



THE EAST CUT

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The East Cut Community Benefit District
Monday, May 4, 2020, 3:00-4:00pm
Via Zoom

Attending: Jessica Legault, John Cornwell, Jonathan Shum, Katie Darling, Katina Johnson, Larissa Acosta, Lauren Post, Matt Lituchy, Mike Koperski, Sally Oerth, Tony Birdsey, Dan Coming
Not Attending: Chema Hernandez Gil, Dan Esdorn, Tamsen Drew, Nabel Musleh, Erin Roseman, Amy Arbuckle, Helen Han, Leah Edwards
Staff: Andrew Robinson, Mike Rieger, Pierre Lagarde, Garrick Mitchler, Emily Tzouanakis
Public: Teresa Stricker (CBD counsel), Jeff Kositsky (CCSF), Sheema Shree, Alberto Tretti, Alyssa Dorn, Colin Heilbut, David Hiley, Gloria Li, Jayson Weingarten, Katy Liddell, Nadav Ben-Efraim, Phillip Archer, Rahul Dutta, Rich Gettings, Robin Owen, Stephanie Kay, Stephanie Watters, James Laqui, plus 22 additional members of the public.

OPEN SESSION

A. Call to Order and Review of Public Comment Guidelines

Katina Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

B. Introductions

C. Board President Presentation

C-1 DISCLOSURE of any conflict of interest.

Sally Oerth shared she can participate in conversation but must recuse herself from the voting on C-3.

C-2 DISCUSS The City and County of San Francisco's proposal to use Temporary Transbay Terminal site as Safe Sleeping site and discuss how Board will provide staff with further direction in response to this proposal.

Katina Johnson shared a brief description of the timeline of information starting April 16th. Andrew Robinson also shared the timeline of information.

Questions were asked as to Supervisor Matt Haney's actions taken upon hearing of the Safe Sleeping Site proposal along with if the CBD was aware of a petition circulating opposing the proposal. Questions were also asked as to how the CBD might influence the decision-making and also the process of decision-making to move forward or put a stop to the process in regards to EOC and the TJPA.

Jeff Kositsky with CCSF shared a status update – City is considering the site and no decision has been made. A Policy committee of the EOC will make the final decision and no approval has been given, however, the site is still under consideration. Only a site plan and operational guidelines have been

developed. Members of the policy team are aware of the petition and concerns. Regarding the density of the site, it was shared that if the site follows CDC guidelines it is better than having ppl in an uncontrolled environment blocking sidewalks. Effectively the site would provide an added level of safety for all as long as the site has the proper number of bathrooms. This would be a site built for homeless encampments already in the neighborhood and no one would be transferred from another neighborhood. At this time, the boundaries for what the City considers to be “the neighborhood” have yet to be determined.

A question was asked as to the selection criteria for occupants of the site and who owns the decision rights for the project to move forward.

The City owns the right to move the project forward, specifically the Policy Committee. Regarding selection, CCSF’s outreach process would be leveraged. Only high-risk individuals would be offered a hotel room. The Site would be created as an alternative to the existing encampment on Main Street.

Members of the public asked questions.

Gloria asked why infected individuals would be allowed to remain on site.

Jayson Weingarten addressed the lack of long-term vision and the need to convert the site into something that would be of long-term use.

George asked why the City is not leveraging hotel rooms when they have been made available.

Seema Shree commented that homeless individuals polled were not interested in the Site and asked if that was being taken in to account. CCSF, Kositsky, replied that some homeless individuals did say they would transition to the site.

Alberto Tretti commented that he has two small children that will attend daycare across the street from the proposed site, as well as children from low income housing playing near the site normally. He asked if the presence of children near this area has been taken in to account.

R and R shared they are a senior member of the community and asked what additional advocacy could take place to represent resident concerns.

C-3 DISCUSS and **APPROVE** entering into a contract with New Deal Advisors for \$10,000 to provide strategic advice and advocacy on behalf of the CBD related to the Safe Sleeping Site.

Andrew Robinson shared that the City had not approached the CBD nor the Supervisor regarding the Site. The CBD approached New Deal Advisors to support lobbying against the Site. New Deal would leverage City contacts and experience to advance the CBD position. Information was also shared about what actions New Deal Advisors has taken to-date and what they would do if fully contracted.

A comment was made that the Site is already in conversation as to future developments for affordable housing and a park project and not a vacant site. Further comment was made that any potential delays due to the Site should be factored in.

The motion to APPROVE entering into a contract with New Deal Advisors for \$10,000 to provide strategic advice and advocacy on behalf of the CBD related to the Safe Sleeping Site passed.

MSC: Cornwell / Acosta Abstained: Sally Oerth



D. Announcements and Requests for Information

A copy of the TJPA and CCSF agreement was requested. Katie Darling asked for a link to the petition circulating around the neighborhood.

E. General Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

No additional public comment was made.

F. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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