April 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Alexander Mullaney, Neil Ballard, Miles Escobedo, Della Duncan, Lucia Fuentes-Zarate, Mary Dickow, Tod Dickow, Kate Favetti

Minutes review: Mullaney moved. Fuentes seconded. No public comment. Unanimous approval.

Ocean Avenue Safety Project Update
Ballard said that he spoke with Mark Drager at SFMTA about the Ocean Avenue Safety Project and the flashing pedestrian beacon at Granada Avenue, which is still scheduled to be installed in Fall 2019.

The Ocean Avenue Safety Project is focused on Ocean Avenue between I-280 and Frida Kahlo Way, and Geneva Avenue between I-280 and Ocean Avenue. SFMTA engineers have not identified any near-term improvements for Ocean Avenue, but they are considering bulbouts, intersection daylighting and a bike lane for Geneva Avenue.

Street Life Committee members said that the traffic lights on Ocean should be better timed, that digital Nextbus display signs should be included on Ocean Avenue shelters, that the pedestrian bridge at Ocean and Geneva avenues should be removed, and that more attention should be paid to dangerous intersections in the retail district of Ocean Avenue where there have been pedestrian fatalities in recent years.

Ballard will invite Mark Drager to attend the Street Life meeting in May. Street Life committee members requested Ballard to prepare a letter to Ed Reiskin outlining their concerns about the project and requesting that the scope of the project be expanded to include the retail district.

Public Art
Ballard updated the committee on Ocean Avenue public art projects. The archway sculpture at Ingleside Library is undergoing permit review by SFPUC, voting is underway for OAA’s Participatory Budgeting proposal to install decorative lights at Unity Plaza, and the mural and mosaic fund grant has been finalized by the Arts Commission. Escobedo said OAA should commission a mural at Walgreens.

Announcements
Escobedo announced that on April 23, Ocean Ale House will be supporting Dining Out For Life, and 25% of all sales will benefit SF AIDS Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.