San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens’ Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd Floor O’Shaughnessy Conference Room

Members:
Wendy Aragon (D1) Walt Farrell (D7) Vacant (M-Reg’l Water Customers)
Vacant (D2) Javieree PruittHill (D8) Stephen Bjorgan, Acting Chair (M-
Doug Cain (D3) Dairo Romero (D9) Eng./Financial)
David Pilpel (D4) Vacant (D10) Vacant (M-Lg Water User)
Ted Loewenberg (D5) Jennifer Clary (D11) Ted Ko (B-Small Business)
Mark Connors (D6) Avni Jamdar (M-Env. Group) Alex Lantsberg (B-Env Justice)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Members present: W. Aragon (D1), D. Cain (D3), D. Pilpel (D4), T. Loewenberg (D5),
M. Connors (D6), W. Farrell (D7), J. PruittHill (D8), J. Clary (D11), S. Bjorgan, Chair, T.
Ko (B-Small Business), A. Lantsberg (B-Env Justice) (11 Members present, quorum
confirmed)

Members Absent: D. Romero (D9), A. Jamdar (M-Env group)

Staff Liaison: Ryan Iwata (Citizen Advisory Coordinator), Jessica Buendia (External Affairs
Manager)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call: CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:39 pm / Roll call: 11
members present.

2. Welcome New CAC member Mark Connors (D6) (5 minutes)

Chair Bjorgan introduced Mark Connors, D6’s Appointee to the Citizen Advisory
Committee

3. Staff Report (5 minutes) 5:44 pm

J. Buendia spoke briefly about the opportunity to receive feedback, and the best
possible ways for the CAC to be involved with SSIP moving forward.

4. Presentation and Discussion “Sewer System Improvement Program: An
Investment in Our Infrastructure” – Jeet Bajwa, Deputy SSIP Program Director
(15 minute presentation and 15 minute discussion) 5:46 pm

The presentation covered:
• Overview of Phase 1 of the SSIP
• Current Construction Projects
• Community Engagement

Topics of Discussion:
• SSIP’s Environmental Impact Reports
• Green Infrastructure (GI) Hydrological Benefits Monitoring
Stakeholder Engagement Processes and Influence
Concerns about GI in Flood Prone Areas (Inner Mission, China Basin, Cayuga)
The role of Early Implementation Programs (EIPs) in the Urban Watershed Assessment
EIP Baseline Data, Monitoring, and Reporting
Desire to focus on bigger SSIP projects such as the Digesters, Central Bayside, and other treatment plant upgrades and be involved in the strategy, financing, and budgeting of the implementation plans

Information Requests:
- Request #004: J. Clary made a request to J. Bajwa to have the information regarding which projects exactly would require an EIR.
- Request #005: D. Pilpel asks to verify with S. Bajwa whether or not it has been decided that there will be no programmed EIR, and just projects?
- Request #006: T. Ko wants to see base line data for the cost effectiveness and performance impacts of the projects that led to the development of the EIPS.
- Request #007: J. Clary wants to see a list of the survey questions on the watershed/GI surveys.
- Request #008: T. Loewenberg wants to know if there are there any means of public access in terms of finding out which blocks are being worked on, and when the scheduled maintenance will take place.

5. Report from the Chair (S. Bjorgan, Chair) (5 minutes) 6:43 pm

- The CAC wants to engage the Secretary of LAFCO to be facilitator for the retreat next year
- As subcommittee, the Chair urges committee members not to meet unless the members have something that contributes also to the FULL CAC. No pressure to meet every month.

6. Public Comment: members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda (2 minutes per speaker)

NO MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

7. Approval of the June 18, 2013, Sept 17, 2013, and October 15, 2013 meeting minutes (5 minutes)

Motion was made (J. Clary) and seconded (D. Cain) to approve all three sets of minutes.

- D. Pilpel provided edited version of the June minutes and requested to divide the question and therefore vote on each set of minutes separately.
- No public comment.

Motion was made (J. Clary) and seconded (D. Cain) to approve June 18, 2013 minutes.

- June 18 minutes were approved without objection.
- No public Comment.

Motion was made (J. Clary) and seconded (D. Cain) to approve September 17, 2013 minutes.

- In favor of approving September 17th, 2013 Minutes: W. Aragon (D1), D. Cain (D3), M. Connors (D6), W. Farrell (D7), J. PruittHill (D8), J. Clary (D11), S. Bjorgan, Chair, T. Ko (B-Small Business), A. Lantsberg (B-Env Justice)
- Opposition: D. Pilpel (D4), T. Loewenberg (D5)
- Motion Fails.
• No public comment.
• Group agreed to postpone October 15, 2013 minutes to the next meeting.

8. Subcommittee Chair Reports:

Power Subcommittee (T. Ko) *(5 minutes)*
• Agreed to meetings every other month. Re-focus on CleanPowerSF.

Water Subcommittee (D. Cain) *(5 minutes)*
• No Meeting.

Wastewater Subcommittee (J. PruittHill) *(5 minutes)*
• Reported that there was no quorum, but that they received a great presentation on the Urban Watershed Assessment by Rachel Kraai.
• Would like to see explicit details on age/ethnicity when it comes to the Watershed survey results.
• Staff will be reporting on the Urban Watershed Assessment in the future.

9. Future Agenda Items *(5 minutes)*
• Update on the Rate Payer Assurance Scorecard
• Response to the resolution about permit process
• Green Infrastructure Follow Up
• Addressing the recent fines the SFPUC received from the State Water board and Central Valley Water Board
• Presentations from people outside the SFPUC
• Learn about the port’s storm water management plan

10. Announcements/Comments – The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Full CAC will take place on Tuesday, December 17.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (S. Bjorgan), seconded by (J. Clary)
• No objection
• No public comment
• Motion passed: Meeting adjourned 7:02 pm

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