SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

Edwin M. Lee **MAYOR**

MINUTES

Special Meeting Tuesday, June 28, 2011 (Approved July 12, 2011) 4:00 P.M.

Southeast Community Facility 1800 Oakdale Avenue, Alex Pitcher, Jr. Room San Francisco, CA 94124

Note Different Meeting Location and Time

Commissioners

Francesca Vietor, President Anson B. Moran, Vice President Ann Moller Caen, Commissioner Art Torres, Commissioner Vince Courtney, Commissioner

Departments and Enterprises

Water Enterprise Wastewater Enterprise Power Enterprise Infrastructure **Business Services External Affairs**

Ed Harrington

General Manager

Michael Housh Secretary



ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10PM

2. Roll Call

Present were President Francesca Vietor, Vice President Anson B. Moran, Commissioer Ann Moller Caen, Commissioner Art Torres,

Commissioner Vince Courtney joined the meeting at 4:15PM

3. Approval of Minutes

a) Minutes of the June 14, 2011, Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Torres, 2nd by Commissioner Caen to approve the Minutes of the June 14th Regular meeting Passed 4-0 AYE (Vietor, Moran, Caen, Torres) unanimously.

4. Public Comments

Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

Mr. Francesco Da Costa welcomed the Commissioners to the Bayview-Hunters Point Community and recalled that some Commissioners shared an historical understanding of the area's continuing needs for significant infrastructure changes. Mr. Da Costa observed this was particularly so going forward into the Sewer System Improvement Program. Mr. Da Costa called for steps to be undertaken immediately to create training programs for the real career creating jobs associated with this work for the community's youth.

Mr. Greg Doxey, Osiris Coalition reported that he had been working on a documentary of local residents who had been longtime employees of the SFPUC. Expressing his dismay upon learning that many of these long-term employees had not progressed in their careers in part because of licensing requirements that they had not received training to meet. Mr. Doxey urged that the working members of his community be given higher priority to be trained for such work and brought in from the beginning instead of costly out of town consultants getting the higher paying jobs as has often been the case in the past.

Mr. David Pilpel began by recommending efforts be made so that meeting agenda materials could be made available earlier to the Commissioners and the public, and noted that he and the other members of the CAC Wastewater Subcommittee would be offering their insights into the issues under discussion this evening. Additionally, Mr. Pilpel expressed concern that the agenda item description of the arts item, Agenda Item #11 was in his view insufficient.

Ms. Espanola Jackson, Bayview Hunters Point, again welcomed the Commissioners to her community, and reported that she had provided information on the historical background of the issues and discussions being addressed in this joint meeting, and noted her long engagement with these matters going back to the 1960s.

Mr. Charlie Walker, a local businessman, expressed his concerns at the very few African American contractors getting hired to work on the several billions in public works programs now underway in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Mr. Walker expressed concern that African Americans were no longer a focus of minority outreach and hiring with many other minority groups now contending within these historically African American serving programs. Additionally, Mr. Walker asked exactly how many African American actually received contracts with San Francisco. Mr. Walker observed that African American veterans and a very large percentage of African American men were un-employed and that he did not accept the excuse offered by the limitations imposed under Proposition 209. Mr. Walker pointed to the Southeast Facility as an example of what the community had achieved and said that his community was tired of empty promises given to the African American community.

Mr. James Bryant. A. Philip Randolph Institute, welcomed the Commissioners to the Community noting that the SFPUC had a relationship with and understood the needs of the Community that had grown from the leadership provided by the late Alex Pitcher and expressed hope for a continued excellent cooperation in promoting the betterment of the entire community through this program

Ms. Brittany Jackson, Japanese Community Youth Council, called attention to a new program sponsored by her agency for District 10 residents to foster local job and business growth, focusing on internships leading to careers for local youth.

Mr. Ashley Rhodes, Aboriginal Black Men United, welcomed the Commissioners to his community and applauded the expected opportunity for real employment and community based business growth being made available to the local youth that have suffered neglect historically and asked that they not be left out again.

President Vietor thanked the Community for their warm welcome and noted that there would be an in depth discussion at the meeting to respond and address the Communities concerns

5. Communications

- a) Letter Summary
- b) Advance Calendar

Vice President Moran asked if staff could take steps to address some of the Commissioners' questions appended to the Advance calendar

6. Other Commission Business

No new business items were proposed

7. Report of the General Manager

General Manager Harrington thanked the Dr. Moses and the Southeast Community Facility Commissioners for welcoming the SFPUC to their home on this the recorded wettest day in June in San Francisco's history.

- 8. Citizens Advisory Committee Report
 - a) Update Report by Mr. Alex Lantsberg, Chair, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens' Advisory Committee (Lantsberg)

This item was taken out of order and moved to the end of the regular SFPUC business segment of this special meeting

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CITY ATTORNEY WHERE APPLICABLE.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

9. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission or the public so requests, in which event the matter will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Public comment

No comments were offered

Motion by Commissioner Torres, 2nd by Vice President Moran to approve Consent Calendar item #9a through #9d Passed 5-0AYE (Vietor, Moran, Caen, Torres, Courtney) unanimously

a) **Approve** the plans and specifications, and **award** Water Enterprise, Local Water Repair and Replacement (R&R) Program-funded Contract No. WD-2415, 8-inch Ductile Iron Pipe Main Installation on Mason Street, Powell Street, Taylor Street and Auburn Street, and Auburn Street Sewer Replacement and Pavement Renovation, in the amount of \$1,411,593 to the lowest, qualified, responsible and responsive bidder, J. Flores Construction Company, Inc. (*Ritchie*)

RESO 11-0097

b) **Approve** the plans and specifications, and **award** Water Enterprise, Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) -funded Contract No. WD-2640, Bioregional Habitat Restoration in the amount of \$3,188,000, to the lowest, qualified, responsible and responsive bidder, Yerba Buena Engineering, to rebuild the existing Bioregional Habitat site on SFPUC's watershed in Santa Clara County. The Bioregional Habitat site will provide wetland areas and endangered species habitat as compensation for identified impacts from several WSIP projects in the Sunol Region. (*Kelly*)

RESO 11-0098

c) Approve Modification No. 2 to Wastewater Enterprise, Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Program-funded and Department of Public Works (DPW) Pavement Renovation Program-funded Contract No. WW-455, Various Locations Sewer Replacement & Pavement Renovation No. 1, with Precision Engineering, Inc., to replace the existing street pavement on Baltimore Way, Brazil Avenue, Guttenberg Street, Jules Avenue, London Street and Russia Avenue, increasing the contract by \$782,503 for a total contract amount of \$3,768,719, of which \$2,461,556 in Sewer Work is funded by WWE R&R Program, and \$1,307,163 in Paving Work is funded by DPW Paving Program. The original contract anticipated pavement replacement to cover only the section of replaced sewer. This modification is to address additional costs to pave the streets where sewer repair occurred to ensure the street pavement is consistent and even from curb to curb.

(Moala)

RESO 11-0099

d) **Accept** work performed by J. Flores Construction for Wastewater Enterprise, Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Program-funded Contract No. WW-489, Spot Sewer Repair Contract No. 24, for a total contract amount of \$2,967,559 and a total contract duration of 179 consecutive calendar days. The work under this contract consisted of as-needed sewer repair work at various locations in San Francisco.

(*Moala*)

RESO 11-0100

REGULAR BUSINESS

10. Approve the selection and award of Wastewater Enterprise, Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP)-funded SSIP Program Management Services (CS-165) to AECOM-Parsons Joint Venture (AECOM-Parsons), to provide program management services including providing qualified personnel to assist the SFPUC in the areas of program planning and administration, program implementation, project technical support, program controls and pre-construction management and planning; and authorize the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with AECOM-Parsons Joint Venture for an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000,000 and with

a duration of fifteen (15) years, subject to the Board of Supervisors approval pursuant to Charter Section 9.118. (Moala/Kubick)

RESO 11-0101

SSIP Director Karen Kubick invoked the guiding spirit of the late Alex Pitcher in the very great work ahead on this program and noted that half of the estimated \$6 billion in Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) expenditures would be done here in the Southeastern neighborhoods during what she described as a fifteen year partnership with the local community. Ms. Kubick reported on the two largest projects those involving the Southeast Treatment Plant improvements as well as the Bio-digester Project and outlined the critical role that this program management contract would play in moving these critical efforts forward. Ms. Kubick then outlined the great interest and intense competition among some of the most respected expert firms on this contract and outlined the rigorous vetting and selection process which led staff to recommend its award.

In response to questions by Commissioner Torres, Ms, Kubick noted that while there were no African Americans on the final selection panel had been many African Americans under the leadership of Assistant General Manager for Infrastructure Harlan Kelly as well as three additional African Americans directly involved in the development of this critical contract. Mr. Kelly then reported how this process had been undertaken with active involvement of subcontractors that were owned by and that also employed people the community.

Commissioner Torres noted that he had not been a supporter of Proposition 209 and that it was his concern that we achieve such a good result expanding opportunities for all minorities that would allow Mr. Walker to stay home and not have to bring concerns about the hiring of African Americans and awarding contracts to African American businesses to the Commission. In reply Mr. Kelly cited as example the involvement of Yolanda Construction Management, a local firm owned by Mr. Walker's daughter, in the program. Mr. Kelly agreed that this was an essential element in the success of this program. Commissioner Torres emphasized that the Commissioners were not coming to the community for a show but to demonstrate a real commitment to expanded opportunity to all of the minority communities.

Ms Kubick then reported the sterling qualities that led the panel to recommend awarding this contract to AECOM-Parsons Joint Venture (AECOM-Parsons) and introduced some of the team members present. Ms. Kubick noted this was envisioned as a unique integrated team and explained how a proposed task order process would be used to make the Southeast Treatment Plant a State of the Art facility. Ms. Kubick reported an on-site office would be located at the Southeast Treatment Plant to directly oversee this project. Ms Kubick then outlined the next steps.

In response to questions by Vice President Moran, Ms. Kubick emphasized that the models developed and the lessons learned in the WSIP were being fully incorporated into this contract and outlined how this valuable experience could be brought to bear in the earliest planning phase of this project. Ms. Kubick suggested that perhaps within a year staff could bring back a more fully envisioned program with budget and scope as well as needed changes. Ms. Kubick in particular pointed out the help provided by AGM Kelly

and Contracts Manager Ivy Fine in achieving this result. In response to questions by Commissioner Caen, AGM Kelly report the biggest lesson learned from the WSIP was to maintain continuity of the relationship with the construction management team, given the challenging experiences and difficulties that had resulted from the various construction management teams' replacement on five year segment of the Water System Improvement Program, (WSIP). In this case, Mr. Kelly noted staff proposed sticking to one team for the entire program. Additionally, Mr. Kelly noted specific focus would be given to employing the valuable experience in identifying and involving smaller local firms in the work, Mr. Kelly also cited the need for early focus to address risk management as well. Commissioner Caen noted that Parsons had been a good partner on WSIP and could be here as well.

Public comment

Mr. Francesco Da Costa offered his views concerning what he thought had been the loss of \$100 million for the community in the previous history and described the involvement of Balfour, now Parsons; on several projects whose history he deemed did not bode well. Additionally, Mr. Da Costa complained that large East Coast firms seemed always to get the work instead of the diverse local business. Mr. Da Costa complained about the insidious role played by consultants in guiding work and recalling recent Grand Jury reports called for an investigation of the development projects in the City.

Mr. Greg Doxey, Osiris Coalition, reported that there were a wide array of highly skilled workers and local well qualified workers available locally and they should be given a fair chance to participate

Mr. Charlie Walker, found the staffs' response inadequate and recalled the very negative history of employing African American contractor in a community with 40% unemployment and imprisonment and violence impacting his young people as well as them not being hired for available local work. Mr. Walker reported that wounded veterans and local youth were being ignored while hundreds of millions of dollars were being spent on public works projects. Mr. Walker noted despite many millions spent that no African American business had made \$5 million from any of these projects. Mr. Walker noted this was a critical situation as financial institutions still discriminated and that the real method to effectively address these basic problems was to create wealth in the black community.

Ms. Shirletha Holms, a native San Franciscan, complained that appeared as if it was necessary for her brother a local black contractor to have travel as far as Pleasanton to be interviewed for work as a subcontractor on locally funded projects by a LBE certified foreign contractor in order to get work. Ms. Holms observed that this was an emergency and demonstrated a deep systemic problem as there were many skilled and experienced fully licensed black contractors available, but that they always seemed to be the last chosen while big out of town contractors made millions by engaging in the appearance of local hiring without including her community.

President Vietor thanked the speakers for bringing their concerns forward and noted this was a basic reason that Commissioner had brought this meeting to the community to learn from the community ahead of moving forward with this important program.

Motion by Commissioner Caen, 2nd by Commissioner Courtney to approve the item Passed 5-0 AYE (Vietor, Moran, Caen, Torres, Courtney) unanimously

11. Discussion and possible action to **approve** a resolution directing the General Manager to enter into memoranda of understanding with the San Francisco Arts Commission consistent with the SFPUC's goals, policies and priorities. (*Ellis*)

AGM for External Affairs Juliet Ellis presented an overview of the background to this topic explaining that the SF Admin Code requires that up to 2% of construction costs for new buildings or aboveground structures be set aside for art enrichment. Additionally, AGM Ellis reported that the City Attorney's Office had advised that SFPUC controlled the expenditure of the 2% that was set aside for art enrichment. AGM Ellis then briefly addressed some of the award winning public art that was supported by SFPUC funds like the "Crouching Spider, the Three Heads, Six Arms sculpture in Civic Center, and the Peace Sign sculpture. AGM Ellis reported that art works proposed for the 525 Golden gate Avenue Headquarters building would provide a n important opportunity to implement the new policy with many very creative and important new art works.

AGM Ellis explained the guiding principles that that SFPUC-Funded Arts Projects should have as: they should have a nexus to SFPUC's functions, services, projects and priorities; they should be aligned with SFPUC's Community Benefits Policy; they should focus on geographic areas affected by SFPUC's projects and operations. Additionally, AGM Ellis noted these art works should leverage and develop partnerships with other City agencies; and always ensure that art was accessible to people with disabilities.

Next, AGM Ellis reported how this was proposed to be implemented was through continued engagement with the Arts Commission's Community Arts and Education Program (CAEP) which support economic revitalization and community engagement in various parts of the City including here in District 10. AGM Elis also noted that use of SFPUC's funds should prioritize CAEP projects and continue to fund the Public Arts Program. AGM Ellis explained that the SFPUC art enrichment funds should be used to: utilize local artists who reflect SF's rich diversity; benefit the City's cultural arts centers that provide low-cost arts programs that have been historically under resourced, such as at the Bayview Opera House. Additionally, AGM Ellis reported these funds would support arts education programs, and bolster Arts Commission CAEP programs that maximize community revitalization and youth arts programs, such as Art in Storefronts, StreetSmARTS and WritersCorps.

AGM Ellis explained this program would be managed by an SFPUC Arts Steering Committee, with staffing across the three enterprises, tasked with developing annual arts enrichment priorities. AGM Ellis reported it was proposed that the Arts Commission staff would develop a plan to identify arts projects, such as the planned Sunol Environmental

Center, consistent with SFPUC's goals, with the AGM of External Affairs approving these arts projects. AGM Ellis further explained that the Arts Commission staff would typically implement arts programs and projects with more hands on input by the SFPUC, including managing artist contracts, overseeing preparation, construction and installation of art projects, and that the SFPUC Commission would receive semi-annual updates on these arts enrichment expenditures.

In order to maintain transparency, AGM Ellis reported that the Arts Commission must maintain separate accounting of the use of SFPUC art enrichment funds. AGM Ellis noted also that the Arts Commission must maintain accurate records and files of all expenditures of SFPUC funds and each fiscal year, the Arts Commission must provide annual summary statement of all such expenditures. AGM Ellis reported it was envisioned that financial representatives from both departments would meet quarterly to reconcile SFPUC's art enrichment accounts.

Reporting on the progress to date, AGM Ellis noted that staff had reviewed Arts Commission's financial data regarding expenditure of SFPUC arts enrichment funds, and had met and discussed the proposed re-envisioned relationship with Arts Commission staff and Commissioners. AGM Ellis then called attention to the staff's proposed arts enrichment policy resolution for consideration by the SFPUC. AGM Ellis noted next it would be necessary that SFPUC Commissioners review and possibly adopt the proposed resolution reinforcing the new realignment of our relationship with Arts Commission. Following this AGM Ellis reported that staff would finalize memoranda of understanding (MOUs) between SFPUC and Arts Commission regarding uses of SFPUC arts enrichment funds by the end of this summer and design review processes and then begin to implement the new arts program consistent with signed MOUs.

Commission discussion

President Vietor asked about how much money was involved and if these funds could support employment in the local community. AGM Ellis explained that 2% of the expected several billion in proposed SFPUC expenditures would produce a very sizable amount for this fund. Mr. Harrington explained that there could be as much as \$30 million identified as being related to this planned construction work. AGM Ellis then outlined an array of possible local uses including education, employing local arts funding, as well as creation of new art works with the active participation of the local community. AGM Ellis explained that staff proposed to continue to benefit from the experience and expertise of the Arts Commission staff while maintaining a more hands on role and using transparent means for the art enrichment activities our funds supported.

Commissioner Caen wanted to make sure that it was clear that the SFPUC had final approval over use of these funds. AGM Ellis explained that the City Attorney's opinion gave the SFPUC full discretion over expenditure of these funds. Commissioner Caen noted that she did not want to micromanage this effort but wanted to make sure that regular reports were brought back to the Commission for its consideration. President Vietor emphasized that she wanted this program to effectively represent the SFPUC's values as expressed in our environmental justice and community benefits policies.

Public comment

Mr. David Pilpel explained that he had found the posted agenda description for this item so brief as to not properly inform potential attendees of a topic of interest to them but expressed satisfaction with the report presented and the program as proposed. Mr. Pilpel additionally called attention to the significant achievements of the similarly construction activity tied Depression era WPA art program as a worthwhile model to examine going forward.

President Vietor suggested that calendaring a presentation on this historical art enrichment and employment program as well other proven models of construction project's art related programs might be informative.

Mr. Greg Doxey, Osiris Coalition called this a great opportunity for a partnership, and attention to the large number of very talented local artists who would be very glad of an opportunity to take part in this kind of program citing many well known filmmakers as well as artists in other media. R Doxley noted that he wanted the vibrant arts scene that existed inn other parts of the city to become a part of his community. Mr. Doxley again urged that the local artists be given equity and not be left out.

Ms. Judy Nemzoff, Program Director of the Arts Commission's Community Arts and Education Program (CAEP) expressed her great happiness with this new relationship, noted her ongoing activities in promoting a cultural renaissance in the community, and offered to provide the Commission with an in-depth update on their work.

Mr. Francesco Da Costa noted that the agenda needed to clearly state how much money was being allocated to art. Additionally, Mr. Da Costa pointed to continuing gentrification, false claims of being green that instead had been destroyed since it was stolen from the Ohlone. Mr. Da Costa commenting on the ongoing poor economy, the impending debt crisis and other serious concerns and expressed the view that these funds might be better applied to other purposes. Mr. Da Costa expressed frustration with the city not addressing serious health issues in the community and continuing discrimination against residents in the southeastern neighborhoods and noted many local residents suffering from gentrification created by development projects. Given all of this Mr. Da Costa questioned how the 2% allocation was framed and if it should not be reconsidered.

Mr. Terrence Jones, a neighborhood resident, asked how this process actually works with up to \$20 million available for art. Mr. Jones asked what the Arts Commission was and if it was representative of the community. Mr. Jones asked how local residents would have opportunity to have input on that segment of these funds spent in their community.

Mr. Harrington explained that the Arts Commission was a Charter Commission appointed by the Mayor and was broadly representative. Mr. Harrington noted that residents could now contact not only both staffs but also two Commissions to offer their input.

President Vietor found there was still a lack of clarity about aspects of how this might work. AGM Ellis explained that this plan proposed a much greater level of SFPUC oversight without our staff being directly involved in the art creating decisions. AGM Ellis

also noted that this applied to capital work throughout the service area not just projects in the city and those related to the SSIP. Mr. Harrington pointed out that in his view this was an overdue discussion and proposed that this matter could be brought back for further consideration at an upcoming meeting when some of the points raised in discussion had been considered.

Commissioner Torres noted that he wished to make sure that Commissioner Caen's concerns had been addressed. There was a further discussion with two proposals to amend the draft resolution to include clarifying points. President Vietor also asked for more information about how public input on what art was being proposed might be gathered. Commissioer Caen noted there were still some remaining issues such as clarifying what exactly was our approval process and how the local artists were to be involved in the proposed program. Commissioner Torres asked which of these art works that had been paid by San Francisco ratepayers were by local artists, suggesting that going forward any new art commissions should go to San Francisco artists.

Following further Commission discussion it was decided that instead of making individual amendments to the draft resolution that more work was needed on this proposal and so it was a consensus that this item be continued to the call of the Chair

12. Discussion and possible action to **authorize** the General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to execute on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, Grant Agreements with three Regional Job Training and Opportunities Program (JTOP) providers (San Joaquin county Office of Education YouthBuild Program, Job Train of San Mateo County, and Cypress Mandela of Alameda County) in the amount of \$150,000 per year with a two year funding commitment, for a total not to exceed amount of \$900,000, to help satisfy the employment development goals and requirements for disadvantaged worker participation on Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) Projects within the Hetch Hetchy regional water system service territory. (Kelly) **RESO 11-0102**

Public comment

No comments were offered

Motion by Commissioner Caen, 2nd by Vice President Moran to approve the item Passed 5-0 AYE (Vietor, Moran, Caen, Torres, Courtney) unanimously

SFPUC Interim Workforce Development Director Chris Iglesias introduced our regional partners included in this proposal as: from Cypress Mandela, Art Shanks, Executive Director; Donna Miller, Office Manager; and Sylvester Hodges, Training Instructor; from Job Train, Alonzo Emery, Director of Program Operations; Deborah Picar, Special Projects Manager; Lai Lam, Career Development Specialist;, and from YouthBuild: Sheilah Goulart, Director YouthBuild San Joaquin. Mr. Iglesias explained that Cypress Mandela was from Alameda County, Job Train was from San Mateo County and YouthBuild was from San Joaquin County

Agenda item #8 was then taken up out of order

8. Citizens Advisory Committee Report (Lantsberg)

Mr. Alex Lantsberg, Chair, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens' Advisory Committee presented a brief quarterly report on recent Citizen's Advisory Committee activities. Mr. Lantsberg then introduced newly appointed members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Next there was recognition of the exemplary work being done by the Garden Project.

Public comment

Ms Jackie Fuller, Garden Project worker, expressed her appreciation for Ms Sneed and the community support shown and noted the critical role the Garden Project provided in giving jobs to people in the community. In particular, Ms Fuller urged that funding for Planned Parenthood not be cut, and explained that the Garden Project provided her family with its only income as her mother had recently lost her job.

Ms. Monique Price, a Garden Project worker, expressed her appreciation noting that as a 17 year old it was very hard to find work and this opportunity supported and helped her. In particular M. Price noted the fair wages provided by the Garden Project would allow her to go to college

Mr. Lawrence Wallace, a Garden Project worker, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity for youth to contribute to their community and learn values and gain needed work skills. Mr Wallace reported that the money he earned helped his family, the community, and his all built for a better future.

Garden Project Director Catherine Sneed noted that 147 young people were employed this year ranging in age from as young as 12 years old in good productive, future and character building work. Ms. Sneed noted as example the fact reported by Ms. Fuller that her work at the Garden project provided her family's only source of income while her mother was unemployed. Ms. Sneed observed that the Garden project offered a productive model to teach the value and importance of work. Ms. Sneed requested that the generous support provided to this program continue. Ms. Sneed pointed out the quantities of food grown and provided and the critically important jobs provided to strengthen the foundations of its communities. In closing Garden Project Director Catherine Sneed then expressed her deep thanks and appreciation to all of those who supported her important work.

President Vietor thanked and commended Ms Sneed and all of those engaged in the wonderful work being done by the Garden Project.

Ms. Linda Richardson, a longtime civic and community leader, commented that the Garden Project provided a critical role in saving and enriching lives in the community and

urged that all of those with funding clearly understand that this essential work must continue to receive the support it required to continue its great work

Ms. Shirletha Holms, a native San Franciscan, commended and thanked Ms. Sneed and the Garden Project youth workers observing that their work could eventually to one day lead to more African Americans being included among the public officials whose photographs were displayed on the walls of the community facility. Ms. Holms expressed her deep appreciation for the Garden Project's critical role in keeping youth away from any risk of getting into trouble leading to jail.

Mr. Jay Rayfield, an Abraham Lincoln High School student and Garden Project worker, thanked Ms. Sneed for her exemplary role model and leadership in guiding youth to a brighter future. Mr Rayfield noted that without this program he wouldn't have an opportunity to do productive work receive a good wage, and learn and grow an opportunity not often available to African American youth

Commission discussion

Speaking to the youth that had spoken and were present Commissioner Torres commended them and emphasized the vital importance of effective programs such as the Garden Project in productively working with our youth as these were the future of our community. Commissioner Torres noted these young people had been fortunate to have a great teacher who had given them blessings and they had in their turn had returned, and he wished them well.

President Vietor noted that this concluded the SFPUC-only portion of this special meeting and that there would be a short recess before the convening of the joint meeting.

The SFPUC segment of this special meeting recessed at 6:10PM

SPECIAL JOINT BUSINESS

Following the conclusion of the regular San Francisco Public Utilities Commission business items a special joint meeting with the Southeast Facility Commission was convened by both Commission Presidents beginning at 6:30 P.M.

13. Opening Remarks for the Joint Meeting. (SFPUC President Francesca Vietor & Southeast Facility Commission

President Willie B. Kennedy Southeast Community Facility Commission President Willie B. Kennedy and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission President Francesca Vietor convened the special Joint meeting at 6:33PM

SECF Commission Secretary Carla Vaughn called the roll of her Commission reporting a quorum was present. (Kennedy, Brown, Chung, Ellington, Leblanc, Norman)

SFPUC Commission Secretary Michael Housh confirmed the entire SFPUC Commission was also present. (Vietor, Moran, Caen, Torres, Courtney)

President Kennedy announced the upcoming community Health Fair, and reported that the regular Southeast Community Facility Commission meeting on June 22nd had been cancelled in order to hold this special meeting

Each Commission Presidents then presented brief welcoming remarks opening the special joint meeting of the two Commissions.

President Vietor thanked and led a general round of applause for the wonderful food provided by Ms Alice Guidry, niece of the late Alex Pitcher, and her assistants. President Vietor expressed happiness at holding this meeting and looked forward to an evening of productive dialogue. President Kennedy next welcomed the SFPUC Commissioners, noting that many were old friends and that she was also glad to meet the new members.

President Kennedy then took the opportunity to read the Southeast Community Facility Commission's Mission Statement explaining in its original words the historical background, purpose, and role of the Southeast Community Facility Commission and their responsibilities related to the Facility as a mitigation for the community's continued acceptance of the burden of the Southeast Treatment Facility in their community.

The Presidents then called for general public comment on items not on the meeting agenda. President Kennedy called attention to strawberry plants and fruit available to meeting attendees from the Garden Project.

14. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Special Joint meeting of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the Southeast Facility Commission on matters that are within either of their respective jurisdictions and not on today's agenda.

Ms. Alma Robinson, California Lawyers for the Art called the Commissioners attention to two new initiatives, Arts and the environment to increase public awareness through arts in the communities, and secondly an initiative focusing on the use of art programs to reduce recidivism among former prisoners to transition back into their community. Ms. Robinson noted the planned transfer of prisoners by the state to local facilities.

Ms. Espanola Jackson, Bayview Hunters Point, called attention to a narrative of the true history of the Southeast Community Facility from its beginnings in 1969 and called attention to promises made then that had not been kept. Ms. Jackson described how the oversight of the facility transitioned from the Department of Public Works to the SFPUC. Ms. Jackson also noted that the Southeast Community Facility Commission, her Commission, was a real city Commission just like the SFPUC and that the facility belonged to the community.

Mr. Greg Doxey, Osiris Coalition, raised concerns about how the career path of 1099 Program participants who had worked for the SFPUC for 30 years, and expressed distress at the lack of promotion and diminished retirement prospects of these workers.

Dr Harrison Parker, a retired community dentist requested an explanation of what was the relationship between the S.F.P.U.C. and the Southeast Community Commission.

Mr Harrington explained that the SFPUC was a charter commission with specific authority of all of its facilities, whereas the Southeast Community facility Commission was an advisory commission created by the administrative code. Mr Harrington explained that in order to be able to maintain the facility it was necessary to own it. Additionally, Mr Harrington explained that from the beginning the SFPUC had absorbed the sizable annual budget shortfall in funding needed to keep the facility in operation. Mr Harrington explained that there had never been a surplus of funds generated by the facility that could be transferred to the Southeast Community Facility Commission. Mr Harrington emphasized that a major purpose of this evening's meeting was to re-engage with the community, listen to more input, and discuss what the community might want so that the facility could better serve the community.

President Vietor left the meeting at 6:50PM and Vice President Moran then assumed the Chair

15. Presentation and discussion of the historical background, community engagement process, and initial resulting commitments and programmatic ideas regarding the Southeast Community Facility. (*Ellis*)

General Manager Harrington briefly introduced discussion of this item noting that this marked an opportunity for a new beginning in the already very long and close relationship that the SFPUC had with the community. AGM for External Affairs Juliet Ellis began by thanking the Southeast facility Commissioners, Community leaders like Ms. Jackson and many other active neighbors for meeting with her and SFPUC staff to help them better understand the past and hopefully future directions for use of the facility. Ms Ellis then called out specific programs such as the well regarded Sewing Club and other Facility uses that had been topics of discussion.

Ms. Ellis reported the background of how the facility came to be through that Community effort in the late 1960's as part of sewer plant expansion. Ms. Ellis explained that it was a mitigation measure "to foster employment, job skills development, education programs, and day care services, services for senior citizens, economic prosperity, health, safety and welfare. Ms. Ellis reiterated that the SFPUC owned the Southeast Community Facility (SECF) and explained that the SFPUC was committed to fulfilling its responsibility for SECF to achieve its maximum potential.

Ms. Ellis observed that it was the consensus that SECF was not operating at its full capacity or potential. Additionally, Ms. Ellis reported that as the SFPUC's adopted Community Benefits Policy provided a framework for community and stakeholder Engagement to address the main areas of interest identified so far as :Workforce and Economic Development; Education and Health Programs; Land Use and Environmental

Justice; Arts and Cultural Programming; Diversity and Inclusion. Ms. Ellis further explained that these issues were being considered in light of the fact that work in the community related to the Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) was fast looming on the horizon. Ms Ellis then reported that the Southeast community input /engagement Process began by going back to the mitigation agreement. Additionally, Ms. Ellis reported that there were 115+ interviews and meetings: community leaders, community-based organizations and elected/appointed officials. Ms. Ellis further pointed to focus groups with youth, community leaders, elders and faith-based groups. Ms. Ellis also reported 30+ surveys had been received or conducted with 20+ done in person, and the rest by mail and via email as well as interviews and meetings with all current and proposed future facility tenants.

Ms. Ellis then discussed what staff had heard from the community though this process was a need for: on-the-job workforce training; career counseling and access to the onsite computer center, creation of a contractor assistance center, identify ways to increase arts and cultural opportunities, provide more support for community gardens, and lastly safer parking. Ms. Ellis reported that the SFPUC's commitment with community would be to fulfill our responsibility for Southeast Community Facility (SECF) to achieve its full potential. Ms. Ellis identified the core criteria for Southeast Community Facility (SECF) enhancements would be based on commitment to and respect for the mitigation responsibilities. These were: to promote programs and services that foster jobs, education, health, safety and welfare. Additionally, Ms. Ellis noted this would be achieved in ways to ensure a vibrant facility with high foot traffic and synergy among tenants. Ms. Ellis noted that this would take place in a phased approach that builds upon each improvement.

Next, Ms. Ellis outlined proposed programmatic improvements as: focusing on realizing the priorities articulated by community with an emphasis on synergy and leverage programming between the tenants. Additionally, Ms Ellis noted as important goals building high foot traffic in the spaces as well as building sense of community in building. Ms. Ellis next addressed using a local workforce for the proposed building infrastructural Improvements like painting, elevator repair, and landscaping.

Turning next to the existing tenants, Ms. Ellis identified these as: City College of San Francisco; the Human Services Agency of San Francisco; San Francisco State University; Head Start; Renaissance Parents of Success Program; Bayview Hunters Point Project Area Committee; Bayview Hunters Point Citizens Advisory Committee; the SECF Commission, and its Executive Director and staff, and those at the Greenhouse Complex.

Ms Ellis then reported that the SFPUC and City College of San Francisco (CCSF) had held extensive meetings and were forging an exciting new vision and relationship for the CCSF Southeast Campus. Ms. Ellis reported this included new centralized admissions and Records / Registration, Financial Aid, and Counseling Offices at Southeast Campus. Additionally, Ms Ellis reported efforts were underway to match highest demand classes so that they aligned with community's needs. Also Ms. Ellis pointed to changes regarding shorter term vocational classes, and providing greater access to and utilization of Addressing better collaboration with City College Departments such as its Administration

of Justice and Fire Science Technology Department, Child Development & Family Studies Department, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies Program, English as a Second Language Department, Environmental Horticulture and Floristry, Fashion Design and Merchandising Program, Labor and Community Studies, Licensed Vocational Nursing, and the San Francisco Small Business Development Center were all included in this ongoing discussion Ms. Ellis noted.

Ms Ellis then reported additional proposed facility changes with the SFPUC providing custodial/janitorial services for Southeast Community Facility (SECF). Ms. Ellis explained that local businesses and workers to perform work. Next addressing Security, Ms. Ellis reported meetings with Police Chief Suhr and discussion of coordinated security between SFPD, Sherriff's Office, and SFPUC. Another major innovation, Ms. Ellis reported was establishment of a shuttle for City College students to use for travel between campuses.

Ms. Ellis then identified potential additional partners such as the Five Keys Charter School, Hunters Point Family Services, the SFPUC's Contractors Assistance Center, Young Community Developers, REDF and other community-based partners. MS Ellis also mentioned arts and cultural programming and a rotating museum and historical display

Next addressing proposed building improvements including tenant and common area improvements; Ms Ellis described plans for improved interior landscaping, lighting, windows, doors and stairways. Additionally Ms. Ellis called attention to a new reception desk with local workers to guide visitors/community as well as clear signage and wayfinding. Also Ms. Ellis noted plans for increased access to conference/meeting spaces and computer rooms. Ms. Ellis also reported plans called for additional resources and support for SECF staff. Addressing greening concerns, Ms. Ellis noted planned active involvement of the entire array of SFPUC green programs.

Ms. Ellis next reported a proposed timeline with the space plan completed by December 2011, and then design plans completed during January 2012-July 2012. Ms Ellis also noted that a phased move in of tenants March would occur during 2012- March 2013 also with related phased construction. Reporting the proposed next steps, Ms Ellis explained plans were to continue to consult with Southeast Facility Commission and receive community feedback. Also Ms Ellis reported steps would be take to negotiate and enter into new leases establish move-in schedule for new tenants. Along with these activities MS Ellis noted the SFPUC would begin providing custodial services, begin providing security for the Southeast Community Facility, begin the students' shuttle service while completing phased building infrastructure and interior design elements improvements

Commissioner Torres thanked AGM Ellis for a very through and detailed presentation clearly based on a significant amount of community engagement and for outlining so clearly what the next steps might be expected. Commissioner Torres pointed out many communities across California would be very happy to have such a facility for their benefit being routinely subsidized by a public agency.

In response to questions by Southeast Community Facility Commissioner Theo Ellington, Ms Ellis agreed that it was essential that continue to work closely and suggested working

through the existing SECF Commission Facilities Committee. AGM Ellis noted that it was not realistic that the SFPUC staffs continue the very intense level of engagement as during the past months and that the Southeast Community Facility Commission with its deep ties and insight would be a close partner and collaborator in moving this go forward. AGM Ellis noted there could be more joint Commission meetings as suggested by President Vietor, or agree on designated individuals as a regular point of contact. Southeast Community Facility Commissioner Theo Ellington also asked how all of the proposed new services be assured that local hires in 94124 be given first priority especially at the Southeast Community Facility. AGM Ellis pointed to the SFPUC strong record of commitment and established policies on local hire issues.

Southeast Community Facility Commissioner Brigette LeBlanc asked about what ever happened to the scholarships for local students that was discussed in the original establishment of the Southeast Community Facility. Mr Harrington explained that these funds had to derive from the income of the facility and therefore there had never been any surplus unless rents were increased and that was not a course the SFPUC felt appropriate. Commissioner LeBlanc asked if other ways to identify a source for such funds might be found. Additionally, Commissioner LeBlanc called attention to the wealth of already existing talent and professional skills in the community and urged that these longstanding resources be engaged in this process. Commissioner LeBlanc also suggested innovative ways be looked into building not just jobs but professional careers that created a firm foundation for local residents' success beyond just working to create temporary jobs..

Public comment

Ms. Espanola Jackson, Bayview Hunters Point, asked that all of the Commissioners set up a joint committee focused on local workforce development. Ms Jackson asked for a moratorium for two years on rent increases. Ms Jackson said that the community needed to have it's input first before going forward with a series of next steps without active engagement in making decisions on What classes City College planned to do. Ms Jackson asked that there be an African American Dean be appointed to do the kind of outreach she believed essential for this to be a success. Ms. Jackson said that the community must first decide and then the two Commissions could go forward.

Supervisor Sophie Maxwell expressed dismay that there was not a broader vision for the community in these plans. Supervisor Maxwell suggested that as we move into anew century more innovative easy be looked into in order to get the community ready for the next 100 years. Supervisor Maxwell recommended a focus on community serving youth internships and scholarship. Supervisor Maxwell also pointed to a need to continually refer back to the community and use the great skills and talents in the community to move these changes forward.

Mr. D.J. Brooker, Young Community Developers, recalled his organization's 385 years of service to the community and noted that there current base of operations was old and outdated and limited their ability to produce the best results for the Community.

Ms LaShan Walker urged that local Bayview small business be more actively engaged in this process and also asked that developing careers not just temporary jobs be real goals. Ms. Walker urged that plans look beyond just the usual vocational approach to a wider effort to bring the community forward.

Mr Torrance Bynum, City College Campus Coordinator, thanked Ms Jackson for her insightful comments and pledged renewed commitment to better serve the community and actively engage with students and residents to find out what changes would meet their needs.

Mr. Marley Walker, a 25 year Bayview resident, pointed to the dynamic growth of life sciences with the major development going on in Mission Bay and urged that the plans look into these areas as a potential new direction for skilled professional employment for local residents. Mr Walker pointed to the many support staffing positions that all of this extensive science required.

An unidentified member of the public urged that more local contractors be used especially those that hired local workers to do the work that needed to be done here in the community.

Mr Tyrone Thompson pointed out that something of greater substance needed to be done than just making the facility look good. Mr Thompson urged bringing more technology education opportunities to the community and derided the flood of parking ticket s that seemed to be targeted at the students when classes were going on.

Mr Jamal Patterson called attention to the vibrant local music scene and urged that this be tapped and expanded facilities made available to make the community a center of cultural activities. Mr. Patterson noted that as the Mission and Chinatown were rebuilt why not the Bayview as well and called for the inclusion of African culture and for specific efforts to make the programs attractive to youth and said then they will come.

Ms. Charlita Holmes suggested that a different model than was used by City College at it Phelan Campus be employed in the community so that a much broader range of educational and skill training opportunities could be provided.

Mr Palfrey urged that all of the many already highly skilled local workers be brought together in a clear open process that would provide opportunity for all.

Mr Kevin Epps of the Mayor's Digital Advisory Council suggested that this was a great opportunity for development of a new media incubator, with new resources that could open doors and build new skills for community members.

Ms. Alma Robinson urged investment in the arts through job training and internships with local artists who would impart their experience and skills to youth. Ms. Robinson noted that San Francisco was a digital leader and more needed to be done to bring this element also into the community with expanded apprenticeship programs and dedicated new resources made available.

Dr. Davis of the African American Cultural and Historical Society applauded the discussions highlighting the past leaders and recalling the community's long record of hard won successes that had made this facility possible and expressed happiness at the possibility of increased local exhibition spaces where these stories could be retold.

Mr Claude Everhart recalled the leadership of former Mayor Art Agnos and the late Congressman Phil Burton in pushing forward the first legislation that required a focused mitigation response to a community impacted by the requirements of the Clean Water Act. Mr Everhart recalled the long and difficult work that had achieved much but still left to do with key promises still unmet. Mr Everhart urged taking the longer view asking what should be our situation in the next twenty years given all that had passed since this struggle began

City College Chancellor Jorge Vela promised that City College would remain 100% committed to offering serious programs that were tailored to meet the identified needs of the community and work with residents and local businesses to do whatever possible to help them succeed.

Mr. Bill Shields, pointed to the successes already achieved by City Build and promised to continue to find every means to provide training and opportunities for local residents to achieve a career path that created a real foundation for a successful community.

Ms. Arlene Smith urged caution in trying to concentrate all programming at the Southeast Community Facility pointing out that there was a need to spread these resources across the city. Ms Smith also recommended development of readily accessible low or no cost opportunities be created.

City College Board member Anita Grier thanked the Commissioners and the community for so intensely discussing these issues. Ms Grier applauded AGM Ellis' presentation, noted that City College was committed to working collaboratively with the SFPUC and called attention to its two new programs, a One Stop Program as well as a single Stop Program to be located at the Southeast Community Facility

Ms Ingrid Wynn, a local student, expressed the vital importance of including the voices of students in all of these plans so that those would be using these services could provide a reality based insider view of what might been needed.

Ms. Wynn said why not an art program or film program as the proposed horticulture program. Ms Wynn also raised the issue of to many tickets as well as the untended landscaping that proposed a security concern, perhaps through use of some of the arts funding previously discussed. Ms Wynn called attention to the wide array of classes available if people would just reach out and take advantage of them.

Ms. Doris Vinson, called attention to a program of math classes focused on algebra being scheduled for New Providence Baptist Church and asked that any interested students be encouraged to participate.

An anonymous member of the public suggested that allocation of a small percentage of the billions in planned construction funds, say 1% as with the previously discussed 2% percent for art, could meet all of the community's needs

Ms. Espanola Jackson, recalled that the community had originally asked for 10% allocation from these proposed construction projects and that somehow be reduced to 5% and that these funds be allocated just for Bayview Hunter's Point

Commission discussion

President Kennedy reported that this had been a very productive meeting, thanked AGM Ellis for her dedicated outreach to the community, and thanked the Community for coming out. Vice President Moran recalled that he had been first introduced to this facility by the late Jim Jefferson who had told him of the promises made and unmet needs and that this now provided a welcome new opportunity to address these needs and commitments.

There being no further business the special and joint meetings were adjourned by Southeast Community Facility Commission President Kennedy and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Vice President Moran at 8:45PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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