

Ocean Avenue Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 15, 2012, 6:30 PM  
Ingleside Library  
1298 Ocean Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112

Board Members present: Howard Chung, Christine Godinez, Walee Gon, Rev Roland Gordon, Henry Kevane, Shirley Lima, Bridget Miller, Alexander Mullaney

Others present: Raymond Lui (DPW)

- 1 Howard Chung called the meeting to order at all to order at 6:30 PM.
- 2 Problems and Possible Solutions for the Ocean Avenue Pedestrian Bridge (Dan Weaver)
  - Recent mugging of a woman on the pedestrian bridge
  - Raymond Lui from (DPW, Infrastructure and Design Construction)
    - Bridge is scheduled to be inspected in December
    - Unclear if rails are compliant
    - Stairs are out of code
    - Prop B dollars might be utilized
    - Demolishing the bridge can take years to get done
      - Would need to have an environmental engineer weigh in.
      - Another possibility is to keep bridge but close and keep it as an archway.
    - Short term solutions
      - Tree trimming for better visibility on the bridge.
      - Inspection to determine if bridge is structurally sound.
      - Improve lighting.
      - Call 311 if there is graffiti.
    - Public Comment: Mr. Bomani: Have you talked to the City College Police?
      - Dan Weaver's response: I have communicated with the City College police chief and he wants to be included in future meetings on this.
- 3 Approval of Minutes from October, 2012
  - 1600 comment was just a reference to money being moved around. Ok to delete this from the minutes.
  - Reverend Gordon moves to approve the minutes with deletion.
  - Walee seconds the motion.
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- 4 Financial Report (Henry Kevane)
  - Board Comment: Reverend Gordon: Some of the businesses oppose the OAA taxes. Are these property owners paying the taxes?

- Board Response: Issue is that OAA doesn't track the outstanding taxes; OEWD does. OAA needs to stay on top of the OEWD to work with the SF Tax Collector and get the remaining Year 1 taxes since this doesn't show up on their annual tax bill. A letter went out to outstanding property owners, but it's still not clear if the outstanding amount will ever appear on subsequent tax bills.
  - Public Comment: Kate Favetti: Are you talking to the SF Tax Collector or OEWD?
    - Board Response: OEWD prefers OAA talk to them only. All queries about the assessment should be directed to OEWD, not SF Tax Collector.
- 5 Report of ED Selection Committee Recommendation
  - Dan Weaver is officially the new Executive Director
  - Notes from the closed meeting vote: Reverend Gordon and Bridget Miller recommends working on some PR and communication issues. Howard recommends having a preliminary meeting and then putting those items on a future agenda.
- 6 Election of a New Board Member
  - Topic needs to be tabled for a future meeting.
  - Alexi Nguyen from Chase bank had a conflict and could not attend this meeting.
- 7 Executive Director's Report
  - Ocean Avenue Fire (Reverend Gordon)
    - Avalon has donated \$5K to distribute to business owners affected by the Ocean Avenue Fire.
    - Fundraiser raised \$6100. Of that, \$1600 was paid for expenses. 50% of the remaining cash distributed to the 2 businesses that did not have insurance. The rest was evenly split among the remaining 6 businesses.
    - Golden China considering relocating. King's Coffee is expecting to come back when the new building is available and Happy Deli has moved to Inner Sunset.
    - Mural is in the touch-up phase.
  - Tree Planting / Sidewalk Garden Projects (Alex Mullaney)
    - Will be applying for grants to obtain 23 trees.
    - Timeline will be spring 2013; hoping to get volunteers from Lick Wilmerding.
  - Mural Projects (Christina Godinez)
    - Christine to talk to Walee about a mural for his business.
    - Retaining wall at City College: Per Alex, they will want to go through a planning process so there may not be any action for a long time, given current State of the college.
  - Parklets (Dan Weaver)
    - Out of Sight rep will be at next meeting to discuss parklets.
    - Public Comment: Al Harris: Need to consider planning guidelines. Can't put parklets on corners where parking can be affected.
    - Public Comment: Maurice Rivers: Will OAA have a say in the matter?
      - Board Comment: OAA doesn't approve anything. City will decide, but OAA can help shape the plan.
- 8 Board Member Comments and Suggestions
  - Bridget Miller: Would like to improve communication amongst board members.
    - Board response: Howard Chung: Feel free to call him if not able to get a hold of Dan Weaver.
  - Bridget Miller: Clarify why the demolished building from the fire will be on a faster track than the building she occupies.

- Alex Mullaney: Whereas the building that got demolished has a clear plan on what needs to be done, the irony of the situation is that the roof of the building in which Bridget's business occupies may take longer because it's unclear what the next steps are to repair the roof.

9 General Public Comment

- Mr. Bomani, proprietor of The Ave bar
  - Future agenda request: Would like to come in for a presentation to the board.  
Goal: Letter from OAA to support the acquisition of an entertainment license.
- Maurice Rivers, proprietor of The Umbrella Tree
  - Would like newspaper racks and have them carry the Ingleside Light in them.
    - Board Response: Dan Weaver: The racks are coming. They were supposed to be installed in August or September. OAA to follow up on that. OAA does not have say what publications go in the racks.
  - Would like side streets cleaned up (trash from City College); possible to organize a monthly clean-up?
  - Would like to partner with Habitat with Humanity to get a project organized for residents that get notices from the city for building infractions.
    - Board Response: Dan Weaver: Call We Build It Together

10 Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next Meeting: December 13, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

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