



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Members: Aaron Peskin, Ahsha Safai, Matt Haney

Clerk: Erica Major (415) 554-4441

Monday, May 13, 2019

1:30 PM

City Hall, Committee Room 263

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Aaron Peskin, Ahsha Safai, and Matt Haney

The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session on May 13, 2019, with Chair Aaron Peskin presiding. Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Peskin and Member Haney were noted present. Vice Chair Safai was noted not present.

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Safai was noted present at 1:36 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

190467 [Resolution of Intention - Renewal and Expansion - Civic Center Community Benefit District]

Sponsors: Mayor; Haney and Brown

Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to renew and expand a property-based business improvement district known as the “Civic Center Community Benefit District” and levy a multi-year assessment on all parcels in the District; approving the management district plan, engineer’s report, and proposed boundaries map for the District; ordering and setting a time and place for a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors, sitting as a Committee of the Whole, on July 16, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.; approving the form of the Notice of Public Hearing and Assessment Ballot Proceeding, and Assessment Ballot; directing environmental findings; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to give notice of the public hearing and balloting, as required by law.

04/30/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Chris Corgas and Amy Cohen (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Tracy Everwine, Executive Director (Civic Center Community Benefit District); Steve Gibson (Urban Place Consulting); Tim Seufert (NBS Engineering); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Tim Vrabel (Emerald Fund); Louie Hammonds (Urban Alchemy); Cassandra Costello (SF Travel); Supriya Bajaj (Rubicon Point Partners); Rene Greenwood (Streetplus); spoke in support of the hearing matter. Joanne Desmond (IATSE Local 16); Peter Ziblatt (Pelosi Law Group); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Peskin moved that this Resolution be REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Safai, Haney

181153 [Planning Code - Regional Commercial and Folsom Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit Districts, Arts Activities and Nighttime Entertainment Uses]**Sponsor: Haney**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to allow Arts Activities as a principally permitted use in the RCD (Regional Commercial District), to conditionally permit Nighttime Entertainment uses within the RCD in historic buildings and buildings that contribute to a historic district, to exempt Nighttime Entertainment in the RCD from the 200-foot buffer requirement, and to require a Preservation, Rehabilitation and Maintenance Plan for uses within the Folsom Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit and RCD Districts; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and general welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

11/27/18; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 12/27/2018.

12/05/18; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for environmental review; Planning Commission pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, for public hearing and recommendation; Historic Preservation Commission, Entertainment Commission, and Arts Commission for informational purposes.

12/27/18; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it does not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

02/26/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On February 6, 2019, the Planning Commission met and held a meeting and recommended approval with modification.

03/05/19; SUBSTITUTED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee. Supervisor Haney introduced a substitute Ordinance bearing a new title.

03/12/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Commission declined to re-hear the matter as the changes were discussed and deliberated over on the February 21, 2019.

03/12/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for environmental review; Planning Commission pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, for public hearing and recommendation; Historic Preservation Commission, Entertainment Commission, and Arts Commission for informational purposes.

04/24/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it does not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Peter Ziblatt (Pelosi Law Group); Amy DeLuc (Saint Joseph's Arts Foundation); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Haney moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED to the Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting of June 3, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Safai, Haney

Chair Peskin requested that File Nos. 190125 and 190268 be heard together.

Chair Peskin was noted absent at 3:43 p.m. and for the remainder of the meeting.

190125 [Hearing - Switchbacks on San Francisco Municipal Transportation Light Rail Lines]

Sponsors: Mar; Walton and Safai

Hearing to examine the frequency and cause of "switchbacks" on the N-Judah, L-Taraval, T-Third, and K-Ingleside light rail lines, plans to address them, and the internal performance metrics more generally for these and other transit lines under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA); and requesting SFMTA to report.

01/29/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

02/01/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Municipal Transportation Agency for informational purposes and requesting the agency to report.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Gordon Mar (Board of Supervisors); Rachel Hyden (SF Transit Rider's Union); Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit, and Emmanuel Enriquez (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Christopher Peterson; Eileen Broken; John Carr; William Duffy; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

HEARD AND FILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Safai, Haney

Absent: 1 - Peskin

190268 [Hearing - Municipal Transportation Agency Service Delivery and Performance Metrics]

Sponsor: Mar

Hearing on the Municipal Transportation Agency's (MTA) performance and progress in meeting quarterly goals, including service delivery, reducing gaps on rapid bus lines, reducing gaps on metro rail, improving on-time performance, and reducing preventable collisions; and requesting MTA to report.

03/05/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

03/13/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for informational purposes.

04/23/19; TRANSFERRED to Land Use and Transportation Committee. President Yee transferred this matter from the Government Audit and Oversight Committee to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

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CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Safai, Haney

Absent: 1 - Peskin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 4:15 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Government Audit and Oversight Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.