



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Transbay Joint Powers Authority
201 Mission Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco, CA

Meeting #048

5:30 p.m.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim Lazarus, Chair
Andrew Brooks, Vice Chair
BJ Dietz Epstein
Michael Freeman
Mark Garcia
Kelly Gregory
Steve Im
Jane Morrison
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1. Call to Order

A quorum had not been formed by 5:30 pm and Jim Lazarus, Chair, unofficially started the meeting. Approval of the March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes was delayed and the Staff Report and Construction Update were presented unofficially. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lazarus at 5:55 pm when a quorum was formed with 10 of the 15 voting members present as follows: Jim Lazarus, Andrew Brooks, BJ Dietz Epstein, Michael Freeman, Mark Garcia, Jane Morrison, Ted Olsson, Sandra Padilla, Nathan Rapp, and Pascale Soumoy.

2. Approval of March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Item was moved to #5 below due to lack of a quorum.

3. Staff Report – Robert Beck (TJPA Staff Liaison)

The Staff Report was presented unofficially due to lack of a quorum.

4. Construction Update - Steve Rule (Turner Construction)

The Construction Update was presented was presented unofficially due to lack of a quorum.

5. Approval of March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Lazarus asked if there were any corrections to the March 12, 2013 and there were none. Jane Morrison made a motion to approve the March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes, Michael Freeman seconded, and a voice vote unanimously approved the motion.

6. AC Transit Bus Storage and Bus Staging Update – Phil Sandri (Program Management/Construction Management)

Mr. Beck advised that a Community Meeting regarding proposed bus storage changes was held last month in which a great deal of feedback was received. The feedback is being evaluated and another meeting is planned for next month. Mr. Sandri provided an overview of the original bus staging plans and the reasons for the need to make alternative bus staging plans including AC Transit's loss of the use of Lot P for bus staging, development in the area, and the neighbor's concerns about loss of residential parking spaces and bus fumes.

Five factors being considered are construction, congestion, parking type, neighborhood type, and ease of access. Next steps include continuing option analysis with AC Transit, Golden Gate Transit, and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA); scheduling a follow-up neighborhood meeting in mid-May; SFMTA traffic hearings; and relocation of staging operations by August 2013.

Ted Olsson asked what constituency attended the community meeting and Mr. Sandri responded that mostly residents who voiced concerns about loss of residential parking and bus fumes. CAC members made several staging location suggestions to consider including 3rd Street, 4th Street, Fremont Street, the piers and private lots. Mr. Sandri responded that they had reached out to the San Francisco Port and there isn't any availability at the piers.

Member of the public Jamie Whitiker thanked Phil Sandri and Bob Beck for listening to their concerns about air quality and examining alternatives. A resident asked if there are rules covering bus idling and was told that there are.

Mr. Sandri provided an update for the new Bus Storage Facility showing the location, layout, and how traffic would flow. The new Bus Storage Facility will be located under an approach to the Bay Bridge and it will be necessary to excavate approximately 7 feet to accommodate the height of the buses. Mr. Sandri discussed some of the ongoing issues that are being discussed and approvals needed from Caltrans. Coordination with Caltrans and SFMTA continues. Upcoming design schedule milestones include receipt of 65% Construction Documents due in June 2013 and 100% Construction Documents due in December 2013.

Chair Lazarus asked if there were any questions from CAC members or members of the public and there were none.

7. Transit Center Façade Design Update – Randy Volenec (Pelli-Clarke-Pelli Architects)

Mr. Volenec presented renderings of the original glass and new metal awning designs for the Transbay Transit Center. He explained that the metal panels will be the same size and undulating shape as the glass panels with the advantage of being safer and more cost effective. Although patterns continue to be researched and considered, Mr. Volenec gave an overview of the evolution to the choices that are currently being considered. They started with the same pattern as the glass and discovered that a non-repeating pattern looked much better on the trapezoidal-shaped panels. He showed different materials and paint possibilities (anodized or painted aluminum) under consideration. A member of the public asked about oxidation and Mr. Volenec responded that they are evaluating it, that painted surfaces had a 20 year warranty, and that it would be essential to wash the metal exterior at least once a year, but that the current maintenance plan for the glazed panels was to wash them twice per year.

Chair Lazarus had to leave at 6:45 pm and Vice-Chair Brooks was chair for the balance of the meeting.

Mr. Volenec showed interior building views and explained that the metal awning defused the light more than glass and therefore created a more uniform light, that it will not affect the interior temperatures, and that they are researching acoustic qualities. He also showed renderings of exterior lighting and confirmed that they are still able to create the programmable LED lighting on the outside of the building, however it would be an add alternative to the bid packages.

Ted Olsson asked how the exterior would be cleaned and Mr. Volenec advised by using 2 crews operating 2 bucket trucks (man lifts) the entire glazed Awning structure could be washed in 4-6 weeks and that they are still looking into the maintenance procedures for the metal panels.

Sandra Padilla if other buildings had used the metal panels and Mr. Volenec responded yes, but none that are as large and important as this building.

Andrew Brooks asked whether there would be any bird issues with the new panels and Mr. Volenec replied that they have been talking to their bird consultant and have been told that they cannot build a nest in the panel openings and there is no reason for them to perch.

Vice-Chair Brooks ask if there were any further questions or comments and there were none.

8. Public Comment

Vice-Chair Brooks asked if any member of the public had any comments or questions and Jim Patrick of Patrick & Company requested to speak. Mr. Patrick provided a hand out and discussed his concerns regarding the west end structure, proposed alternatives including the use of other properties easements, and requested that the west end exit stairway and elevators be eliminated. Vice-Chair Brooks suggested that Mr. Patrick submit a letter to Robert Beck. Mr. Beck commented that the code from the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) requires that we

must provide our own exiting strategy from within the Transit Center building and cannot rely on exiting through other structures.

9. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Vice-Chair Brooks asked if there were any further questions, comments or agenda requests. Ted Olsson mentioned that he will provide Randy Volenec with a contact at the Exploratorium as he feels that it could be a good resource for the park.

10. Adjourn

Vice-Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2013.

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