

Ocean Avenue Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 13, 2012, 6:30PM
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, Alexander Mullaney, Dan Weaver

Others present:

- 1 Howard Chung called the meeting to order at all to order at 6:33 PM.
- 2 Parklet proposal for Ocean Avenue (Paul Chasan , Raffaella Falchi)
 - Slide presentation by
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 - Proposal by Fog Lifter currently has letters of support from other businesses
 - Looking at Ocean and Faxon (in front of Fog Lifter).
 - Two options, one on Ashton and the other on Ocean (see map handout for details).
 - Preferred option is currently on Ashton.
 - Raffaella Falchi
Program Director
Out of Site Youth Arts Center
 - Organization was approached by Jawad from Fog Lifter. If approved, Fog Lifter would be responsible for maintaining it. There is an annual lease review for each parklet. City can remove a parklet if it becomes derelict. Signage must include signage indicating it's a public park and no smoking allowed.
 - Out of Site previously worked in conjunction with Excelsior Action Group and received a grant from OEWD which paid for stipend and materials for the Mission parklet. Would like to do another project, but this time with OAA CBD. Process would include:
 - Signatures of support.
 - Presentation of ideas.
 - Feedback.
 - Final design presentation and approval (Review Panel would include residents, local architects, contractors, urban planners, community activists and business owners).

- Public Comment: Kate Favetti: In favor of this parklet.
- Board Comment: Reverend Gordon: Not quite in favor of the parklet due to crowdedness of neighborhood. He will check out the Mission parklet to see the practicality of this.
- Board Comment: Dan Weaver: Jawad at Fog Lifter is in favor because he feels that the Whole Foods end of Ocean Avenue gets most of the attention and he would like to move some foot traffic to his end.
- Board Comment: Walee Gon: Ashton side is very tight so we should be aware of this when we are planning.
- Public Comment: Kate Favetti: Board can write a letter of non-opposition.
- Board Comment: Howard Chung: Board can also support this subject to reviews and considerations.
- Board Comment: Alex Mullaney: Supporters did not come to the Street Life Committee meetings and this is disappointing.
- Board Comment: Dan Weaver and Christine Godinez: Out of Site is not asking OAA for money; they can fund-raise on their own.
- Alex Mullaney motions to write a letter of support for the parklet: 1) Subject to OAA's ongoing participation in design and planning process. 2) Review Panel meetings must be coordinated with OAA Street Life Committee.
- Reverend Gordon seconds this motion.
 - Public Comment: Kate Favetti: For efficiency, recommends Street Life Committee makes all general recommendations to the OAA Board to avoid lengthy board meetings.

3 Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2012

- Howard Chung moves to approve the minutes.
- Alex Mullaney seconds the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

4 Financial Report (Henry Kevane)

- Actual income to date is \$248K.
- Variance is at -\$365K.
- See budget dated 12/12/12 for details.

5 Presentation Request for Endorsement Letter from The Ave (Yusufu Bomani, owner of The Ave)

- Would like to lift the restriction from SF Police and SF ABC to close at midnight.
- Would like to lift the Happy Hour restriction. The Ave is only allowed to discount drinks for the entire day, not during certain hours.
- There are a few neighbors not in support—one or two blocks away near Capitol. They are concerned about foot traffic going south after patrons leave The Ave.
- Would like to eventually obtain "Other Entertainment" license (example: karaoke).
- It's possible that the letters from the neighbors and a few of the 911 calls made by the bartenders may be blocking Mr. Bomani from achieving his goals.
- Primary goals: Ability to open until 2am and ability to have Happy Hour.
- Board Comment: Dan Weaver: Would be willing to call Officer Chan.
- Public Comment: Kate Favetti: In favor of Mr. Bomani's primary goals—the façade is clean and lighting is good.
- Reverend Gordon moves for OAA to write letter of support.
- Walee Gon seconds this motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

- 6 Executive Director's Report (Dan Weaver)
 - Need to focus on getting a 501(c)3 for OAA.
 - Per Henry Kevane, correction on the ED's printed report: Actual cost to set one up is \$12K to \$16K.
 - Henry: Talk to OEWD about supplying matching funds if OAA has leftover funds each year.
 - Fence at Ocean Avenue Gas Station
 - Dan Weaver: There are rules about height and fence format. Will let city of SF review and take action.
 - Public Comment: Kate Favetti: The fence is up for discussion at the Westwood Park meeting. She has confirmed there was a permit in place.
 - Public Comment: Yusufu Bomani: Is not in favor of fences. Bars and fences discourage open business.
- 7 Board Member Comments and Suggestions
 - Reverend Gordon: Received a complaint from a community member about leaf blowing noise at 6:30 AM in the morning.
 - Dan Weaver: Will call CleanScapes to see if they are the cause of the noise.
 - Christine Godinez: Met with Dean Santos about mural project. He likes the idea and will bring this to the board.
 - Reverend Gordon: Recommends Dan Weaver meet with City College about saving archway bridge, but closing pedestrian walkway.
 - Walee Gon: Per the last meeting with SF Planning it would be more expensive to maintain it.
 - Dan Weaver: Best to deal with the bridge issue via the community master plan.
- 8 General Public Comment for matters not on this agenda
 - None.
- 9 Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM. Next Meeting: January 17, 2012. Location TBD.