

ADOPTED MINUTES
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION
Facility & Design Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 14, 2026
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement:

Commissioner Chung called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and read the land acknowledgement.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Chung, Jay

Excused: Fromer

Commissioner Chung introduced the new Southeast Community Facility Commissioner, Gavin Jay.

Daniel L. Lurie
Mayor

Commissioner Jay said he was looking forward to contributing to the work of the Commission.

Damien Posey
Chair

3. General Public Comment: None.

Dr. Gina Fromer
Vice-Chair

4. Adoption of Minutes: – March 12, 2026

Moved: Jay **Second:** Chung

Ayes: Chung, Jay

The minutes were approved.

Karen Chung
Commissioner

Gavin Jay
Commissioner

Chika Mezie
Commissioner

Public Comment: None

Marlene Tran
Commissioner

5. San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Heart Sculpture Call for Artist
(Robertson)

(Elaine Robertson, Director of Events, SF General Hospital Foundation)

Ms. Robertson provided background on the program which launched in 2004. More than 500 sculptures have been commissioned over the past 20 years. Many sculptures are auctioned at an annual fundraising Gala and have raised over \$40 million to support patient care and innovation at San Francisco General Hospital.

Vacant
Commissioner

Emily Pharr
Executive Director

Carla Vaughn
Commission Secretary

Every July local artists are called to have a chance to design a Heart. Currently the Southeast Center is hosting a sculpture by artist André Renay entitled “Justice”. The sculpture was unveiled during Black History Month 2024. The artwork honors the Civil Rights Movement, and the current loan agreement has been extended through 2029.



There is a vision to develop a new Heart sculpture specifically for the Southeast Center. It will celebrate the cultural legacy of the community, honor the leadership of the Big Six, and create a landmark public artwork for future generations.

The new Heart sculpture will serve as a visual anchor within the center's flexible use outdoor activation space. The approximately 15,000 square foot outdoor area is designed to support the center's broader vision for arts, culture, wellness, and community.

The SF General Hospital Foundation and the Southeast Center will release a joint call for an artist and preference will be given to artists with strong ties to the community as well as experience with sculpture, or large-scale installations. A selection committee will be chosen to select the design.

Ms. Robertson proposed a timeline beginning in May 2026 with the presentation and project discussion now being provided to the SE Facility & Design Advisory Committee and ending in late Fall/early 2027 with the Heart sculpture installation and public unveiling.

SF General Hospital will bear the project costs. Coordinators of the project will be the Southeast Center, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Foundation, community stakeholders and arts partners.

The next step will be to receive feedback from the Southeast Community Facility Commission, finalize the scope and governance of the structure, coordinate with the SF Arts Commission and project partners, develop and release the Call for Artists, and return to the Commission with updates and final recommendations.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Staff:

Commissioner Jay said he was looking forward to the project.

Executive Director Pharr said this second heart sculpture installation combined with the first sculpture would create a landmark for the community. She emphasized it was important for the artist to have a meaningful connection to the community.

Commissioner Chung had a question regarding the maintenance cost.

- Staff responded the Foundation would cover any maintenance needs.

Public Comment: None

6. San Francisco Transportation Plan – Outreach Tool Kit: (Hiatt)

(Rachel Hiatt, Deputy Director for Planning, San Francisco County Transportation Authority)

Ms. Hiatt provided an overview of the agency. It is a small agency that reports to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The agency is responsible for preparing a 30-year blueprint for transportation development and investments based on the expected transportation revenue for 30 years. The systems included in the plan are freeways, Muni, CalTrain, BART, ferries, potholes, etc., basically everything that has to do with transportation in the City, the long-term transportation plan for the City and County of San Francisco.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Public Comment: None

7. Director's Report: (Pharr)

Director Pharr noted that staff will regularly check in with the community and look for opportunities to be involved with the processes. Even with today's presentation it is a community benefit that could be coming down the pipeline. She said we want to make sure the community has an opportunity to insert their voices. Director Pharr said she would provide an update soon.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None.

Public Comment: None.

8. New Committee Business (Discussion)

9. Announcements: (Discussion)

Deputy Director Washington announced the community Center in partnership with Compass & Keys is hosting a Pop-Up Impact Village on Saturday, July 12. Community is invited to attend from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be several exciting activations focused on wellness, health, entrepreneurship, and community celebrations.

Chair Posey announced the 3rd Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on Sunday, July 27th. Also, US4US will host its Backpack Extravaganza on Sunday, August 17th. The goal is to provide 1,000 backpacks to the community and the organization is still looking for sponsors. And finally, the Caregivers Pathway Program graduated 20 youth from the community. They received Caregiving Training Certificates along with hiring support from IHSS and Home Instead. Home Bridge and the Clean Stay programs also provided support.

Public Comment: None.

10. Adjournment: (Discussion)

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next meeting of the Facility & Design Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 9, 2026.

Assigned Commissioners: Karen Chung/ Dr. Gina Fromer/ Posey