

Policy and Voice Committee Meeting

MAY 10th, 2023, 12:00 pm

512 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA

Meeting Minutes

FINAL

Present:

Policy & Voice Committee

- Naomi Maisel, Vice Chair, Policy & Voice Committee, Business Owner Seat, La Cocina Municipal Marketplace
- Soha Abdou, Property Owner Seat, Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC)
- Susie McKinnon, Property Owner Seat, Cova Hotel
- Justin Bautista, Resident Seat, 800 Block Geary & Tilted Brim

TLCBD Staff

- Cyntia Salazar, TLCBD Staff
- Esan Looper, TLCBD Staff
- Eric Rozell, TLCBD Staff
- Sirch Chanthyasack, TLCBD Staff
- Kate Robinson, TLCBD Staff
- Harleen-Ray, TLCBD Staff

Absent:

- Adrianna Tan, Chair-Policy & Voice Committee, Resident Seat, 700 Block Ellis

1. Welcome & Call to Order and Approve minutes

- Meeting called into action at 12:12pm by Vice Chair N. Maisel
- Motion: Review and approve draft minutes of the April 18th, 2023 Policy and Voice Committee.
 - Moved by J. Bautista
 - Seconded by S. Mckinnon
 - Abstained: none
 - Passed: YES, Unanimously passed by committee members.

2. Review action items and Review Policy & Voice Committee Charter

Review of Action Items

- Board members to bring hard/difficult topics happening in the neighborhood
 - *This action item to remain in all future action items list*
- E. Looper to check with K. Robinson about cadence of meeting logistics (notes, agenda, etc)
 - *Item to be moved to action items list below*
- E. Looper to update Policy & Voice Committee
 - *E. Looper updated the P&V Committee members and added S. Abdou*
- If anyone has cost effective lunch ideas, please share!
- N. Maisel to ask La Cocina Marketplace entrepreneurs of possibly catering these meetings in the future
 - *N. Maisel is in talks with G. Moore to create a schedule for La Cocina Marketplace to cater these future meetings.*

Committee Roles

- TLCBD Staff will create and share agenda
- TLCBD Staff will take minutes
- TLCBD Staff will be responsible for lunch
- Board's key role is to RSVP
- Committee Chair: A. Tan
 - Will approve, modify agenda as needed
- Vice Chair: N. Maisel
 - N. Maisel will be copied on everything, if A. Tan is absent from a meeting, N. Maisel will lead committee meeting
- E. Looper printed copies of the committee charter for those members who missed the initial meeting last month. E. Looper briefly explained the community charter.
- S. Abdou asked if she could still attend this meeting once she's termed out and if the community is welcomed to the meetings. S. Abdou expressed how important it is for the community to be present and be able to uplift their voices.
- K. Robinson expressed that this committee needs to take the time to figure out when it's appropriate to invite community members into meetings. K. Robinson expressed that this is not the only place or only way to engage with the community. What happens here is direct governance from staff members and board members to organize. Who is the appropriate audience? Perhaps other community partners. This meeting is not to be confused with block group meetings.

- E. Looper explained what the goals of this committee are. Also, expressed that it would be great for staff and board members to bring up updates on other committees they are part of.
- S. McKinnon asked if H. Bean will be present in these meetings to give Econ Opp updates.
- N. Maisel proposed two options for this committee:
 - Flush out what the priorities of this committee are and perhaps do a retreat in the future.
 - Treat this committee more like AD HOC and keep it open and respond to things as they come in.
- E. Rozell gave an example of possible topics/ideas that could be brought to TLCBD to take action (i.e. AB 645 - Speed Cameras, Car Free Streets or Slow Streets, etc).
- S. McKinnon suggested having flexibility in these meetings in case any important policy initiatives come up and need immediate action.
- E. Looper gave a great example of a difficult topic that staff and board members may have different stands on and if TLCBD should make a statement or have a stand.
- S. Abdou suggested a brief one pager of materials for future meetings

3. Staff Updates and Announcements

Announcements

- E. Looper shared updates on hires under P&V team
 - D. Williams to join the team mid May as Manager of Small Business Outreach & Engagement
 - S. Chanthasack joined as the Youth Voice Manager
 - Pedestrian Safety work position TBD
- E. Rozell provided update that H. Truong has been promoted to Safe Passage Coordinator

Updates

- E. Rozell shared update on Pedestrian Safety Operation
 - E. Rozell mentioned the importance of Quick Builds in improving pedestrian and traffic safety in the TL
 - E. Rozell shared the current projects/programs under Pedestrian Safety
 - SF Active Communities Plan
 - Hyde Quick-Build
 - 555 Larkin - TNDC
 - Provide safety crossings and presence at Turk/Larkin intersection
 - TL Traffic Safety Task Force
 - Community based coalition of 19 community CBO's and residents
 - Regularly attended by D5 Supervisors Office, SFMTA, SF Planning, and SFFD
 - Safe Routes to School
 - Bike & Roll to School Week - April 24th-28th
 - Supervisor Preston attended and provided support at TL Community School
 - TL After School Program Collaboration
 - Safer Taylor Street Project

- Reported to project management that ADA compliance for curb ramps was not happening at the intersection of Turk/Taylor
 - TL Community Events Recently Supported
 - Iftar
 - Eid
 - Spring Family Fest
 - Emergency Preparedness Fair
 - Sunday Streets
- E. Rozell shared the different committees TLCBD is involved in for Pedestrian Safety
 - Better Market Street Community Advisory Committee
 - People's Slow Streets Coalition
 - SFCTA Community Advisory Committee
 - TL People's Congress
 - Vision Zero Coalition
- E. Looper asked how do we create a pathway to share what TLCBD is working on to the community. If board members and other TLCBD staff are unaware of what's going on in the committees, then it's very unlikely that the community knows about these updates on issues.
- C. Salazar shared an update on Park, Recreation, Open Spaces Advisory Committee (PROSAC)
 - C. Salazar informed committee members about BOS Resolution No. 130-23 - Urging the RPD to Adopt Immediate Changes to its Acquisition Strategies to Serve the Tenderloin, Lower Polk and Lower Nob Hill Neighborhoods.
 - C. Salazar informed committee members about the Rules Committee Ordinance affecting PROSAC membership and the lack of communication from President Peskin's office with PROSAC members on this ordinance and how it affects current PROSAC committee membership and advocacy.
 - C. Salazar explained how community members can affect change by giving public comment in committees like PROSAC.

4. Discussion: Issues of concern for Board Members

- Item moved to next months agenda due to lack of time

[Action: E. Looper to add item to next meeting Agenda]

5. Discussion: Topics for Wednesday, June 14th, 2023

- Item moved to next months agenda due to lack of time

[Action: E. Looper to add item to next meeting Agenda]

Action items

- Board members to bring hard/difficult topics happening in the neighborhood
- Esan to check with Kate about cadence of meeting logistics (notes, agenda, etc)
- Esan to create a list of outside committees that other TLCBD staff and board members are part of.
- Esan to list topics TLCBD has taken a stance on or plans to take a stance on
- Soha to bring back to next meeting the idea of a one liner to update community

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Next Policy & Voice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 14th, 12:00 pm | 512 Ellis Street