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ADOPTED MINUTES
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION
Community Programs Advisory Committee
March 10, 2025
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement: 12:11 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Posey, Tran, Mezie, Wade-Thompson

3. General Public Comment: None.

4. Adoption of Minutes – April 8, 2024, and June 10, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2024.

Moved: Wade-Thompson Second: Mezie

Approved

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 10, 2024

Moved: Wade-Thompson Second: Mezie

Approved

Public Comment: None

Item 6 was moved forward at the direction of the Chair.

6. Yosemite Slough Neighborhood Adaptation Plan (Discussion) (Richardson)

(Sarah Richardson, SF Planning Dept., Planner Citywide)

Ms. Richardson shared a video and provided a general overview of the Yosemite Slough Neighborhood Adaptation Plan which addresses Sea Level Rise. Information was also provided about other upcoming engagement opportunities. For a copy of the complete presentation please contact the Commission Secretary at cvaughn@sfgwater.org.

Ms. Richardson said the goal of the plan is to protect the neighborhood from 3.5 to 7 feet of projected sea level rise by year 2100. The Governor's Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation has provided a \$649,000 grant to facilitate this project.

The Yosemite Slough Plan is an opportunity to create an approach to developing a climate adaptation plan that can be used by other communities. D10 is experiencing the hazards and consequences of climate change. We want the plan on the same level as the Port's Waterfront Resilience Program. The work is also a critical way that environmental justice and climate resilience can be advanced.

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Executive Director

Carla Vaughn
Commission Secretary



Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

Commissioners thanked Ms. Richardson for the presentation and noted they appreciated the inclusion of the Community Ambassadors and the assistance they provided in communicating with the community.

Commissioner Mezie requested examples of ways the Commission could help. She also suggested they reach out to the Resilient Bayview Steering Committee who were also in the process of developing a plan for D10.

- The SF Planning staff said they joined with staff from the Literacy for Environmental Justice regarding wetland restoration, native planting, taking inventory of the birds and the wildlife which provided detailed community data that has been valuable to the work. They also provided examples of working with Public Works who report any flooding issues through 311. An example was given of how rain gardens could be added by the community.

Commissioner Tran asked where the name Yosemite Slough came from, and she requested more information regarding the projected sea level.

- The SF Planning staff responded “Slough” is a type of wetland and the name describes how much freshwater versus salt water is in this wetland. The Yosemite part is an American Indian term shared across many northern Californian tribes.

The Commissioners had a question regarding remediation.

- The SF Planning staff responded Yosemite Slough is a superfund site managed by Federal agencies such as U.S Navy, and the U.S. EPA. The City is also involved.

Community Member Ms. Wade-Thompson suggested engaging more with students so they would learn how the flooding would affect them directly. She also noted that students were great with PR.

- The SF Planning Staff advised the Port is partnering with the Exploratorium to provide an educational component.

Executive Director Pharr suggested engaging with youth organizations that may not be informed such as College Prep, Young Community Developers, and students that are community residents who may be here when this happens. The Executive Director asked if there was anything specific the Commission could do to help.

- The SF Planning Staff said any constructive feedback would be appreciated.

Commissioner Tran requested information be provided for people that may be digitally challenged or unable to read English.

Commissioner Mezie suggested using more of a hands-on model for youth.

Public Comment: None.

Chair Posey returned the meeting to Item #5.

5. SE Community Programs Advisory Committee Restructure (Discussion)(Pharr)
(Emily Pharr, SECFC Executive Director)

The Executive Director reported she is working with City Attorney Nicholas Whipps to develop amendments to the By-Laws that will include Committee structure.

An expanded mission statement was provided as a potential suggestion to replace the current mission statement. The Executive Director suggested updating the name of the committee to Community Programs, Outreach, and Engagement.

She advised this would provide an opportunity to expand the role of the committee and allow it to be more engaged with staff in their planning efforts around community events, engagement, and getting people into the center to take advantage and to benefit from the many programs and opportunities that are offered through the Resident Partner Agencies located at the facility.

For the Mission Statement she proposed the following example:

“The SE Community Programs, Outreach, and Engagement Committee serves as an advisory body dedicated to supporting enhancing community driven initiatives and health, workforce development, career opportunities, and education within Bayview Hunters Point the strategic partnership, advocacy, and collaboration. The committee provides guidance and support on developing programs, expands outreach efforts, and strengthens community engagement by advising on events and activities organized by SECF staff. We strive to empower residents and foster an inclusive and supportive environment.”

Executive Director Pharr advised staff was currently working on the upcoming Spring Fling and she invited members of the committee to participate in the planning.

Commissioner Mezie said she would like to be involved in events planning.

Executive Director Pharr proposed moving the committee meeting to the second Thursday every other odd month after working hours and possibly providing refreshments since it would be the dinner hour. A suggested time would be between 5:30 pm – 8 pm. She requested the Commissioners ponder the suggested Mission Statement to be followed up with an Action Item.

Regarding the Committee Structure she said the Committee wants to keep the model of 3 Commissioners and limit the Community Members to 2 so that a body of 5 will keep a quorum the way it is and that one of the 5 must be an actual appointed Commissioner.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

Commissioner Mezie suggested keeping the presentation to no more than two presenters a meeting and allow 15 minutes per presenter, this would also include questions and comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tran suggested using a Muni shuttle service to bring people to the meeting.

Executive Director Pharr said any changes would go before the full Commission at an upcoming meeting.

Public Comment: None.

7. Director’s Report: (Pharr)

(Emily Pharr, SECC Executive Director)

Director Pharr reported there were no items that needed to be discussed at this time.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

None.

Public Comment: None.

8. New Committee Business: (Discussion)

Staff announced information regarding a tentative school closure would be provided at an upcoming meeting. Also, information regarding the upcoming Art & Soul Festival would be provided by Elise Washington.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

None.

Public Comment: None.

9. Announcements:

Commissioner Mezie announced APRI will provide Money Talk Wednesdays every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month for youth to get access to internships.

Chair Posey announced the US4US Peace Rally and the Caregivers Pathway Resource Fair.

Ms. Emily Wade-Thompson thanked Chair Posey for reading to the youth at Dr. Carver Elementary School. She also announced the Suchi Foundation will host D10 students to a trip to Taiwan.

Staff announced an event in partnership with UCSF this Saturday at the Center. It's Health Day so medical screenings, blood pressure tests and other relevant services will be available for the public. On Sunday Rafiki Umoja Block Party from 12pm – 6 pm will be hosted at the Center.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

None

Public Comment:

None.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

The next meeting of the Community Programs Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 14, 2025.

Assigned Commissioners: Damien Posey/ Chika Mezie/ Marlene Tran

Community Members: Joy Ceniza/ Tandia O'Neal/ Emily Wade-Thompson/ Kathryn Summers