TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

Thursday, October 13, 2011
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416
San Francisco, CA

REGULAR MEETING
9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jane Kim, Chair
Elsa Ortiz, Vice Chair
Art Lloyd
Gabriel Metcalf
Edward Reiskin
Bijan Sartipi

Executive Director
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Kim called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Gonzales announced that Vice Chair Ortiz would not be present due to a conflict and, therefore, Director Harper, was attending as her designated alternate.

Present: Greg Harper
Art Lloyd
Gabriel Metcalf
Ed Reiskin
Bijan Sartipi
Jane Kim

Absent: Elsa Ortiz

3. Communications

None.

4. Board of Director’s New and Old Business

None.

5. Executive Director’s Report
   • Construction Update

Executive Director (ED) Ayerdi-Kaplan reported on the TJPA’s continued outreach efforts to the community and organizations interested in learning about the project. TJPA, in coordination with URS, Webcor, and ARUP, recently presented the project to Girls, Inc. Additionally, TJPA presented the project to the National Association of Women in Construction on October 12th and would be presenting to Turner Construction’s Professional Women’s Group tonight, October 13th. She further reported that Evans Brothers Inc. completed demolition and she commended their safety record. She also noted that, in the end, the TJPA received a credit of approximately $120k at completion. She stated that the 100% below grade construction documents are expected by early November and the 100% construction documents for the entire Transit Center are expected by Spring of next year. Furthermore, she reported that the Temporary Terminal operations are going well and Linc facility services is doing a fine job of maintaining and operating the facility.

Steve Rule, Turner Construction, presented the Construction Update.
Director Reiskin requested a breakout of craft hours by specific trade and San Francisco versus other counties at a future update.

6. Public Comment

Jim Patrick, Patrick & Company, encouraged the Board of Directors to take a position against a cannabis club that is opening near the project site and his property.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE CHAIR.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation of the proposed Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Unions, the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Contractors with respect to the Transbay Transit Center Program construction projects.

ED Ayerdi-Kaplan explained the negotiations, benefits and recommendation of the PLA. Robert Beck, TJPA Senior Program Manager, presented the presentation.

Director Reiskin commended staff and the parties that negotiated the PLA. He stated the PLA framework for this project is a great one. He suggested that there be hard targets on specific requirements for the apprenticeship component so that it could be measured.

ED Ayerdi-Kaplan stated there will be a partnership with the trades to go to various schools to inform the youth about the project and apprenticeship programs and that progress would be reported to the Board regularly.

Chair Kim agreed that there should be hard numbers so that progress is measurable. She also suggested there should be a plan outlined that identifies which schools, how many visits, and what some of the target numbers are. She suggested hard numbers in the PLA and then a separate written plan.

Director Reiskin inquired about the specific reporting requirements of the joint advisory committee referenced in the PLA. ED Ayerdi-Kaplan stated that a column will be added to Sara Gigliotti’s quarterly report that will provide regular updates on the apprenticeship outreach, outreach to women, economically disadvantaged individuals, Helmets to Hardhats which is in the Wounded Warrior Program, and everything else.

Chair Kim summarized her comments on this item by stating that she wants to see hard numbers in the PLA and would like a detailed proposal for community outreach for accountability.
Public Comment:

Jim Patrick, Patrick & Company, stated his concern regarding the prevailing wage in the PLA.

Mike Brown, Carpenters Local 22, expressed his appreciation to the TJPA for negotiating the PLA. He stated, in regards to the discussion about apprenticeship, the Unions’ Schedule A/Master Agreement with the trades has a mandatory 20% required apprenticeship on every contractor, so there’s the hard number. He also noted their nine-week pre-apprenticeship program, which is not in the PLA but is in their Master Agreement, allows people to be recommended to the program. He further stated that their Local has jurisdiction for the carpenter work and their Local is San Francisco which has over three thousand current members and 80% of them are San Francisco residents. He also stated they look forward to working with the schools to expand/reopen their shop classes. He concluded by stating they look forward to this project and they can make it work.

Mike Theriault, San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, stated there are hard requirements that are preexisting so there was and is no need to write it into the PLA. He also stated that the vast majority of affiliates are majority minority. In regards to the provision of a workforce and their commitment, he stated they have the advantage of Unions having National networks. He further stated, in regards to the threshold question, previous PLAs that had thresholds have had the possibility of geographically distinct work so there were not workers working under profoundly different standards side-by-side, which is not the same purpose as when there are thresholds in the school district.

Manuel Flores, Carpenters Local 22, commended ED Ayerdi-Kaplan for negotiating with unions. He stated that PLAs do work and that has been proven. In regards to the apprenticeship program with the schools, recently Local 22 met with the San Francisco School District Superintendent Carlos Garcia and made good progress. There are steps being taken now to implement this plan. He also stated their nine-week apprenticeship training program encourages safety which is key to any successful project.

James Ruigomez, Painters Local 913 District Council 16, stated all of their collective bargaining agreements require the State requirement of 20% of the hours be performed by apprentices. He expressed his support for the PLA and encouraged the Board to approve it.

Ramon Hernandez, Laborers Local 261, stated they represent over 3,000 members in the City & County of San Francisco with about 99% of the new apprentices being San Francisco residents. He expressed his appreciation to ED Ayerdi-Kaplan for working many long hours with the Unions to negotiate this PLA and he supports it completely.

8. Approving the Minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting.

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Harper, Metcalf, Reiskin and Kim
ABSENT – Lloyd
ADJOURN – Chair Kim adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Nila Gonzales
Board Secretary

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