

Community Advisory Committee of
Market and Octavia Area Plan
City and County of San Francisco
Notice of Meeting
&
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 5TH Floor
Monday, August 19, 2013
7:00 PM
Regular Meeting

Committee Members Present: Jason Henderson, Robin Levitt, Ted Olsson, Dennis Richards, Krute Singa, Lou Vasquez, Nick Wolff

Committee Members Absent: Michael Simmons, Kenneth Wingard

City Staff in Attendance: Alexis Smith (Planning); Menaka Mohan (Planning); Kearstin Dischinger (Planning); Laura Stonehill (MTA), Patrick Golier (MTA)

The Agenda is available at the Planning Department (1650 Mission Street, 4th floor) and at the meeting. *Please note that timing of agenda items is subject to change.*

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Announcements, upcoming meetings, project updates, and general housekeeping [discussion item]

Announcement made about Community Challenge Grant pilot program, CCG pilot will most likely not have a Fall cycle, but Spring cycle will have an earlier application most likely in January. Planning is still on conversation with the City Attorney's office to work on the language in the application guidelines.

3. Approval of minutes for June 17 regular meeting [action item]

Action: Approval of the minutes for the June 17, 2013 meeting.

Motion: Olsson

Second: Vasquez

Aye: Henderson, Olsson, Singa, Vasquez, Wolff

No: None

Absent: Levitt, Richards, Simmons, Wingard

4. MTA Presentation: Improvements to Upper Market Intersections
[discussion item]

CAC members listened to MTA staff present on the initial findings of the potential improvements to Upper Market Intersections. The 2012 IPIC process allocated \$50,000 to MTA for an initial study of the Upper Market intersections from 16th/Noe to Laguna/Herman. MTA presented diagrams of the different intersections with improvements currently underway as well as potential future improvements. MTA also developed initial suggestions for the different intersections and the corridor using safety as the primary indicator. CAC members were instructed to review the materials and at next month's meeting make final recommendations regarding how they would like to prioritize the intersections.

Specific CAC concerns and ideas included

- incorporating the ATT Utility boxes into the bulb out designs,
- studying the effectiveness of keeping cars out of the red bus lanes,
- better connecting bike lanes to the path on Safeway (MTA stated that there will be paint to direct cyclists to the path on Duboce),
- installing soft-hit posts on Market to keep people from merging into the left turn lane on Guerrero/Market/Laguna,
- Concerns about cars speeding through the intersection at 16th/Market/Noe. (If the left turn hand lane is closed MTA would have to study the impacts.)
- Concern over cost of bulbouts

In addition, Planning staff presented designs of two intersections - Market and Octavia and Octavia and Oak - as well as the projected timeline for construction of both intersections. Currently have funding from the sale of the Central Freeway Parcels in FY2015.

CAC comments:

- The CAC was generally supportive of proposals for both intersections.
- Propose a sign on the Freeway letting drivers know that they are entering city streets and the Freeway is ending
- Committee supportive of restricting the left turn onto Octavia
- Potentially making Oak Street two-way to calm traffic by the International School and the Fire Department.

5. Initial discussion of Market Octavia Community Improvements Program recommendations for FY2016-2017 [discussion item]

CAC members reviewed the initial MO Community Improvement Program recommendations. Specific comments are below:

- Consider a corridor wide study of Upper Market intersections signal timing
- Improve Gough/Market intersection in conjunction with Haight Street 2-way
- Make improvements to Page Street as soon as possible (in conjunction with Haight Street 2-way) given its use among cyclists
- The long term Pedestrian Enhancement Fund should be considered in its relationship to TEP
- Consider on-street car share, bike share in conjunction with major construction sites (especially 55 Laguna)
- Would like to look at living alley connections across arterial streets
- Suggest sidewalk improvements and widening – along Franklin and Gough, Oak, and especially Fell
- Consider anything from the monitoring report that didn't make the MO Community Improvements Program recommendations
- Consider relocating Hayes Valley Farm to the corridor along Octavia Street to make a continuous linear park to Hayward Playground
- Consider a maintenance plan, such as a public-private partnerships for Brady Block

6. Resolution on formula retail at 555 Fulton [action item]

8:50-9:00

Agreed to discuss at next meeting.

7. Development Pipeline Report and Legislation/policy pipeline report [discussion item]

Planning staff provided an update with pipeline report.

8. Public Comment

Durf Butler, a spokesperson for the developer of 555 Fulton LLC, spoke about the impact of the project on the African American community. He stated that the community is excited about an affordable grocery store but is not as concerned with the formula retail considerations. He stated that the primary concern is having access to affordable groceries, local hiring, and potential loss of parking.

9. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2013