



BETTER STREETS PLAN – Community Advisory Committee

MINUTES

*March 3, 2008
1145 Market Street*

CAC Members present: Emily Drennen, Timothy Dunn, Marcie Kever, Jessie Lorenz, Pi Ra (chair), Roger Rose, Nancy Strahan, Amy Tran

CAC Members absent: John Bela, Rene Bihan, Manish Champsee, Alexandra Hernandez, Jane Martin, Jason Patton, Amy Tanner

City Staff present: Adam Varat, David Alumbaugh, Andres Power (Planning), Rosie Jencks, Sarah Minnick (PUC), Kris Opbroek (DPW), Cristina Olea, Heath Maddox (MTA), Joanna Fraguli (MOD)

1. Announcements And Committee Matters

- No comments on February minutes
- No report from work group
- CAC role moving forward:
 - Would convene monthly through Draft Plan and Round 3 of outreach, and once more to summarize/wrap up (through June or July)
 - Take a hiatus during environmental review – will send out regular reports
 - Re-convene when ready with new content/next steps/adoptions
 - Hold this time; will give advance notice if there will be a meeting scheduled
- Member comments and questions:
 - Institutional process piece-how will get assurance that this will happen?
Planning has \$100,000 from PUC to fund this piece; could start in 09/09, when budget becomes available
 - How can CAC stay informed and active while CEQA review is going on?
Can send out info on related meetings and project updates.
- Letter to Mayor:

- Never got to mayor. We are trying again. Meanwhile, makes sense to work with new Greening Director.
- Welcome from Astrid Haryati, new greening director.
- There will be a pedestrian safety summit on Tuesday, April 8 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at 1 South Van Ness, 2nd Floor, hosted by MTA. All are invited. Cristina will send out more information. Talk to Cristina for more information.

2. Round 3 Outreach Strategy

- Jeremy Nelson of Nelson/Nygaard presented the outreach strategy for Round 3.
- Member comments and questions:
 - How will tie into other neighborhood planning efforts with identified street needs (e.g. Eastern Neighborhoods, Market and Octavia Plan, West SoMa task force)? *Would be guidelines used by those plans on public realm improvements.*
 - How define 'hard to reach/underrepresented'? *Could be people who don't typically come to meetings, or have special needs relating to the streetscape environment. In past, have worked with SAN, ILRC, and LFB*
 - Should do outreach to other CACs (PSAC, MTA CAC, etc.)
 - 30th St Senior Center would be good location for a meeting.
 - Should consider using High School service groups.

3. Pedestrian Policies: overview

- Cristina Olea presented information about pedestrian policies
- Member comments and questions:
 - Have shown the list of existing pedestrian policies before? *Yes, but has been updated.*
 - Would transportation element policies be changed? *Likely yes, they are outdated.*
 - Should look at policies and practices from other jurisdictions, look for policies that SF should take on. Even if requires changes to state law, should consider changing.
 - Need clear definition of a sidewalk for enforcement. *Staff will look into whether there is an existing definition, how it is enforced.*
 - Implementation of sidewalk maintenance should be simplified, clarify maintenance responsibilities. It's not realistic to ask homeowners to clean sidewalks in front of their property, and can be a public health issue. Need cleanliness standards.

4. Parking and the Pedestrian Environment

- Cristina Olea presented information about pedestrian policies
- Member comments and questions:
 - Show park(ing) day images to talk about potential reclaiming of parking lanes
 - Consider deliveries/loading. Could limit deliveries to certain hours of the day.
 - Tow away lanes also have impacts on livability
 - Consider designated parking for motorcycles at intersections. Less chance of cars blocking visibility.
 - Is the city losing parking with additional curb cuts?