



Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District
Board of Directors General Meeting
April 15, 2020 6:30– 8:30 PM
Exiled to the virtual realm

Board Members In Attendance: Jean Bogiages, Janet Carpinelli, Cori Chipman, Kristel Craven, Kate Eppler, Susan Eslick, Bruce Huie, Jason Kelly Johnson, Kanwar Kelly, Terri McFarland, Kat Sawyer, George Slack. Kim Tercero, Monique Wallace
Board Members Excused: Keith Goldstein
Executive Director: Julie Christensen

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened by President Susan Eslick at 6:34

2. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes (Secretary Kate Eppler)

Eppler called roll.

VOTE: the March minutes were approved as amended by voice vote.

3. Announcements (All)

Cori Chipman was contacted by Building 180, which has funding to create murals on the plywood used to board up storefronts. It could be an opportunity for the GBD. Bruce Huie announced a virtual town hall with Assemblymember David Chiu and Supervisor Shamann Walton.

4. Election Results (Eslick)

Eslick announced that Kim Tercero, Monique Wallace, and Cori Chipman had been elected and that George Slack and Kat Sawyer had been re-elected to new terms on the GBD Board. Eslick also welcomed new board members Kanwar Kelly and Kristel Craven, who have been appointed to vacated seats.

5. Election of Board Officers (Susan Eslick)

Eslick introduced a proposed slate of board officer candidates: Kate Eppler as President; Jean Bogiages as Vice President; Susan Eslick as Treasurer; Kim Tercero as secretary.

VOTE: A motion to elect the slate was approved.

6. Overview of FY19-20 Projects (Executive Director Julie Christensen)

Christensen provided the board with an overview of projects completed or in process during FY19-20, which included the extension of the Minnesota Grove space, installation of an arbor at Benches Garden, improved park and greenspace signage, and a lighting project for Angel Alley. The group discussed potential uses for the open space parcel behind the Gears art installation, such as a nursery for Friends of the Urban Forest, or a baseball park. Christensen requested suggestions from board members on possibilities for the land, which is owned by Caltrans.

7. Discussion of FY20-21 Projects (Christensen/all)

The board discussed ongoing and potential future projects.

20th St: Due in part to more residents moving into the area, 20th St near Esprit Park needs a safer path of pedestrian travel. Nelson Nygaard provided plans that call for a sidewalk next to the 20th St overpass between Tennessee and Minnesota and a sidewalk adjacent to Esprit Park. Board members debated the merits of that plan for the Esprit Park section. Christensen advised that the next steps would be community meetings to examine the recommendations and conversations about feasibility and funding.

Iowa St: Board member Terri McFarland presented a potential project to improve Iowa St between 22nd and 23rd, which includes the addition of trees.

USOP Plaza: Skanska has vacated the USOP Plaza space. Christensen is discussing with UCSF whether they would take over security for the site if it became a public open space, and is seeking additional funding. Board member Janet Carpinelli requested more green plantings in the project, and a water feature.

Vermont St: A crosswalk was painted for the 101 offramp on Vermont and a new stop sign installed. There's a possibility that Vermont could be reduced to two lanes of traffic between Mariposa and 17th, and a sidewalk garden installed.

Potrero Gateway: The Potrero Gateway project will need GBD support for maintenance in the future. A neighborhood group is steering the project and DPW is holding the funds. 17th street will be improved first, and GBD support is requested for a 1000sqft Native Habitat Test garden on the Vermont Street right-of-way.

Pennsylvania Trees: Buckeye trees and black oak have been planted along the fence on Pennsylvania Ave, but sidewalk connectivity needs to be improved. Board member George Slack is seeking recommendations for grants and other funding. W

Water Reclamation: Board member Kat Sawyer described an opportunity for storymaps to help illustrate water reclamation opportunities. She also noted a potential project at IM Scott School, which needs funding for conceptual drawings to get started.

Pop-up Art: Board member Monique Wallace described an opportunity to bring photo-friendly art installations for parks and special events.

Christensen requested that board members with proposed projects formalize those requests as much as possible before the next GBD meetings.

8. FY19-20 Financials (Treasurer Bruce Huie)

Huie informed the board that he had reached out to five sources for funding to back up current GBD project funding gaps. The Power Station has established a challenge grant of \$10k in addition to their original donation to the GBD of \$30k for Minnesota Grove.

Huie described that the GBD is striving to complete projects before the end of the fiscal year, but that the COVID shutdown has complicated the process.

The GBD is under budget for maintenance, so leftover funds will be rolled over to next fiscal year.

The board discussed the possibility that assessment revenue will decrease next fiscal year due to the COVID crisis.

9. Survey Status (Bogiages)

To date the GBD has 97 responses to the stakeholder survey. The deadline has been extended to May 3 to give more people time to participate.

12. Adjourn (Eslick)

Eslick adjourned the meeting at 8:39