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APPROVED MINUTES
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. **Land Acknowledgement:** *Chair Fromer* read the Land Acknowledgement.
2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *Chair Fromer* called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and staff called roll.
Present: *Chung, Fromer, Posey, Tran*
Excused: *Mezie*
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** February 26, 2025
Moved: *Posey* **Second:** *Tran*
Ayes: *Chung, Fromer, Posey, Tran*
The minutes for February 26, 2025, were adopted.

4. **General Public Comment:**
Community Member Oscar James introduced historical documentation of the Hunters Point Community and India Basin Industrial Park. The documentation was compiled by the Bayview-Hunters Point Joint Housing Committee and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency.

Daniel L. Lurie
Mayor

Damien Posey
Chair

Dr. Gina Fromer
Vice-Chair

Karen Chung
Commissioner

Chika Mezie
Commissioner

Marlene Tran
Commissioner

Vacant
Commissioner

Vacant
Commissioner

Emily Pharr
Executive Director

Carla Vaughn
Commission Secretary

5. **Report of the Chair:** *(Fromer)*
Chair Fromer announced the first annual Southeast Art and Soul Fest will take place on Sunday, April 27th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Southeast Community Center. The event will celebrate the artistic and musical contribution of Bayview Hunters Point and the Southeast community through live performances, curated art exhibits, and community resource activations. Chair Fromer encouraged every to help spread the word.

Chair Fromer reported San Francisco has activated speed safe cameras at 33 locations to reduce speeding and improve traffic safety. There will be a two-month grace period where violators will receive warnings before citation activations begin. Fines will range from \$50 - \$500. In District 10 one camera is currently placed in Visitation Valley. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and provide feedback on camera placements.

In closing Chair Fromer reminded the Commissioners the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) is due as well as the completion of the Ethics Training.

Public Comment: None.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None.

6. **Commission Reorganization:**
 - a) Nominations and Selection of Chair for a two-year term
Commissioner Fromer reminded those present she was originally the Vice-Chair and had stepped into the role of Chair due to mitigating circumstances.



Commissioner Fromer nominated Commissioner Posey as Chair for a two-year term.

Public Comment:

Community Member Oscar James commended Commissioner Posey for his participation in the Commission and noted more men needed to step up and show leadership so young people in the community can know positive things can be done.

Commissioner Chung moved to nominate Commissioner Posey to serve as Chair of the Southeast Community Facility Commission for a two-year term.

Moved: *Chung* **Second:** *Tran*

Ayes: *Chung, Fromer, Posey, Tran*

b) Nominations and Selection of Vice-Chair for a two-year term.

Chair Posey nominated Commissioner Fromer as Vice-Chair for a two-year term.

Commission Tran validated the nomination.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Chung moved to nominate Commissioner Fromer to serve as Vice-Chair of the Southeast Community Facility Commission for a two-year term.

Moved: *Chung* **Second:** *Tran*

Ayes: *Chung, Fromer, Posey, Tran*

c) Comments by the new Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Posey and Vice-Chair Fromer expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to continue to serve the community.

Public Comment: None.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None.

7. **Bayview Shuttle Update** (*discussion only*) (*Garcia*)

Jovaun Garcia, SFMTA Transportation Planner III, and Project Manager for the Bayview Shuttle Program provided an overview of the program. The shuttle plan was identified as a top priority for the Bayview Community in 2020. The plan is the recipient of the California Air Resources Board Sustainable Transportation Equity Projects grant and received \$10.5 million dollars in grant funding. This is a pilot project and will end March 2026 therefore conversations regarding long-term funding will be coming. Mr. Garcia identified six goals of the project as follows:

- Improve community mobility
- Improve community health and reduce emissions
- Invest in the community and create jobs
- Connect residents and transportation services
- Support and supplement existing transit services

Mr. Garcia reported the work is being guided by the Community Congress, Outreach Committee, Transportation Resource Center, and Workforce Development. Currently the service is free and paid service will begin April 14th. This is a pilot project that will continue through March 2026

To receive a complete copy of the presentation to see how the shuttle service works, how to use it, performance updates, and other impacts please contact the Commission Secretary at (628) 998-1758 or cvaughn@sfwater.org.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioners asked if the service was available in other communities and what plans are being made for multilingual access?

- Mr. Garcia responded the current grant is specific to the Bayview community and could provide a model for other communities. The multilingual access is being led by Raymond at CYC and they are also helping with outreach.

Commissioners asked if there was a way to provide the service for free for individuals who could not afford to pay?

- Mr. Garcia responded the fare structure would be the same as Muni so if people are eligible for discounts or free passes the same would apply for the shuttle service.

Commissioners asked Mr. Garcia if he was a part of the Community Congress?

- He advised he attends the meetings, but he is not a part of the Community Congress. He noted he often provides presentations.

Commissioners asked if Transportation Center was located on Quesada Street?

- Mr. Garcia responded that is the location.

Commissioners noted the area did not feel welcoming and they made a request for Mr. Garcia to appeal to those in charge to provide a more positive experience for the community. There was a conversation regarding the performance updates and what would happen when there are no seats available.

- Mr. Garcia responded there are plans to add more shuttles if there is a need for more. He noted if people receive a message that no seats are available they are encouraged to try again in ten minutes. He added that as a part of their service they want to highlight community events on their app and invite people to use the shuttle to get there.
- Southeast Staff announced the Art & Soul Festival would be on April 27th and they offered to provide additional information to Mr. Garcia. They asked if the Southeast Center could be listed as a service zone.
- Mr. Garcia responded that was a great idea and it could be done.

The Commissioners had a final question regarding the employment impacts which stated, "Bayview Shuttle offers access to an additional 16,000 jobs within 30 minutes of their residence".

- Mr. Garcia explained the information was based on census data that showed there are a number of jobs that can be reached within 30 minutes from a residence by using the shuttle.

The Commissioners requested brochures in multiple languages.

Public Comment:

Oscar James, Community Member asked if the shuttle would stop at the India Basin Park and the swimming pool. He said he was concerned about seniors having to pay if they come from the senior center. He wanted to know if they would have free transportation.

- Mr. Garcia said all of those locations would be available by shuttle and group bookings would also be available. The payment model used by Muni would be the standard so any discount available on Muni would also be available on the shuttle. He reported the service currently has 8 vehicles and 6 are operational. There are 8 seats on each vehicle and 3 have wheelchair accessibility.

8. Presentation and Recommendation:

Southeast Community Center Access Program (*Discussion and ACTION: Southeast Community Facility Commission Recommendation to accept program revisions and forward to San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for Final Approval*)(Washington)

Elise Washington, SFPUC Community Benefits Analyst provided an update on the program and informed the Commissioners how the program was advancing community digital skills and career outcomes. She requested a recommendation from the Commission to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to adopt revisions in the Grant program rules and increase the annual Grant Award. An increase in the award will provide an opportunity to better evaluate the program.

Ms. Washington provided a timeline of the program from 1979 when the Historic Southeast Mitigation Agreement was adopted through 2024 when nearly 100 community residents have been served through the Access Program.

The Access Program provides the following services:

- Technology Loaner Program
- Classes and Workshops
- Industry-Recognized Skill-Based Training

The impact of the program in fiscal year 23-24 has been that nearly 100 individuals accessed one or more services. Ninety-eight percent of individuals served accessed tech support or internet services. Sixty-one percent of individuals served self-reported living in District 10, and sixty-three percent of individuals served are aged 45 years and older.

Ms. Washington said that in order to build on the successful elements of the program the investment needs to increase as well as the way the program is structured. The grant amount needs to increase from \$125,000 to \$200,000 a year. The community has been vocal about the importance of workforce development and the ability to connect to apprenticeship programs offered through city funded resources or privately funded programs. The Center would like to host more workshops to support current and aspiring local entrepreneurs who are a large part of this community.

In closing Ms. Washington said staff would like to implement more performance metrics and service standards so the evaluation process can be better and there can be more transparency in reporting. She reported the proposed grant amendments will provide the opportunity to be more responsive to the community's need and deepen the impact of the program.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

The Commissioners asked where the funding would come from?

- Staff advised the current funding is from a contract with the SFPUC that ends June 30 and this recommendation when approved would replace the previous contract.

Public Comment:

Oscar James, Community Member had comments and questions regarding a training program for engineers that had been previously provided. He stated the city has openings for 400 engineers and only 4 have been hired and they are not from the Southeast Community. He wanted to know if that program could be reinstated. He noted there were Black contractors in the community, and he said he wants to make sure they are included in future plans.

Chair Posey moved to increase the annual Grant amount from \$125,000 to \$200,000 annually to expand program services offered, including but not limited to connecting community members to apprenticeship programs offered through city funded or privately funded workforce development initiatives and forward the recommendation to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for final approval.

Moved: Posey Second: Chung

Ayes: Chung, Fromer, Posey, Tran

9. SECFC Executive Director's Report (*discussion only*)

Emily Pharr, Executive Director provided updates on the facility. She reported mold testing was completed regarding the water intrusion in the Alex Pitcher Pavilion and the results will be provided as soon as they are available. The next steps will be core testing for the groundwater. Regarding the lighting for the sculpture a replacement light was installed and tested. Additional lights will be ordered, and the Commission will be advised when they are installed.

Director Pharr reported there have been 317 reservations and events at the Center from January through March and 9,541 individuals have visited the facility.

The Director said the Commissioners can expect to receive a newsletter from the Contractor's Assistance Center. The organization is a free resource that professional service firms, construction companies, vendors, and suppliers can use to help establish or grow their business. It serves small, local businesses to get the tools and guidance needed to take advantage of the upcoming contracting opportunities created by billions of dollars in infrastructure spending planned for San Francisco.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None.

Public Comment: None.

10. Future Agenda Items Initiated by Commissioners (*discussion only*)

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None.

Public Comment: None.

11. Announcements

Staff announced the first annual Southeast Art and Soul Fest will take place on Sunday, April 27th from 1 PM to 7PM (doors open at 11 AM) at the Southeast Community Center. The event will celebrate the artistic and musical contributions of Bayview Hunters Point and Southeast San Francisco through live performances, curated art exhibits, and community resource activations.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None.

Public Comment: None.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Southeast Community Facility Commission will be Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Carla Vaughn, Commission Secretary