

# NOPNA General Minutes

July 20, 2017 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Attendees: approximately 20 people present; Board members: Charles, Dera-Jill, Tim, Jeff, Noreen, Leela;

## Welcome (Charles Dupigney)

## Panhandle Update (Dera-Jill Pozner)

- Neighborhood held over 14 different meetings and collected feedback from neighbors over two years ago+
- Supervisor Breed was able to get \$500K for funding the panhandle. Big thank you to her!
- This most recent revitalization plan started 18 months ago
- Improvements include:
  - Upgrades lighting to LEDs (brighter at night; more economical)
  - repaved pathways
  - new benches
  - new bike racks (donated by MTA – thank you MTA!)
  - new signage around the panhandle
  - new ground marker helping to clarify intersections
  - 2x trashcans
- NOPNA has allocated \$45K to the improvements (from donations)
- Q: is the “no smoking” on all the signs in the Park? A: No
- For more information: look at NOPNA.org and NOPNA newsletter

## Playground Upgrade Park & Rec (Lisa and Melinda)

- Lisa Project manager for Panhandle Playground handed out a summary
- RHAA is architecture design firm working on the playground
- PlaySF – in the 2012 Parks Bond there was a pool of money to redo the most needed playground
- SF Parks Alliance convened a task force to review unrenovated playgrounds
- Presence of Arsenic wood; youth density or the neighborhood and household medium income and Park “grade” in the SF Park Alliance
- Capital campaign program was able to raise money so upgrade all 13 playgrounds
- Donated services to upgrade the playground
- wellness, community,
- one of the largest SF Let’s Play Sites
- Is there any way the playground can be relocated to the flat open area east of the restrooms? For cost reasons, no. Factors include the trees in that area, the level, the fact that the playground area is already being used so relocating it would impact more “open space”
- May 31<sup>st</sup> was the first community meeting and they are making the next 5 to 6 months to come up with a design that has been reviewed
  - two more focus groups to come
  - 2018 will be the year to transform the design into construction design
  - construction complete in 2019
- Most liked elements on slides, swings, trees, play structure
- Mixed feedback about the sand -they will not be replacing the sand because of ADA access, water & sand mix contributes to clogging of the pipes
- disliked features were the chain link fence, east entry gate, maintenance building
- For more information go to [tinyurl.com/PanhandlePlayground](http://tinyurl.com/PanhandlePlayground)

## SFMTA & MTA Capital Improvement Program (Chad Rathmann)

- From the Sustainable Streets; Livable Streets Group
- They do look at creating a 30 year plan and also do short-term 5 year planning
- 80 projects and \$265MM on improved street safety
- The CIP process is a 5 year plan that is updated every two years;
- has available a full list of bike, walk, and transit projects
- Focused on projects that have strong community support
- Key policy goals: Vision Zero; Transit First; State of Good Repair

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- Guiding principles of the CIP is its consistency with agency goals (Vision Zero; Transit First; State of Good Repair)
- \$3.4B in SFMTA Capital Projects in general
- right now they are kicking off the next cycle of the CIP (2017-2021)
- public outreach & engagement => SFMTA conducts over 20 workshops, meetings and town hall events with many organizations including Bike Advisory Committee, Citizen Advisory Committee, Mayor's office on disability, Senior & Disability Action Network
- Q: Can you talk about what is going on Hayes Street? Great bus stops but the roads are terrible – what is going on? A: SFMTA still a little too silo'd so it's hard to know what is happening on all projects. SFMTA is working on a digital CIP where you can
- Q: DPW does a lot of SFMTA projects – why is that? It seems like Public Works acts as a contractor for SFMTA projects.
- Q: What is SFMTA's long-term (30 year) planning vision? SFMTA produces a 20-year unconstrained plan. Often high level, projects like walking and biking improvements but traffic calming; there is a ConnectSF initiative that is the grouping of SF agencies that asks "what do we think it will look like in 30 years?"
- For more info: [Chad.rathmann@sfmta.com](mailto:Chad.rathmann@sfmta.com)

### **Wrap Up and Thank You** (Charles Dupigny)

- A quick thank you to NOPA NERT team leader David Dull
- Please volunteer for NOPNA and check out our new website!

End of Meeting.