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SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION CITY and COUNTY of SAN FRANCISCO



Emily Pharr
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ADOPTED MINUTES SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION Wednesday, April 26, 2023 6:00 P.M.

- 1. Land Acknowledgement:** Chair Murphy
- 2. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.
Present: Murphy, Fromer, Chung, Mezie, Posey, Sanchez, Tran
- 3. Adoption of Minutes: March 22, 2023**
Moved: Tran **Second:** Chung
Public Comment: None.
Ayes: Murphy, Fromer, Posey, Tran, Chung, Mezie, Sanchez
- 4. General Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Communications:** (Discussion only)
Correspondence Log – None
- 6. Environmental Justice Month Recognition:** (Murphy and Mezie)
Chair Murphy and Commissioner Mezie on behalf of the Southeast Community Facility Commission recognized the following members of the community:

Dr. Hollis Pierce-Jenkins, Executive Director, Literacy for Environmental Justice –
Ted Fang, Florence Fang Community Garden –
Marcus Sajote, Youth Environmental Leader –
Edwin Maiava-Togiai – Youth Environmental Leader

Public Comment:
Dr. Hollis Pierce-Jenkins thanked the Southeast Community Facility Commissioners for the recognition of the work that she has done through Literacy for Environmental Justice. She said she was grateful to be able to work in a program that she is passionate about and one that encourages young people to experience careers working in the environment and science.

Mr. Ted Fang said he was honored to receive the award along with Dr. Pierce-Jenkins whom he admires. He noted that he was humbled to be doing work in the Bayview community and appreciated being recognized by the Southeast Commissioners. He stated the Bayview community was the most environmentally challenged neighborhood in San Francisco with two freeways crossing through, numerous super-fund sites, and a food desert.

Commissioner Mezie read the Commendations for the Youth Environmental Leaders.

Commissioner Murphy thanked the recipients for all of their hard work over the years and for dedicating their lives to the work of Environmental Justice.
- 7. Report of the Chair:** (Murphy)
Commissioner Murphy made the following appointments:
Vice-Chair Fromer - SE Facility & Design Advisory Committee
Commissioner Mezie - SE Community Programs Advisory Committee

Commissioner Murphy announced the month of May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage month and Commissioners are encouraged to provide names to the Commission Secretary of community members for recognition. Also, she reported the Joint meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee would be held on May 24th and the Commission Retreat would be in August. She requested Commissioners provide their dates of availability. In closing Chair Murphy acknowledged a thank you letter from Ms. Emily Wade-Thompson for the Commendation she received at the March Commission meeting.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None

Public Comment: None

8. **Committee Reports:** (Discussion only)

a) Community Programs Advisory Committee
(Commissioner Posey)

Commissioner Posey reported there was no quorum however information was provided by staff regarding the newly proposed Fee Schedule that will be forwarded to the full Commission for Action.

b) Facility & Design Advisory Committee
(Commissioner Sanchez)

Commissioner Sanchez reported the meeting was informational only and focused on the activation of the center. She reported there has been robust programming and many events are scheduled. She advised the Black History Month event on February 18th was great and there are ongoing conversations about the future and the activation of educational field trips. She reported historical events such as the Annual Health Fair and the Futures Fair would continue to be associated with the space. She noted the Fee Schedule was introduced and discussed.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None.

Public Comment: None.

9. **Action: Recommend the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission approve individual quotes received from Dragon Spunk, Pure Focus Family Solutions, Rafiki Coalition, Mission Bit, Rise University Preparatory School, Dev/mission, 3rd Street Youth Clinic, to produce community serving events in the following categories: Health and Wellness and Youth Serving Events:** (Overview, Discussion and Action)

(Larry Berry, SECFC Deputy Director & Emily Pharr, SECFC Executive Director)

Deputy Director Berry introduced the Event Series which is an opportunity for the center to resource local organizations to do mission aligned activities at the center. Some organizations are requesting program sponsorship from the SFPUC. Deputy Director Berry reported the resident partner organizations don't cover all of the areas of the programmatic framework and we want to ensure there will be abundant programming. Deputy Director Berry requested a recommendation from the Commission to move forward in the purchase order process for proposals.

Staff reported the areas covered in the event series are:

Evening Series/ Youth Serving Events/ Concert Series/ Business Mixers-Vendor Markets/ Health & Wellness Activities/ Job Fairs

Staff requested recommendations for Youth Serving Events and Health & Wellness Events.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Posey asked if community organization By Us 4 Us had submitted a proposal?

- Staff responded the proposal process is on-going and they are welcome to submit a proposal

Public Comment:

A representative from Rise University Preparatory School thanked the Commission for the opportunity to submit a proposal.

By motion, Commissioner Sanchez recommended the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission approve individual quotes received from Dragon Spunk, Pure Focus Family Solutions, Rafiki Coalition, Mission Bit, Rise University Preparatory School, Dev/Mission, and 3rd Street Youth Clinic, to produce community serving events in the following categories: Health and Wellness and Youth Serving Events.

Moved: Sanchez **Second:** Tran

Public Comment: None.

Ayes: Murphy, Fromer, Chung, Mezie, Posey, Sanchez, Tran

10. Our City, Our Power Campaign Update and Presentation: (Discussion only)

(Peter Gallotta, SFPUC Communications & Pamela Husing, SFPUC Power Enterprise)

Mr. Gallotta's presentation provided a vision for the future of 100% electricity service in San Francisco. The presentation advised PG&E continues to place obstacles in the way however, a secure clean energy future can be obtained through public ownership of the electric grid. Currently the SFPUC provides more than 70% of the electricity consumed in San Francisco and the central issue is the electricity grid which PG&E as the middleman continues to obstruct our ability to manage and use, while continuing to increase costs. The continual obstruction has a negative impact on the community by delaying the opening of new affordable housing, recreation centers and parks, and health clinics. Within the past 4 years these delays have cost San Francisco taxpayers \$28 million dollars.

Mr. Gallotta reported public power ensures more affordable rates, because it requires no shareholder dividends, executive bonuses, or added costs for profit. The use of public power is supported by 70% of San Franciscans.

The following steps have been taken to pursue the vision of public power:

2019 – Preliminary Public Power Options Report

Sept. 2019 – PG&E Offer #1

Aug. 2020 – PG&E Offer #2

July 2021 – Valuation Petition

2023 – Environmental Review

Mr. Gallotta invited everyone to join the movement for public power and to view social media for further updates.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Staff:

Executive Director Pharr asked if there was a way the Commission could assist with providing information regarding the campaign?

- Mr. Gallotta responded he would like to share more information to the community through the Commission to build more support for the campaign.

Commissioners requested information regarding the rates and how the community would be impacted.

- Pamela Husing responded the average Hetch Hetchy system rates are 36% less than PG&E. The rates at the community center would be 10% less than PG&E and in general public power rates will be lower. The program will be community driven. Ms. Husing said letters of support and signing up on the website would also be hopeful.
- Mr. Gallotta said conversations were beginning with community organization in the southeast district and the current feedback is positive. He advised there will be more in-depth community outreach and engagement.

Public Comment: None.

11. Information Regarding Rate Increases: (Discussion only)

(Betsy Lauppe Rhodes, SFPUC Communications Manager & Kristin Avenis, SFPUC Finance Analyst)

Ms. Rhodes provided a presentation on the proposed rate adjustments for water and wastewater systems for the next 3 fiscal years. An overview of the system was provided which showed 85% of the provided water comes from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and the remaining 15% comes from the East Bay, the Peninsula, and groundwater in San Francisco. An overview of the complete water system was provided. It was noted that the system crosses every major earthquake fault in the Bay Area.

A majority of the system was built in the early 1900's and is reaching the end of its working life. San Francisco is the only coastal city in California with a combined sewer system that collects and treats both wastewater and stormwater. Ms. Rhodes advised continued investments are always needed and stewards of the system must make sure the system is working for the customers.

Kristin Avenis provided an overview of the proposed changes to the water and sewer rates, the rate setting process, and what it means for rate payers. She reported that because the SFPUC is a non-profit organization rates are set to cover operating and capital costs. The City Charter requires an independent study every 5 years and the last one was completed in 2018. In Spring 2022 a consultant was hired to forecast expenses to determine needed rate increases, develop financial models using cost and customer data, and recommend rates that would comply with industry best practices and California law. The results of the study were presented at the Rate Fairness Board public meetings. An overview of the existing rate structure was provided and showed the difference between the water rates and the sewer rates. There were some cost savings such as no increase during the pandemic from 2022-2023.

Ms. Avenis reported the two main changes are increases to water and sewer rates, and an adjustment to the sewer rate structure. A big change will come from a stormwater charge that will be phased in over seven years. The new stormwater charge will more accurately allocate the cost of treating stormwater runoff from properties. A graph was provided showing the impact to an average single-family home, and a small retail store. There will be resources for customers showing ways to lower a utility bill through an online bill calculator, customer assistance programs, along with rebates and incentives.

Ms. Rhodes noted many public events that provided information to consumers regarding the new rate plan and provided an opportunity for public comment.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioners requested future inserts to be provided in a variety of languages so the entire community would be able to participate in the dialogue.

- Ms. Rhodes responded handouts are available in multiple languages and she encouraged anyone with questions to please contact her directly.

Public Comment: None.

12. Update on Pending SFUSD 23-24 Academic Growth Plans and Support for District 10 Schools:(Discussion only)

(Dr. Matt Wayne, Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District)

Dr. Wayne introduced Ms. Tamitrice Wright-Mitchell, Associate Superintendent of SFUSD, Mr. Hung May Peng, Head of Communications and External Affairs, and Mrs. Emily Wade-Thompson, SFUSD Supervisor. Dr. Wayne shared specific plans to support community schools in the coming year. He noted the challenges and the commitment to the community and the students.

Dr. Wayne reported the Board of Education has completed a process to become more focused on student outcomes/goals within the next five years. The three main goals for student learning are:

- Improve 3rd grade literacy
- Improve 8th grade math
- Improve the number of students who graduate that are college and career ready

Dr. Wayne said interim goals were being adopted to improve student literacy goals from 52% to 70%. There will also be an accelerated targeted approach to reach next year's kindergartners. The current kindergartners are reaching 24% so the goal is to double that percentage by the end of next year. Dr. Wayne said that approximately 225 kindergarten students attend school in the Southeast district and the plan is to make sure they are on track by communicating with the families, supporting the schools, tracking their progress, and serving the whole child. There has been chronic absenteeism since the pandemic and an ongoing challenge to make sure children feel safe in school so they can focus on learning.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioners asked if the goals had been adopted by the School Board?

- Dr. Wayne responded the Board has committed to reviewing and monitoring monthly progress reports.

- He noted the partnerships with community organizations is key and they should continue to work together.

Commissioners commented regarding newcomers and the need to provide resources in their primary languages.

- Dr. Wayne noted there are resources and partnerships that educators can take advantage of if they care about social justice and want to make a difference. The department is working to increase teacher recruitment.

Commissioners noted the need to provide and expand pathways for careers.

- Dr. Wayne provided an example of the different pathways that are available through high school such as culinary, technical, fire safety, and video technology. He advised opportunities would also be provided for ethnic and health studies.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Wade-Thompson provided a list of available scholarships and celebrations throughout the coming month. The events are sponsored by the San Francisco Alliance of Black School Educators and the Latin American Teacher Association. There are also applications for scholarships for Filipino and Vietnamese youth.

13. Update Bayview Community Shuttle Program: (Discussion only)

(Robert Lim, Project Manager, SFMTA)

Mr. Lim provided the program overview of the Bayview Community Shuttle. The process is community-led and is planned to run for 2+ years with a 3rd party operator. There will be a workforce development to train and hire shuttle drivers with a path to sustainable union jobs. There will be a transportation resource center to connect residents to information and services to improve mobility. There will also be a community congress to oversee grant implementation that will meet quarterly. There will be partnerships with many community organizations to develop the program.

Mr. Lim advised the goal of the program is to improve community mobility/ health & reduce emissions/ invest and create jobs/ connect residents to transportation services/ support & supplement existing transit service/ build community relationships & ensure community control.

After providing a brief breakdown of how the shuttle service would work Mr. Lim reported rides could be reserved through an app or a tri-lingual call center. Pay would be provided with a clipper card or monthly transit pass. Destinations could be to regional & rapid transit, community centers, markets & shops, parks, or recreation sites.

Next steps are as follows:

Spring 2023 – Public outreach starts, and RFP will be released for shuttle vendor

Summer 2023 – Workforce training starts, and Transportation Resource Center opens

Fall 2023 – Shuttle vendor selected

Winter 2023/24 – Shuttle service begins

Spring 2026 – Funding for shuttle service and program ends

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioners expressed concern regarding community members that might not have access to the internet and might not be able to request service, as well as their inability to communicate in English.

- Mr. Lim responded partnerships with community organizations would allow door-to-door marketing and the information would be available to the whole community. If individuals do not have a smart phone or computer they can access the resource center and request service with the help of a translator. It was noted this is a pilot program and if it is successful more funding will be requested.

Commissioners had a question about the training process for drivers?

- Mr. Lim said some of the drivers would be eligible to receive Class B licenses through the City Direct Program and that would create a pathway to become a Muni operator.

Commissioners requested more information regarding the fares, how they would be collected, and what the wait times would be.

- Mr. Lim reported the fares would be tied to the clipper cards and would be used the same way. He advised the wait times would not be more than 15 minutes.

Public Comment: None

14. SECF Director's Report: (Discussion only)
(Emily Pharr, SECFC Executive Director)

Director Pharr provided a report on the resident partners moving in and the creation of key performance indicators that would assist the partners in tracking and reporting to the Commission. She noted the digital equity Access Program will launch in June and staff is working with the Mayors Office of Housing and Community Development to process the final contract and procure equipment.

Director Pharr reported interest in reserving space remains high and 136 events were hosted in April providing a revenue of \$23,296. Since the October opening the center has hosted 478 events and generated \$92,522 in revenue while welcoming over 20,316 visitors. There is an opening for a 9920/22 Associate to serve as an Event Monitor.

Director Pharr provided information on the Rate Study which is an informational campaign informing the community of the pending rate increases, SFPUC construction progress, the new Headworks Facility along with the Biosolids Digester Facilities Project, and the new Biogas utilization Project.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners: None

Public Comment: None

15. Future Agenda Items: (Discussion only)
Vice-Chair Fromer requested a discussion regarding the Farmers Market.

16. Announcements:
There was a reminder of the upcoming scholarships and the application deadlines.

17. Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next meeting of the Southeast Community Facility Commission will be Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

Carla Vaughn, Commission Secretary