



Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District
Board of Directors General Meeting
November 20th, 2019, 6:30– 8:30 PM
654 Minnesota Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

Board Members in Attendance: Jean Bogiages, Janet Carpinelli, Kate Eppler, Susan Eslick, Keith Goldstein, Bruce Huie, Terri McFarland, Kat Sawyer, George Slack, Alison Sullivan

Board Members Excused: Mark Dwight, James Naylor, Keith Goldstein, Loren Swanson

Executive Director: Julie Christensen

Minutes

1. **Meeting Opened** by President Susan Eslick at 6:36
2. **Roll Call and Approval of Minutes (Secretary Alison Sullivan)**
Sullivan called roll.
3. **VOTE:** The October 2019 minutes were approved as amended by voice vote.
4. **Call for Announcements:**
 - a. SF Rec/Park scheduled a parks tour covering how to establish and maintain a vibrant street park in your neighborhood. December 7th from 9:00AM -3:30PM at SFCC.
 - b. We are approaching the midpoint of the fiscal year and our required midyear report to Public Works. Susan Eslick wants volunteer hours from 7/31 to 12/31/19. Susan will send out a link to a volunteer hours log. Due at the end of December.
 - c. SF Rec Park is sponsoring a Pop-up family event at Esprit Park on 11/23. 10:00 AM-12:00PM. Purpose of this event is to garner interest in the Esprit Park Renovation project from families. Board members are asked to attend and to encourage families to attend.
 - d. Quarterly plant sale at Mission Blue Nursery on 11/23 from 9:00AM-2:00PM.

5. Annual Report: The Annual Report has been mailed out to property owners. A GREAT thank you to Julie Christensen for all of the hard work on the Annual Report. This year's report highlighted challenges that face the district

6. Board Status and Vacancies: Board discussion summarized the status of GBD Board seats as an election approaches. Mark Dwight is not able to continue the last year of his term. There are potentially 2 seats with no confirmed candidates yet - Dogpatch and Potrero property owners. Christensen encouraged the BOD to identify new candidates. Corey Chipman who owns a home next to Moshi Moshi and COO of No More Dirt is interested in and willing to fill one Dogpatch property owner seat. Bruce Huie suggested continuing the discussion at the next meeting in January. Terri McFarland brought up a public comment made by Sasha Basso about adding diversity to the BOD. Seats filled by Alison Sullivan, Kat Sawyer, Jesse Herzog (empty), Mark Dwight, George Slack, and Loren Swanson (empty) need to be filled. The seats need to be filled by 3 Dogpatch Property owners, 1 Dogpatch tenant, 1 NWPB property owner. Next steps: find a Dogpatch tenant.

7. Esprit Status Update: Issues Fletcher Studio had with the City's tough liability requirements have been resolved per advice of GBD's lawyer and Fletcher's lawyer and GBD negotiations. . **Vote:** contract approved.

8. ED Report: USOP: Christensen met with UCSF, Supervisor's office and Real Estate and reports that all are cautiously on board with the plan laid out by SURFACEDESIGN . Explaining the SURFACEDESIGN plan, Christensen described enclosures at the end of the underpass to eliminate refuse and rodents and camping . This plan includes a 1400' storage space. Potential uses for the space were discussed (storage, food service, etc.) Susan Eslick suggested enclosing the space and leaving it empty. Action Item: informative input sought. **20th street:** Do we pressure Amazon to create a temporary sidewalk, or ask city to accept the street? Supervisor Walton is working with Amazon to encourage them to pave the street and make the temporary sidewalk. Jason Johnson has suggested additional improvements under the 20th St overpass. **Esprit Park.**With contracts signed, Fletcher Studio is stepping up work on the conceptual design and Rec Park is scheduling a final series of community meetings. **Benches:** Shrubbery and a vine-covered fence that created a cul de sac in the south side of the garden has been removed to discourage bad behavior there.. The new metal trellis should be installed soon. Christensen got an estimate (\$10K) to build a cobblestone wall along the sidewalk where the old fence was removed. There is not sufficient money in the budget to build the wall this year.. **Signage:** SOM suggested silk screening a substrate to lower the cost. Julie presented 3 different colors (dark green, black, and orange/rust). BOD chose orange/rust color. Susan asked for a sample of the rust material. **Food Bank:** SF Marin Food Bank is in negotiation with the owners of the Town Taxi storage area. The land-owner passed away and their children/heirs are handling the property now. Christensen reported that the family is open to selling or

leasing the land to the Food Bank for parking. **Angel alley:** Christensen is still working on technical details regarding the lighting. **MN South:** GBD is working with Fletcher Studio on the design and with Public Works on infrastructure details and looking for funding. **Woods Yard:** Janet Carpinelli asked that the sycamores be pruned., Julie Christensen received permission from SFMTA to clean and prune/maintain the trees at Woods Yard . **IM Scott gardens:** Infill planting is needed. **The CPA annual Review** is complete.

9. Elections and Annual Party Planning. An Ad Hoc committee was formed to help plan the annual members party (Kate Eppler, Bruce Huie and Kat Sawyer). will be on the case with a meeting on the calendar in December. The Annual Party needs to be scheduled before the election in March as election candidates are typically introduced then. The party has been held in the past on the 1st Thursday in March. Jean suggested an election planning committee.

10. December Board Gathering. Sullivan will send out a doodle poll to choose which date (Dec. 11th or 18th) works best for everyone. The back room at Moshi Mosh was suggested as a meeting space.

11. Adjourn. Eslick adjourned the meeting at 8:17