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ADOPTED MINUTES
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION
Facility & Design Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 13, 2024
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement:
Commissioner Posey called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and provided the land acknowledgement.

2. Roll Call:
Present: Posey, LeBlanc, Richardson, Tiell
Excused: Fromer, Chung, Hunnicutt

3. General Public Comment: None.

4. Adoption of Minutes: – February 8, 2024
Moved: Richardson **Second:** Tiell
Ayes: Posey, LeBlanc, Richardson, Tiell

Public Comment: None

5. Islais Creek Bridge Project and Street Closure (Roitman & Kronenberg)
(Thomas Roitman, SF Public Works Project Manager and Chava Kronenberg, SFMTA Project Manager)
Mr. Roitman provided an overview of the project and touched on the history of the bridge, the condition of the bridge, and the reason for the project. He provided the conceptual design process, the impacts and benefits, a schedule, and outreach efforts.

Ms. Kronenberg provided a high-level overview of addressing mobility impacts including bus-substitution for the Muni T-line. She acknowledged there would be coordination with other projects in the region and that there are efforts currently in development to minimize transit impacts. Ms. Kronenberg noted specific transit concerns raised by the commissioners and community members and advised their concerns would be incorporated into the transit design.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:
Community Committee Member Linda Richardson described decades long efforts for revitalization in the Bayview and expressed concern about Third Street being a gateway to the Bayview used by Muni, cars, bikes, and others. She noted the impact would affect more than just the immediate vicinity and SFCTA should be engaged in a comprehensive plan and participate in future outreach meetings to explain the roles and responsibilities of different agencies. She advised developments south of Islais Creek will add up to 30,000 housing units and the transportation impacts should be taken into consideration.

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Emily Pharr
Executive Director

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She noted the recent APEC convention and the effect on transportation and businesses during those events.

Community Committee Member Steven Tiell asked how well the team knows the Bayview and suggested they should live there to experience the transportation limitations. He noted Jerrold Avenue was cut off several years ago from through traffic for an SFPUC project and after that Evans was trimmed to one lane. He stated that a Third Street closure will cause back-up all around. He suggested the project sponsor consider providing equity without adding time to community experience. He requested a road diet on Third Street to encourage more bicycles to downtown and less carbon emitting trucks. Mr. Tiell said the 15-bus provides a more dependable downtown service than the T-line.

Community Committee Member Brigette LeBlanc asked if members of the design team reside in zip codes in the Bayview Hunters Point vicinity. She advised people in the community have a better understanding of the actual transit and access experience and could provide valuable input in the design. Ms. LeBlanc asked if outreach can be done with members in the community as well as providing local hire opportunities. Ms. LeBlanc expressed frustration with the current state of the T-line and noted that riders cannot rely on it to get downtown, especially in the morning.

Commissioner Posey asked that the community's needs and impacts be taken into consideration in the project design and planning efforts.

Public Comment:
Kate Bloomberg, a member of the community, advocated for Safer Illinois. She requested safer protected bike lanes on Illinois Street before the road is used as a traffic detour during construction.

Elise Washington described the challenges of getting from Oakland to the Bayview by public transit. She expressed concern about the Embarcadero light-rail not connecting with the Third Street light-rail for continuous access from the Embarcadero. She acknowledged the challenges in solving multiple transit problems and asked that youth be engaged in the process.

Executive Director Pharr requested the new bridge match the aesthetics of the Community Center and have complementary artwork in the design.

6. Director's Report: (Pharr)
(Emily Pharr, SECFC Executive Director)
Director Pharr reported reservations at the Center are ongoing and noted the Center is fully booked through the end of the year. She advised there was a small fire on the lawn, however the fire department responded quickly, and the damages were minute. The building was not fully activated at the time, and no one was in danger or hurt.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:
Community Committee Member Linda Richardson expressed appreciation for the Community Center and acknowledged the pristine care taken to keep it clean and welcoming for the community.

Executive Director Pharr announced moving forward the Center will be embarking on a process to engage a consistent menu of programs and services for the community. She announced the Principal Administrative Analyst Deputy Executive Director position is now open and invited everyone to encourage their colleagues that might be qualified and interested to apply. The position is on the city website and LinkedIn.

Community Committee Member Brigette LeBlanc noted the meeting was informative.

7. <u>New Committee Business:</u> (Discussion)
Executive Director Pharr announced Air Quality Monitors were being installed on top of the building and would soon be able to provide data that can look at the impact of the air quality in the community.

<u>Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:</u>
Community Committee Member Linda Richardson requested an update on Native American representation at the Center.

- Staff responded conversations were ongoing regarding the potential to recognize artifacts.

8. <u>Announcements:</u> (Discussion)
None.

9. <u>Adjournment:</u> (Discussion)
Commissioner Posey adjourned the meeting at 5:27.

The next meeting of the Facility & Design Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 11, 2024.

Assigned Commissioners: Amerika Sanchez/ Karen Chung/ Dr. Gina Fromer
Community Members: Dr. Veronica Hunnicutt/ Brigette LeBlanc/ Linda Fadeke Richardson/ Steven Tiell