



Mission Dolores Neighborhood Association

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING & ENHANCING OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

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November 8, 2017 Board Meeting

Agenda

1. Minutes: (Reuben) 5 minutes
2. MUNI Update on 14 Mission Project: Red Zones on Mission Street: Sarah Jones, planner, special guest: 20 minutes
3. Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Randy Quezada, Communication Director, special guest : 25-30 minutes hsh.sfgov.org
4. SF Beautiful , Bill Billings, Development and Membership Manager, special guest: 15 minutes
5. Web Site Update: Jeff & Alex 15-20 minutes
6. Arts Calendar Update (Alex) 10-15 minutes
7. Future MDNA Officers: Discussion: 15 minutes
8. Adjournment

Board Member Attendees

- Patricia Algara
- Sahar Naderi
- Beverly Choe
- Peter Lewis
- Jeff Pekrul
- Alex Sayde
- Donna Shibata
- Stephen Haigh
- Shelagh Ross
- Marius Starkey
- Sanjeet Ganjam

Meeting Notes

MTA 14 Mission Project

- Riders are very happy with the project. Ridership is up 4%, to approximately 70K riders per day.
- Collisions are way down.
- Some businesses are not happy about the reduced parking.
- Two of the right turn-only corners were removed due to public input.



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- Patricia suggested that the right turn required lane on northbound Mission at Cesar Chavez should also be changed.
- Similar red lanes will be coming to 16th Street. The section east of Potrero Ave. will be done in Spring 2018, and west of Potrero to Church sometime later.

Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

- The department was formed one year ago, bringing together staff that formerly were in 5 different departments. They are working to streamline the system, and consolidating computer systems used to manage people who engage the system.
- The department's website: <http://hsh.sfgov.org/>
- They initially worked on larger encampments, and have "resolved" 20 of them, many of which were in the Mission.
- The latest annual survey found 7500 people unhoused on city streets.
- Residents should call 311 if they need help with homeless issues in the neighborhood, or 911 for anything urgent or violent.

SF Beautiful

- SF Beautiful was founded in 1947, and was instrumental in that year in saving the cable cars.
- Darcy described numerous projects that the organization has sponsored or supported. They include the pollinator garden that Patricia Algara developed on Dolores Street.
- Art on the sides of AT&T transformer boxes is a current project and local artists are encouraged to apply.

Jim Shissler: Landers Street Project Update

- The board previously wrote a letter of support for his building project at his Landers Street property. He now also needs a variance from the city due to changes to a stairwell. The board will consider writing another letter to endorse and get back to him.

Historic Context Statement Update

- The Context Statement will be registered in Sacramento, the chances of a Historic District in Mission Dolores now appear to be out of the question, due to opposition from various people in city government, who are pro-business.
- Planning Committee president John Lau has stated his opposition, and this makes any progress extremely difficult.

Web Site & Events Calendar



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- Alex has a list of cultural institutions and businesses in the neighborhood that host regular events and have online calendars.
- The plan is to aggregate data from these various calendars in an automated way into a calendar on our website.
- Alex will send the board a list of the sites he's planning to include; suggestions for additional ones were given by board members at the meeting.
- Jeff reported that the Membership function on the website is no longer working as of 10/31/17. This is because WePay, the payment gateway that the Study Center asked us to use one year ago, is dropping support for small organizations like ours.
- There does not appear to be a technical solution that can work with the constraints of the Study Center's single bank account for all its projects, and other requirements. A very sub-optimal workaround will be done so that people can continue to join online via the website.
- Jeff suggested that the board consider getting our own bank account. This might entail becoming a 501c3. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Future MDNA Officers

- Peter intends to step down as president of MDNA in September, 2018.
- Other board members should think of whom to nominate to replace him.