

Operations & Stewardship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, 12:00 pm
48 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA
Meeting Minutes

*Minutes subject to change, and not official until approved by Board Commit

Present:

Committee Board Members

- Geoffrey McFarland - Property Owner Seat Representative (St. Anthony')
- Mark Puchalski - Property Owner Seat Representative (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation)

Other Board Members

- N/A

TLCBD Staff

- JaLil Turner, TLCBD
- Esan Looper, TLCBD,
- Eric Rozell, TLCBD
- Enrique Ovando, TLCBD
- Paris McBride, TLCBD
- Josie Dominguez-Chand, TLCBD

Absent:

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Guest(s)

- N/A

1. Call to Order, Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 12 PM.

2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Geoffrey made a motion to approve the December 2024 minutes. A conversation was had regarding approving the minutes without having quorum. We move forward without approving the minutes.

3. Program Spotlight: Safe Passage & Street Operations

Safe Passage: Eric gave an update on the current Safe Passage staff and how it affects the immediate team. Eric spoke on Police activity with the new Police Captain

and their ability to maintain certain areas. Monthly meetings are in place with the new Police Captain. He also discussed tracking of data. Geoffrey asked what kind of data? Eric responded with areas where the sidewalk was being blocked because of too many people gathering and making it hard to keep it safe. Evening shift shows an increase in UA and the police removing illegal vendors. Eric's concern for the increase in overdose cases in the TL and UA scaling back. As of now it has no direct effect on Safe Passage, he noticed there are less conflicts, arguments, and gathering of people in certain areas. Enrique stated that UA seemed to be more engaged and doing the work.

Street Operations: Eric stated Darryl has been promoted and is completing all the required training needed for Street Ops. Securing funding to fully launch is still underway. Waiting for Sutter Health response regarding \$150K grant applied for.

- Mark had a Safe Passage question. Is the reduction of UA the cause of increase of illegal activity, dice games and people hanging out on Leavenworth and Golden Gate?
- Eric mentioned it has historically been a bad area. He also mentioned that the area is cleaner these days.
- Esan stated there is a strategy for cleaning up the area. Police were planning on installing a gate and other things to help clean up the area.
- Eric spoke on how aggressive people have been and how he was addressed in the past. The team stopped going over to that area.
- **Kids Zone**, Eric is working with the Police to see where the funding is. The new Police captain is on board.
- Geoffery asked about the street signs.
- Eric stated the project is still active and should move forward. He is still trying to get a list of businesses or buildings that will allow signage.
- **Emergency Response:** Eric mentioned he was glad that people in the retreat wanted to be directly involved in the idea.
- Mark stated that he had a meeting to promote ER in the Tenderloin.
- Josie asked about the kid's zone and who & how it would affect the neighborhood.
- Eric responded with a list of people.
- Esan ask a question about the parklet.
- Geoffery spoke on the stop of the Golden Gate greenway for now. No new improvement, but fencing was put around for 3 weeks to see how it affected the area. St. Anthony's and Mercy Housing is in a joint venture to create a way to make this a reality

4. Program / Department Updates: Parks and clean Team

- JaLil stated that the Parks were doing good and fully staffed. Looking to fill positions for DCYF. Josie to oversee Ally and team cohort 3. Robert was hired on 1/16/25 and is helping to streamline the system
- Paris Stated that the Clean/Workforce teams were doing well. The streets are cleaner, and we are working to keep it that way. Clean team 1 is full and 3 openings are still in need of filling for the Workforce team. Clean and Workforce teams are working well together to keep the TL clean and make a difference. I stated that the tent count was down, but we have more people on the streets. Enrique mentioned that we notice that more people are sleeping in their cars although the tent count is lowering from our data

tracking. He stated that we have 6 workforce members and that we are setting up interviews with BBB and Fitness SF who we hope to transition into full-time employment in March. We have a job fair coming in Mid-April. Specifically for our cohorts and then we open it up for the general public. Our plan is for the remaining group to transition at the end of the program in April to BBB and fitness SF. New group

to start May 1st. Question about the Taylor street planters and who is cleaning them. Eric responded with information passed down from DPW who is going to maintain them for now. Eric spoke on the complaints from the Elderly about the seats being too low and no handrails to provide support. Esan asked about 311s if they were put in for cleaning planters will they be addressed. Geoffrey asked about efforts clarifying street furniture and what it is. He spoke on Larkin Street planters & furniture. There was talk of a parvovirus outbreak and ease of spread with dog poop on the streets and sidewalk of the TL. Too much dog poop is having a negative effect on the community. Geoffrey asks about dog runs being active or made mandatory for building.

5. Next Meeting: Select Spotlight Topic & Draft Next Meeting Agenda

- It was determined Parks and what is the plan for ICE

Enrique spoke on the strategy TLCBD has engaged in to address this issue. The giving out of knowing your rights cards. Building and staff were made aware of how to handle confrontation or being detained. Eric spoke on the safe passage team. Mark's question was how many staff were at risk? Enrique stated 78 team members are legal immigrants and have been vetted. Geoffrey asked about the radio communications that TLCBD uses. He asked if there was a decline in service, or park usage? Are people not picking up their kids from school or daycare? Not that we are aware of was the answer.

6. Information Sharing

Enrique shared information about the ICE situation and having community awareness. Mark and Eric and Mark both shared how nervous people are in the community and businesses. Geoffrey wants to see an outline of steps or structure on dealing with ICE. Components, awareness, and structure. Also the emergency plan for the ER team. Ja Lil offered the board & team to meet with Robert at a later time. Eric announced he would be a co-chair of the TL Community Police Advisory Board. Esan will share the role until he transitions out.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM

Next meeting Scheduled for 3/5/25 at 12pm
48 Golden Gate Avenue