to use parks equally and like how those partnerships are going away.

Dana Ketchum: That's why we did the whole equity because one of the first parks we turfed and the most popular were Franklin and Garfield and all of a sudden all these people who never wanted to go to Franklin, Garfield and Crocker wanted to go to Franklin and Garfield and Crocker and it's like no, you know. We're going to make sure that we're serving those families and those kids who have been using that park forever and they get priority. [unintelligible] Like it's really a fundamental for me. Girls are also a fundamental to me [unintelligible] our girls give people access and people opportunities and that the teens and the families and the kids from those neighborhoods can use their parks first.

Wendy Aragon: Absolutely, thank you.

Steven Currier: District 11. So I bent over backwards for Crocker when we got returfed and I got crap throughout the city but I'm so happy. I want to ask you a question about permits and specifically for Balboa Park.

Dana Ketchum: Are you talking about baseball diamonds?

Steven Currier: No, I'm talking about for birthday parties, the jump houses that are put out there, and every once in a while, I'll walk out there and there are no permits and I won't throw anybody under the bus but how do you keep these people legitimate basically?

Dana Ketchum: You know what, it's an honor system and we do allow jump houses on the lawn if you get a picnic table you can have a jump house. I personally as a [unintelligible] mom I think a jump house is one of the best value birthday parties you can have that make your hid sweat and be so happy. I love jump houses. [laughs]

Steven Currier: I totally agree with you but how do you keep those who apply for a permit or get a permit legitimate from those who don't?

Dana Ketchum: Well, so generally if you show up and take the table and somebody is—and you have the permit, you show it. We have very few issues. We used to have wooden picnic tables and we had stencil on it that would say this picnic table can be reserved so they're more on notice. We try and have some signs out. But you know I was talking about the neighborhood tennis courts—so we went to a system in the last month and a half the first time [unintelligible] where there are multiples so like if they're [unintelligible] we'd do two and people are like oh what's going to happen and we had only one incident you know and we put big signs up that say these two can be reserved, it's free. Again, with my kids I never used to take my son to play tennis because I didn't want to go stand there, I don't even know if we can get the court, is it available. You know if you show up it's all an insider's game, you feel like can't do it and now guess what, you want to play tennis in San Francisco? You can be crappy, and it doesn't matter who you are you can go on our website, book, and you can book a court. So you know that's it, we also have lawns and open areas where people can put a blanket down for free and have a picnic.

Steven Currier: Let's say [unintelligible].

Dana Ketchum: And that's important too.

Chair: Richard?

Richard Rothman: Oh yes.

Dana Ketchum: [unintelligible] [laughs]

Richard Rothman: Well, besides living near Golden Gate Park I was going to ask you about Cabrillo playground. And I live across the street from there so when I walk there on the weekends I've always known it's reserved with parties and I was—

Dana Ketchum: The clubhouse itself.

Richard Rothman: The clubhouse, yes. And that may be, you know, part of this equity measure. Maybe one Saturday a month or I don't know, it could be not reserved for parties, you know, just open to the general public.

Dana Ketchum: And then we have a table in there. I mean you know the playground is still open to the public.

Richard Rothman: Yeah.

Dana Ketchum: But again I think of and when we talk about equity I think about scholarships [unintelligible]. But I think about if you live in a small apartment being able to rent a room for you know where if it's raining you can bring the kids and have a party. I mean these parties are really popular and these are not you know wealthy—these are families, they're San Francisco that want to have a kid's birthday party in there and just opening a clubhouse.

Richard Rothman: Well, you know, they can play games in there. I know people have parties you know when the clubhouse is full, they have parties in the—they're sitting out on the benches or setting up little tents.

Dana Ketchum: Yeah, sometimes we have outdoor parties there.

Richard Rothman: Yeah, do they have to pay for those if somebody just comes and—

Dana Ketchum: I can't remember if Cabrillo picnic tables are first come, first served or reserveable. If someone goes online, they can look it up.

Richard Rothman: But I just thought of [unintelligible] because there's games in there and—

Dana Ketchum: Okay, okay, we'll think about that.

Richard Rothman: Thank you.

Chair: Thanks Richard. Iesha.

Ieeshea Romero: District 10.

Dana Ketchum: You guys also the Districts—District 10 is?

Ieeshea Romero: Bayview-Hunters Point, it's pretty big but I specifically like focus Bayview-Hunters Point. I have my other team focuses on Visitacion Valley. But the question that I have—so going back to I guess some of the clubhouses and rec centers and you have the athletic venues. For the nonprofit programs serving San Francisco resident the question I have is there any way that some of the fees can be eliminated for nonprofits? So I currently run a nonprofit that teaches all aspect of design to specifically kids of color [unintelligible], my people right? Well, some of the biggest challenges and barriers that I had in running my program that I offer free classes and they are high level classes because I have high level top designers teaching my youth that we tend to lack space.

Dana Ketchum: Indoor space?

Ieeshea Romero: Indoor space.

Dana Ketchum: So the challenge is finding indoor space in the Bayview that—

Ieeshea Romero: It's not just Bayview because I mean I have the privilege to I mean because of the way I run this program if the majority of my children are from Bayview or whatever I tend to bring them out and I will pay for the transportation. I have spent \$12,000 on picking up kids from all over the Bay Area to get them to my Facebook boot camp, right? But when I think about giving access whether it be District 10 specifically or Visitacion Valley, like the Sunnydale side, the only opportunities are places that we have even if that is, is the library but for Recreation and Park I mean I know we don't have particularly clubhouses or spaces to my knowledge or if the pool has rooms.

Dana Ketchum: In the Bayview there's Youngblood.

Ieeshea Romero: Yeah but it's never open.

Dana Ketchum: And Louis Sutter has afterschool program and Youngblood has after school programs so you're talking about—

Ieeshea Romero: I'm talking because everything that I run is a weekend program, right? It's a Saturday program and it's free because my teachers, my educators, are professionals, so. And I run it from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. However, whatever it is I have the ability to do whatever it is that I want.

Dana Ketchum: Well, we can certainly talk about ways to kind of do some sort of partnership on that program with you to find a way to provide—I'm pushing to end it at 1:30 so we could still have a birthday party in there too.

Ieeshea Romero: That's fine, I don't know. But I guess going back to the cost of it.

Dana Ketchum: There would be the staffing cost but in terms of the cost to rent it which would be prohibitive on a regular—we could work on a partnership type agreement.

Ieeshea Romero: [unintelligible]

Dana Ketchum: But we can sit down and talk about something.

Ieeshea Romero: Okay.

Dana Ketchum: That's way more complicated than we need to do.

Ieeshea Romero: I've had some pretty good ones that are not, but I mean that's fine. My whole point of bringing it up is just thinking about ways to solve some of the problems with programming and utilize so that we can solve all of these challenges that we are speaking to about specific groups, programs, opportunities because I'm one but there are multiple different nonprofits that do the same thing but they're all these barriers. We have these big buildings and open spaces that we're not even allowed to access.

Dana Ketchum: Right.

Ieeshea Romero: And then there's the financial barrier to pay for your staff to be there when we barely have money just to pay ourselves.

Dana Ketchum: Unfortunately I don't have staff to do that [unintelligible].

Ieeshea Romero: But I mean there has to be some sort of way to build some sort of relationship of reputation.

Dana Ketchum: Well, that's where we can have if it's a longer term agreement we could probably arrange for that [unintelligible].

Ieeshea Romero: Right and I agree with that. I mean that's—

Dana Ketchum: But I can't do that all the time because then I don't know who [unintelligible].

Ieeshea Romero: Right. But that could also be some of our roles here at the table some of these spaces. We build these relationships, we give access and [unintelligible].

Dana Ketchum: The other thing I do is I run property management. I'm not talking about my other hat which is [unintelligible] the Y and different spaces and different--you know, which is also programming we do because we provide spaces but we [unintelligible]. We have some tools.

Ieeshea Romero: I just—I would really appreciate [unintelligible] but me having been with this org for six years and that has been one of my biggest challenges.

Dana Ketchum: My goal [unintelligible]. My goal is to always get those up, you know, find ways. But I—

Ieeshea Romero: But I would have never known about you if I wasn't sitting here.

Dana Ketchum: [unintelligible] But I'll do my best to try and come up with good solutions, okay?

Chair: Thanks Dana. Trevor, did you have a question for Dana?

Trevor McNeil: A quick question, maybe you [unintelligible]. Are there any statistics about like complaints of somebody is at my place and like conflicts? Is it so rare that—

Dana Ketchum: We get maybe one a week. I often get the phone call at home if it happens because we [unintelligible]. So it does happen, people sometimes are but does that mean we shouldn't do it? No.

Trevor McNeil: I was just curious if you had numbers.

Dana Ketchum: No, it's really—we have problems on our athletic fields so one of the things we started doing is we give everybody a list of who is supposed to be out there and so they have it so they know it's like why don't I have enough space? You didn't give us enough space. And I'm like well that person—[unintelligible] staff out there to help with the picnics. It's like they're calling a park ranger which can take a while, but it usually works itself out.

Trevor McNeil: Thank you.

Chair: Thank you Trevor.

Female Speaker: Yeah, I want to follow up on what Iesha was saying because I think she bring us a really interesting point that also connects to the previous discussion [unintelligible] so since we do know that there is this really dramatic inequity in terms of the programs that are available by area [unintelligible] and there are nonprofits that provide programming. So for example we have [unintelligible] at the recording studio that [unintelligible] but no programming around it.

Dana Ketchum: The recording studio at?

Female Speaker: In Sunnydale there's a recording studio built in like 2000.

Dana Ketchum: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: I think it's at the Boys and Girls Club.

Dana Ketchum: But it's [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: It's on HUD's property.

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: But we know that like Hertz Clubhouse we're not doing anything really with it. It's not properly utilized. So perhaps if there isn't already a plan for addressing these inequities in programming you could waive fees for nonprofits to [unintelligible] as a stopgap measure.

Dana Ketchum: Which we do. I mean me might charge like a utility charge but very, very little. And we have a number—I mean that's what we do is we have a number of partnerships. I mean look at Alice Chalmers, we're going to be putting a nursery school, a preschool in there, [unintelligible] because their preschools are totally a huge waitlist and so that's trying to serve that neighborhood and you're taking a clubhouse that was really underutilized and [unintelligible]. So I think there's a series of different—I'm happy to engage. I have Hertz currently listed as having programming in it so that's a conversation we need to have with our recreation Division about exactly what's happening there. We've done partnerships with the housing authority across the street. We tried a number of different things. And I'm happy to come in anytime to do a deep dive in any area you want [unintelligible].

Chair: Thank you Dana. Is there any public comment on this item? Being none, public comment is closed. Let's move to agenda Item 7 for capital planning monthly update.

Male Speaker: [unintelligible] here on behalf of Stacy. In terms of staffing changes we added the new [unintelligible]. We have a couple staff that are leaving over the next few months for a variety of reasons. They're taking new opportunities, they're staying home with new babies and they're retiring like for instance Christina Garcia. [unintelligible].

Last night [unintelligible]. It's a really great evening. It's an opportunity for the different communities and [unintelligible] to come together and to identify what the projects are in their communities. They talk about the challenges that they were having, the needs that they wanted and it's just an opportunity for all the communities in D10 to come together and find out what each other is doing and how they can support one another. It was a really great evening. And they broke down out into different groups. The community groups were Potrero Hill, Bayview-Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, Little Hollywood and Dogpatch area. [unintelligible] So it was really a fun night and [unintelligible].

At Civic Center we're going to have street soccer and [unintelligible] this month at the Commission and inline with the Civic Center [unintelligible] we're requesting to close half of

Fulton Street to implement street soccer for July and August. Urban soccer will provide the turf field that spectator and player [unintelligible].

Bond projects. We had a groundbreaking for the opening of [unintelligible] and so she wants to thank all of you who joined us especially Anthony Cuadro who was on the [unintelligible] and Ana Gee who has been working so hard on Sergeant MaCaulay. We also had a groundbreaking at Sergeant MaCaulay. Along with those two we will be going into construction on Merced Height, Alice Chalmers and McLaren Group Picnic. [unintelligible] is scheduled for May 11th. In addition we're also going into construction on Turk-Hyde.

Summer projects. We're on schedule for Guy Place Park which is planning to open later this year [unintelligible] this month for approval. And finally Mother's Building. I think we have someone who is interested in that. [laughs] We are working [unintelligible] to investigate and address some of the roofing issues that occurred from a recent storm.

And that is the report from our Capital.

Chair: Richard, Ana, Nick, Anthony.

Richard Rothman: Any update about the pools? Rossi and Garfield?

Male Speaker: Garfield is in construction right now. It's going to be I think later this year or next year. Rossi will be going offline in a few months I believe.

Male Speaker: I heard July.

Male Speaker: Yeah, a few months. [unintelligible].

Richard Rothman: So they're going to close two pools at a time instead of one, right? Because we thought—I think that's what he told us last month.

Male Speaker: That sounds right but I'll get more details for you.

Ana Gee: District 6. [unintelligible] It is very important that we recognize you guys because without you [unintelligible].

Steven Currier: Can I just say something on that? I know when Tiffany was—I'm sorry, Beverly, was sending out—would send out updates or notices of either groundbreakings or ribbon cuttings or whatnot and [unintelligible] and I know I tried to keep up with like Recreation and Park updates, monthly updates for different Districts. So I really wanted to go to yours and I totally [unintelligible].

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Steven Currier: [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] subscribe to our e-news which has adorable announcements every week. It's so much better than [unintelligible]. It's really cute.

Chair: Anthony?

Anthony Cuadro: District 7. I don't know if you can answer this, but I know we were talking last year about a bond measure, the next bond measure and that got pushed. Is there any information when—

Male Speaker: We will start community engagement on the bond issues later this year, first of next year.

Anthony Cuadro: So you're looking at a 2020, 2021?

Male Speaker: 2020 is the date of the bond.

Anthony Cuadro: 2020, November 2020.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: And so Mark has a comment.

Mark Scheuer: I have a question. District 8. You mentioned that some people were leaving. It seems like in the past two or three years there's been an acute shortage of personnel at Recreation and Park. But I'm wondering why that is, why are so many people leaving and why is it so hard to replace them?

Male Speaker: People retire. They find other jobs.

[simultaneous comments]

Mark Scheuer: It's been a problem for Recreation and Park for a few years now and I'm wondering if you're addressing it?

Male Speaker: I'd have to check with upper management on that and get back to you, but I do know that there are a number of people that are retiring, and we are hiring as we find [unintelligible].

Mark Scheuer: You know, I realize that. I'm just looking at the actual shortages which seem to be increasing.

Male Speaker: And I will check with management and I'll get back to you.

Nick Belloni: Can I jump in on that?

Male Speaker: Sure.

Nick Belloni: I know it's actually a systemic problem across the board in the city because of the hiring practices [unintelligible] harder to hire somebody, it takes about three or four months. Sandy actually was talking to us about that yesterday at PAR that it takes about three or four months to actually hire someone permanently for a job. The Board is actually going to start looking into why it's taking so long and how they can streamline that in a way.

Female Speaker: The other thing is that a position usually has to be vacant in order for them to announce it which doesn't [unintelligible].

Nick Belloni: So those are kind of problems that are happening too as well as economic times of harder to find people in certain skill level jobs. Drivers are really hard to find right now.

Male Speaker: You know, I'm aware of all this. [unintelligible].

Nick Belloni: It's a citywide problem and it comes in with city HR issues and also the Departments have to follow certain rules and from what I was meant to understand last night that's a major problem across the board and the Board is actually going to start to look into why that's happening, just to try to give you some kind of [unintelligible].

Female Speaker: [unintelligible]

[simultaneous comments]

Nick Belloni: We have the [unintelligible] for the street soccer. How much parking is being taken away?

Male Speaker: [unintelligible]

Richard Rothman: So that's in front of the library, right? Along Fulton Street.

Male Speaker: It's alongside the library.

[simultaneous comments]

Nick Belloni: Because again we're talking about in front of one of the most important city building that we have.

Male Speaker: But that has [unintelligible] how many level parking structure underneath it?

[simultaneous comments]

Nick Belloni: It's expensive and during the day it's expensive and you take away regular parking it gets prohibitive for other people.

Male Speaker: And it fills up too.

Nick Belloni: Yeah. So I just want to make sure—

Male Speaker: So I'll check out the question about parking and get back to you.

Nick Belloni: Cool, thank you.

Chair: Any other questions of Lamont when it comes to capital planning update? Okay, any public comment on this item? We have one blue card, and this is from Emma Gee.

Female Speaker: So she wanted to share that she got a [unintelligible].

Chair: That's so exciting. Thank you Emma for sharing. Thank you. Okay, any other comments on the capital planning? Hearing none, this item is closed.

Let's move to agenda Item #8 which is new business agenda setting. And so we do have an outstanding list of items here. I wanted to remove—well, we're actually not going to remove [unintelligible] we're going to agendize this in a future meeting. Richard?

Richard Rothman: A couple of things. One is you can remove SFMTA Chain of Lakes. I talked to staff about that. The other is the Friends of the Japanese Tea Garden would like to come and talk. They're not ready yet, they want to make sure there's budget and the other details, so they'll let me know or the staff know, the Recreation and Park staff and the friends. I heard them speak last week at the Operations Recreation and Park committee meeting and I think they really had an ambitious plan and I think it would be great to hear that.

And then the final this is that Supervisor Fewer's Office asks that if we can hear the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority sooner than later their officer would appreciate hearing about this mysterious agency.

Chair: Thanks Richard. And then your comment about the Friends of Japanese Tea Garden, is this related to the Peace Structure?

Richard Rothman: No, this is related to—well it partly is. It's not related to the fee. They want to add an extra fee. They want to a project to fix up the pagoda in there and [unintelligible] campaign about it so it has nothing to do with the dynamic pricing. It's a separate issue.

Chair: Thanks for the clarification. Does anyone else want to add to the new business list?

Male Speaker: Me, I have one. But before that it would be helpful if we had more than just two or three words here for the agenda. I'm not quite sure where we're going with it and I think sometimes we actually have the item and we still don't know where we're going with it. I mean it's just constructive criticism.

Chair: Which item do you think needs some clarification?

Female Speaker: I don't think Jordyn input most of these on there.

Male Speaker: Yeah.

[simultaneous comments]

Male Speaker: I mean we've had like preservation and SEQUA interplay between [unintelligible] I talked to Richard about it and I'm still confused about what the heck. And I could say something about them all.

Chair: If everyone is still preservation and SEQUA this has been on here for years.

[simultaneous comments]

Male Speaker: It off.

Nick Belloni: Richard, did—where was it? I just saw it. Golden Gate Park edge improvement strategy?

Richard Rothman: I think we should wait; another part of the MTA planning is working with the Supervisor's office to come up with a plan so I think when MTA has a plan and Supervisor Fewer is happy with it then we can have them come.

Nick Belloni: Okay, cool. I just wanted to make sure.

Richard Rothman: No, thank you for asking. Yeah, no.

Chair: And Robert to your comment was there anything you wanted to add to these?

Robert Brust: I would like to add one word, homeless.

Chair: Homelessness?

Robert Brust: Homeless. No, just homeless.

Chair: Just homeless.

Robert Brust: And specifically the park's strategy and policy when it comes to people living in the parks. I've already been talking to Parks Department people about it.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: It's something that Robert would like us to add.

Steven Currier: Well, I think that also should go with the—I brought it up three months ago and we still haven't had any presentation on it—RV overnight parking which actually is right in there with [unintelligible].

[simultaneous comments]

Robert Brust: Thank you Steven.

Chair: And we want to make sure that we have the right people to present on that [unintelligible].

Robert Brust: [unintelligible] I'd be happy to talk to you about it before we put it all together.

Chair: Okay. Nick?

Nick Belloni: I have a quick one. Sunshine task force [unintelligible] they'd like to come talk to us because we are an independent advisory body to a policy setting body and they'd like to give us a little overview of what's in our purview, what we can do, what we can't. Where we are, and I think it's probably a good idea for us to have them come and just give us an overview of it. Sunshine task force.

Robert Brust: They are the body that ensures that we are conducting ourselves in a democratic and open fashion.

Nick Belloni: Yes. They are—

Robert Brust: They've been helpful.

Nick Belloni: Yes. They want to do that, so.

Robert Brust: It's because we're becoming more ambitious it might be a good idea.

Nick Belloni: That's what I was thinking when Bruce talked to me about it so I think it might be a good idea to have them. It won't be the most entertaining, but it will be definitely informative.

Chair: And do you think that they'll be able to [unintelligible] to our committee?

Nick Belloni: I can talk to Bruce about it and make sure that they do.

Chair: I like that idea. I think it's a learning experience for us all to understand the purpose of the Sunshine task force and how it can improve our committee meetings.

Nick Belloni: Make sure we're following proper procedures and everything.

Chair: Yeah, I need to learn those things too.

Nick Belloni: So do I. [laughs]

Chair: I think it's also beneficial to have like Robert's Rules and [unintelligible]

Female Speaker: [unintelligible] Some of us have those skills, some don't.

Chair: Okay, anything else to add to new business? Karen.

Karen Rhodes: The 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park is coming up and I'm wondering if there's a role we can play in making sure that the programming around that is responsive to community needs, inclusive and inviting. I would be curious to know more about that, about the thinking on that.

Chair: Lamont, is that something that you would have more knowledge about?

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: I love the idea of having you guys helping, yeah.

Chair: Thank you Karen, we'll try to get someone from the Department to come talk to us about Golden Gate Park's birthday. Anything else?

All right, just to recap Richard you mentioned Friends of Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Concourse authority. No one knows what it is, but we want to hear from their Department. Homelessness as it relates to parks. We want to try to [unintelligible] RV parking, Sunshine task force and Golden Gate Park's birthday.

So this item is closed. Looking to agenda Item #9, announcements. Are there any announcements? Steven and Mark.

Steven Currier: District 11. On the news in the last few days and it was a paper on the editorial page I'm very, very embarrassed and very, very upset about this that the Recreation and Park Commission had decided to vote on—and actually I'm going to put my name on a letter to the Chronicle—regarding flexible pricing and surge pricing in our park system. This also includes Lombard Street. My big argument about especially people in my neighborhood that work only like ten minutes from the airport and you live near an airport you're going to get airport noise. So you should already know that if you're going to buy a house on Lombard Street and you're going to know that there's going to be a lot of people coming down your street whether you like it or not. And I think one of the things that San Francisco has to offer not only with its beauty, but we have tons and tons of things to do whether it's going out to Alcatraz or whether it's coming out to the Japanese Tea Garden or whether it's going—you know, anything, Coit Tower. And to put a burden on the tourists that come in here I'm embarrassed to be a part of the Recreation and Park system and see something like this. I want that on record. I want people to know that you cannot keep on taxing and keep on taxing with the biggest revenue that we have

in San Francisco is tourists. We made \$117 billion last year in San Francisco on tourists and then you want to add more money because you want to go at noon to the Japanese Tea Garden instead of 5:00 o'clock.

Richard Rothman: You know, this is out of order. If you want to talk about this let's put it on the agenda.

Steven Currier: Excuse me! The thing is on the agenda it's too late because the Recreation and Park Commission has already voted on it.

[simultaneous comments]

Steven Currier: So I just made my say, thank you.

Chair: Thank you Steven. Mark?

Mark Scheuer: District 8. I would like it if we could make an effort to add another table at the end so that more of us can sit at the table. I think originally, we had that, we had a table down there.

Female Speaker: Or is this a time to take a fresh look at City Hall again?

[simultaneous comments]

Female Speaker: We've been trying. I know that Jen [unintelligible] in Norman Yee's office is trying to find out from the clerk and has not had any success if there's other groups asking for it. It's apparently on the 4th floor. There is actually another room that is available in the evenings and no one ever told us about it so she's trying to see if anybody else is asking for it.

Nick Belloni: The only room that we were in years ago the tables actually look smaller than this, I'm not joking.

Female Speaker: But the parking is very stressful at City Hall.

Nick Belloni: I agree, that was my comment earlier.

Female Speaker: Insanely stressful. I will drive across town just to park.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: And I appreciate Mark's comment. We're exploring the use of City Hall but if we can't get there let's get another table.

Mark Scheuer: In addition to an additional table is a new—

Chair: A new projector?

Mark Scheuer: No, well the screen.

Nick Belloni: Like I said, I just asked them if there's a table actually available first.

Female Speaker: I'll just bring my folding table.

[simultaneous comments]

Chair: Any other comments?

Female Speaker: Very briefly, on June 1st and 2nd we're having an inaugural hike of the San Francisco cross town trail and [unintelligible] about that. It's a new trail opening up that makes use of existing parklands and streets that allows you to hike all the way from Candlestick Point Recreation Area which I've been exploring a lot and spending a lot of time down in that neighborhood, all the way to Lands End so we're really excited to get that going, it's part of the natural areas plan I think with Recreation and Park and it's kicking off the first weekend in June.

Female Speaker: Is that the segment on the Bay Trail?

Female Speaker: There's a little bit on the Bay Trail. It intersects at various points with the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the [unintelligible].

Male Speaker: This is ready to go? This is not just an idea?

Female Speaker: We've got a website, crosstowntrail.org and it goes through a number of Recreation and Park properties, McLaren Park all the way up through Golden Gate Park.

Chair: Thank you Karen for sharing. If there are no other items, announcements are closed. Any public comment? Item 10, public comment. No public comment. Item 11 is adjournment.

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