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To: anonymous_sunshine@sonic.net; [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: SF Park Alliance \$600,000.00 unaccounted for Lisa + Douglas Goldman Tennis Center in Golden Gate Park - File No. 210351
Date: Monday, January 3, 2022 10:23:00 AM
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Thank you for your message.

I am adding your comments to the official file for this hearing matter, and by copy of this email to the board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org email address it will be forwarded to the full membership of the Board of Supervisors for their retention and review.

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From: anonymous_sunshine@sonic.net <anonymous_sunshine@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 9:25 AM

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Cc: Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Subject: SF Park Alliance \$600,000.00 unaccounted for Lisa + Douglas Goldman Tennis Center in Golden Gate Park

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The Lisa + Douglas Goldman Tennis Center in Golden Gate Park built in a partnership of Tennis Coalition SF, SF Rec & Park and the SF Parks Alliance with \$27 million of city and private money.

SF Park Alliance handled the accounting and money for this project.

An anonymous reports that \$600,000.00 of the \$27 million is unaccountable. SF Park Alliance is keeping this quiet. SF Park Alliance has quietly hired an outside accountant to figure out what happened with \$600,000.00 or to bury it.

One person who was named as being involved and knowing is Lois Salisbury who is on the Tennis Coalition SF Board of Directors.

SF Park Alliance does not want the Lisa + Douglas Goldman Fund to know about the unaccountable money.

That is all I know right now. I have no other independent collaborative information. Needs more investigation to see if this is true or not.

From: [LINDA SHAFFER](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re. Item 3, GAO Committee 11-18-2021
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:47:38 PM

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Public comment for this afternoon. Please add to record. Thank you.

Good afternoon, Supervisors. I would like to thank Supervisor Chan for having requested the report from the Budget and Legislative Analyst's Office, and for having this hearing.

As it happens, I helped write a report that was submitted by a group of concerned citizens to the Historic Preservation Commission (and others). In that report, some aspects of the agreement among RPD, SFPA, and the owners of the SkyStar wheel, including its proposed financial terms, were questioned. So I was especially interested to read the parts of the BLA report dealing with that topic.

I have one specific comment: The job of RecPark Commission is to oversee the RecPark Department. It is the body that voted to approve agreements that RPD has entered into, including RPD's arrangements with SkyStar. Given the number of times lack of transparency and other issues with agreements were cited in the BLA report, it seems a shame that those who compiled it were not able to directly include aspects of the Commission's decision making process in the scope of their analysis.

Thank you.

Linda Shaffer,
D1 Resident

From: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
To: [David Romano](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Item 3. 210351 [Hearing - SF Parks Alliance and Golden Gate Park 150th Anniversary] - File No. 210351
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:33:00 PM
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Best to you,

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From: David Romano <droma4@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 5:59 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>

Subject: Item 3. 210351 [Hearing - SF Parks Alliance and Golden Gate Park 150th Anniversary]

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Dear Members of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee,

I am concerned about the lack of transparency in the contractual arrangements (or lack thereof) between the SFRPD, the SF Rec and Park Commission, SF Parks Alliance and SkyStar LLC. Some of the issues are:

1. How was the determination made to contract with SkyStar to put the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park?
2. Who determined the ticket price and who decided, for example, that the initial split for full price adult tickets would be \$17 to SkyStar and \$1 to SF Parks Alliance with zero \$ going to the City?
3. Was there any consideration of SkyStar paying rent to the City for operating three different concessions (food and drink, souvenirs, and the Wheel) in a premier public space in the Park?
4. Why was this arrangement that is expected to generate over \$1 million in revenue not brought before the BOS for approval?
5. Why was there no written contract with SkyStar LLC?
6. SkyStar is a private, for-profit company and doesn't have to disclose its financial arrangements.
7. Phil Ginsburg, as General Manager of the SFRPD, was the person most responsible for bringing the Wheel to the Music Concourse. According to the Budget and Legislative Analyst report:

"The vendor was selected on a sole source basis for a one-year term because competitive bidding was considered impractical and/or impossible by RPD due to the limited time between deciding to include an observation wheel (in July 2019) and a community event date in April 2020..."

This shows a lack of planning and a disregard for the public interest. San Francisco did not need a ferris wheel to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park, and did not need its stay to be extended. The City is now saddled with the SkyStar Wheel for five years for the benefit of an out-of-town private company.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

David Romano
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