



Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District
Board of Directors General Meeting
March 18, 2020 6:30– 8:30 PM
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Board Members In Attendance: Jean Bogiages, Cori Chipman, Kate Eppler, Susan Eslick, Keith Goldstein, Bruce Huie, Jason Kelly Johnson, Kanwar Kelley, Terri McFarland, Kat Sawyer

Board Members Excused: Janet Carpinelli, George Slack,

Executive Director: Julie Christensen

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened by President Susan Eslick at 6:35

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

Eppler called roll and apologized for the lack of minutes to approve.

3. Board Vacancy (President Susan Eslick)

Former board member Kristel Craven is available and willing to fill the remainder of board member Jim Naylor's term. Naylor is no longer eligible to serve on the board.

VOTE: The motion to approve appointing Craven to Naylor's vacated seat was approved by voice vote.

4. GBD Schedule and COVID-19 (President Eslick and Treasurer Bruce Huie)

The board discussed communicating to stakeholders and interested parties that we would host volunteer events in the future, but that they would be delayed due to COVID-19.

The Department of Public Works has said that the work of the GBD is an 'essential service' that can continue during the shelter in place order, which means GBD contractors can continue working. To stay safe, Aim to Please has indicated that cleaning crews will work a shorter schedule and do more travel by car, deploying in spots of greatest need. Lainez greening crews will pick up trash and do small repairs, but not prune or do major repairs.

5. USOP Plaza (Executive Director Julie Christensen)

The board discussed developments affecting a potential project to improve the area under the freeway overpass at 18th St and Indiana (USOP Plaza). Recent developments included staff changes at UCSF and an order from SF Department of Real Estate for the site contractor to install permanent fencing around the site, which would delay completion of the GBD project. COVID-19 shelter-in-place introduces further uncertainties to the timeline.

The board reached consensus to fundraise, work on obtaining permissions, and try to push the project forward before the end of FY21.

6. ED Report (Christensen)

Christensen reported highlights of recent work, including:

- **Minnesota Grove extension:** The City did demolition and debris removal, and the new concrete driveway that will run through the Minnesota Grove extension has been poured.
- **20th St:** Ruiz Construction gave estimates for street work that came in lower than expected. The estimates will be shared with Amazon, which may possibly pay for the work.
- **Vermont St:** Neighbors are interested in sidewalk gardens, improving 101 Fwy exit ramp conditions, and improvements to the front of International High School. Work on a new stop sign and neighborhood outreach may be delayed due to COVID. Neighbors and board members can still send complaints to Caltrans that document the condition of the area. DPW is beginning negotiations with Caltrans about future work on Vermont St and the Potrero Gateway parcel.
- **Angel Alley:** The GBD was awarded \$101k from Community Challenge Grants to install the lighting across Angel Alley. Fletcher Studio and the electricians have been notified that the project will go forward.
- **Funding:** GBD board members are seeking local donations from developers and others to fund the USOP plaza and Minnesota Grove expansion projects.

7. 20/21 Budget Planning (Christensen)

Christensen provided a review of estimated capital projects expenses for FY21, including a potential water reclamation project at IM Scott. The board discussed that assessments may dip, and had an opportunity to review and suggest additions or revisions.

8. 2020 Survey (Christensen)

The board discussed potential questions and directions for the annual stakeholder surveys. Suggestions included using more images and using the survey to identify neighborhood 'hot spots' that need more cleaning and greening. Board members

Cori Chipman, Bruce Huie and Kanwar Kelley volunteered to work on a survey subcommittee.

9. Annual Party Recap (Eslick)

The board the annual party, which was deemed a general success. Weather made the venue's patio inhospitable, and more outside space or provision for people with dogs next year was suggested.

10. April Board Meeting (Eslick)

The board discussed logistics for the April meeting, which is the official 'annual meeting' per the bylaws, and agreed to host it online.

11. Elections Summary (Vice President Jean Bogiages)

Bogiages reviewed votes received to date.

12. Adjourn (Eslick)

Eslick adjourned the meeting at 8:30