

Inviting Space Committee Meeting
October 18, 2021, 12:00 pm

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

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Susie McKinnon, Chair
Naomi Maisel
Blair Czarecki
Hunter Franks, TLCBD Staff
Rene Colorado
Nan
Eric Rodenbeck
Esan Looper
Cindy Ramesh
Rick Darnell

1. Call to Order

H. Franks calls the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

3. Update and Discussion: Inviting Space Program Goals FY 21-22

H. Franks shares refined goals for TLCBD Inviting Space program.

E. Rodenbeck asks if all spaces in the Inviting Space program are stewarded. H. Franks shares that current spaces are stewarded and all future spaces would feature this component.

E. Looper mentions that the exterior of Boeddeker Park has seen more challenging conditions recently. S. McKinnon asks how SPark is at night. H. Franks shares that it is mostly clear overnight. N. Maisel asks if we could explore the idea of a greater penalty for drug use in parks or SPark? Similar to how schools are drug-free zones.

R. Colorado shares experience with engaging with folks in Willow Alley and what has worked well is straightforward communication and long-term engagement. Sidewalks belong to everyone. Unhoused, kids, etc.

H. Franks shares update about potential acquisition of 380 Ellis for Rec and Park park. C. Ramesh asks if we could have it open without fences so folks can just walk in. H. Franks says he will look into it in the design phase. E. Rodenbeck mentions that it can be done, just look to Civic Center parks.

C. Ramesh mentions that we need tourist money in SF and in the Tenderloin. S. McKinnon asks if we are advocating for funding with Rec and Park. H. Franks mentions how the funding process works and past conversations with Rec and Park and why

they don't want to pay for stewardship at their parks because if they do it in the TL then they will have to do it elsewhere.

- R. Darnell mentions that we need more than other neighborhoods. It's an equity issue.
- E. Looper asks how we can gain consensus about what type of park 380 Ellis could be.
- H. Franks mentions that there will be opportunities for input in the design process.
- B. Czarecki notes that we could work with an architect and she or others could be a community liaison to the architect.

4. Update and Discussion: Safe Passage Park presentation

- H. Franks notes that there is not time for this discussion and we will revisit at a later date.