

Executive Committee Meeting

April 20, 2022, 5:00 pm

(Meeting is being held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic)

Meeting Minutes

FINAL/APPROVED 5/18

Present:

Executive Committee

Mike Vuong, President & Chair of Safe Committee, Business Owner Seat (Boys and Girls Clubs of SF)

Soha Abdou, Co-Chair of Neighborhood Pride Committee, Property Owner Seat (CCDC)

Rhiannon Bailard, Vice President, Property Owner Seat (UC Hastings Law)

Aashish Karkhanis, Secretary, At-Large Seat (Foley & Lardner LLP)

Naomi Maisel, Chair of Economic Opportunity Committee, Business Owner Seat (La Cocina Municipal Marketplace)

Susie McKinnon, Chair of Inviting Space Committee, Property Owner Seat (Cova Hotel)

Adam Tetenbaum, Treasurer, Property Owner Seat (Olympic Residential Group)

Jaime Vilorio, Co-Chair of Neighborhood Pride Committee, Resident Seat

Siggy Bang, TLCBD Staff

Simon Bertrang, TLCBD Staff

Aseel Fara, TLCBD Staff

Lorraine Lewis, TLCBD Staff

Esan Looper, TLCBD Staff

Greg Moore, TLCBD Staff

Alicia Seleska, TLCBD Staff

Guest:

Pratibha Tekkey, Tenderloin Housing Clinic

1. **Call to Order. Welcome and Introductions**

M. Vuong called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

2. **Discussion: Communications Updates**

M. Vuong shared the Communications update sent out earlier in the month and week and called out a few items about new businesses and neighborhood events.

3. **Update: Clean Program**

S. Bertrang presented the 311 dashboard and highlighted the marked decrease in the SLA breached figure over the last month, as well as, the comparison of the number of hours it takes the Clean Team to respond to requests vs. the Department of Public Works. TLCBD has completed 2,000 requests since the beginning of the new program. He also shared that the Clean Team will be supporting an SF Together cleaning event this Saturday at 10AM starting at Boeddeker Park.

Any businesses with questions about cleaning can contact the general TLCBD phone number and email for more info on cleaning services.

4. **Action: Assessment**

Action on this item was replaced with a discussion instead.

S. Bertrang explained that a memo sent out to the committee called for an increase of 4% based on the CPI and allowable increase.

M. Vuong added that the Annual Report is almost complete and will be sent out to property owners to help them understand the value that TLCBD provides.

[Action: this action item will be added to the upcoming Board meeting in May.]

5. **Discussion: Potential New Group Supporting TLCBD**

A. Karkhanis shared a vision for a group that supports the Board of Directors, but is distinctly not tied to the Board to help address some larger issues that have continually come up. A vision of something like an Advisory Board/Committee received an enthusiastic response from the committee. S. McKinnon suggested addressing operations and performing a needs assessment first.

S. Bertrang clarified that the plan is to ask a law firm to help with the process.

6. **Action: Approve Remote Meetings in May**

MOTION: Approve Zoom Board and Committee Meetings for the month of May as authorized by AB 361, which allows continued virtual meetings in view of the ongoing active State-proclaimed state of emergency and local recommendations for social distancing.

Moved by: M. Vuong

Seconded by: S. Abdou

Abstained: none

Passed: yes

7. **Action: Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

MOTION: Review and approve draft minutes of the February 16th meeting of the Executive Committee.

Moved by: M. Vuong

Seconded by:

Abstained: R. Bailard, N. Maisel

Passed: yes

MOTION: Review and approve draft minutes of the March 23rd meeting of the Executive Committee.

Moved by: M. Vuong

Seconded by:

Abstained: R. Bailard, A. Karkhanis, N. Maisel, J. Vioria

Passed: yes

8. **Discussion: Business Taxes**

R. Bailard shared that a number of businesses recently met on the Tenderloin, the end of the Emergency Declaration and current conditions. Initially, they suggested not paying taxes until the issues are resolved. Then, they suggested issuing a public statement at a Board of Supervisors meeting requesting a refund of taxes and pointing out the open air drug dealing and cleanliness issues that are continuing in the Tenderloin.

L. Lewis added that she met with H. Bean and R. Colorado, and then the TLCBD Advocacy and Policy team to discuss the idea. They felt that it wouldn't directly benefit businesses who need help now and would require too much work for the business owners in the end. N. Maisel seconded the idea that it might be overwhelming for many businesses, but they should be allowed the opportunity to engage as they feel able.

S. Bertrang suggested that it would only take someone organizing it (like TLCBD did with the resident's march) and then the businesses just showing up.

N. Maisel advised thinking about ways of incorporating the businesses while making them feel safe (to lessen the fear of retaliation). P. Tekkey pointed out that more than a few businesses are being asked to sign on and that should reduce fears of retaliation.

J. Vioria questioned: has this been done before, and if it is successful would other neighborhoods do the same thing and would that discourage the Board of Supervisors from action (or encourage action in other neighborhoods rather than the Tenderloin)?

[Action: R. Bailard will email interested Committee members, Staff members, and R. Colorado for a next meeting.]

9. **Information Sharing: Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 5:00 pm | Online - Zoom