

Ocean Avenue Association
Street Life Committee
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013 at 5:30PM
The Center at Lick-Wilmerding High School

Minutes

Attendees: Al Harris, Mary Harris, Kate Favetti, Lisa Pagan, guest, Neil Ballard, Rick Kurlyo, guest, Bike Coalition, guest, guest, guest, three PUC reps

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Announcements: Weaver announced the sidewalk garden planting.

Holloway Greening Presentation: The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission presented its final design for the Holloway Green Street project. They provided an overview of their Sewer System Improvement Program, which will be 20 years in length. The plan is to modernize the infrastructure with the environment in mind. Once the watershed is exposed, it can absorb water and prevent flooding. The project will also enhance aesthetics, safety, etc. Design work will begin in 2014. Construction will begin in the second half of 2015.

The new design is a hybrid of the two designs proposed at the previous meeting. MTA has a program (Red Visibility Curb Program) where they will paint the first 10 feet of a corner red so PUC took advantage of that by putting bulbouts. Not all blocks will have bulbouts. About two spots will be lost per block. Note: PUC counting only 18 foot spaces, not substandard spaces. MTA will remove 18 and PUC will remove 3. There are studies going on to see how much absorption portions of Holloway will provide. (There is a paving moratorium on Holloway until 2016.) Weaver proposed overgrown trees on Holloway be trimmed.

Historic Survey: San Francisco State University planning students presented their study. It showed draft of historic resource guide. Surveyed from Manor Drive to Harold Avenue. Had 22 buildings in survey they considered were undetermined.

Phelan Loop and plaza assessment, maintenance and programming: OEWD's Lisa Pagan is the project manager for reservoir and Phelan bus loop and plaza. Affordable housing will be completed in 2015. An artist has been chosen to do paving patterns for plaza. Space is designed to host a farmers' market. Pagan invites the Street Life Committee think about activating plazas. The city is working on a plaza program to streamline permits and maintenance. City College, which had the duty to maintain the plaza, can't be counted on at this point.

MTA currently owns the plaza. (They don't activate plazas. That's no their thing.) Plaza will be transferred to Dept. of Real Estate. CCSF has refused to maintain the pedestrian connector though it's on their property. 70 properties for families and one unit for the manager.

Mullaney said there is a serious need to have CCSF at the table.

Mary Harris expressed her concern with having OAA's one employee managing the plaza and activating it and perhaps a committee should be formed.

"In the next year or so, we'll talk to PUC about doing a study to see if they will use the reservoir," Pagan said.

270 Brighton Project Update Presentation: New architect presented fixed plan. Some of the materials were deemed unsatisfactory by committee members. Favetti moved that Weaver negotiate with design team to work out issues.

Executive Director's Report: 270 Brighton will not be going to the planning commission. Team needs letters of support from OMI-NIA and OAA to get a variance to make smaller the open space for light and air. Zoning administrator needs letters, too. Weaver will work for an improved design.

Weaver said he is working to get ahead of Planners who will be working on update of Balboa Park Station Area Plan and 15-year plan. Planner says they need more funds.