

SOUTH BAYFRONT PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE BRIDGE PROJECT COMMITTEE
ACTION RECAP

Meeting of January 11, 2008

1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:30 A.M.

Members Present: Ken Bukowski, John Fricke, Joseph Mudd, John Scheuerman, Ann Weber, Cedric Young
Excused: none
Absent: Charles Debbas, Brian Donahue
Staff: Helen Bean, Charles Bryant, Ignacio Dayrit, Maurice Kaufman, Diana Keena, Patrick O’Keeffe, Peter Schultze-Allen
Consultants: [Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA)] Mahvash Harms, Tracy Abbott; [MIG] Diana Sherman
Location: Old Town Hall, Garden level.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS Eugene Tsui commented that ecology, culture and environment must be imaginatively and artistically integrated into the design.

3) AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Review Recap of November 30, 2007 meeting: Recap approved unanimously.
- b) Discussion of December 6 Public Workshop and design elements: Sherman distributed the meeting notes and highlighted the key comments. Committee members also provided their observations, listed below.
 - i) More cost information necessary to evaluate west landing and bridge proposals.
 - ii) Traffic controls necessary at Ohlone Way/Bay St. intersection.
 - iii) Pedestrian priority needed on garage bridge crossing. Vehicular controls should be investigated, which may involve a combination of the following elements: stop lights, stop or yield signs, lever gates, and raised pedestrian crossing.
 - iv) Lighting to be integrated to bridge design.
 - v) Garage gates/booths at entrances/exits congest vehicles entering and exiting the garage. Consider asking Bay Street to install new parking controls at garage, such as removing gates and installing sensors.
 - vi) Possibility of daylighting Temescal Creek.
 - vii) Incorporating public art and the art budget. Weber offered to serve as liaison with the Public Art Committee.
- c) Discussion on February Public Workshop: The workshop was rescheduled to March 8, tentatively at 10AM. The Committee discussed the goals of the workshop, which would affect the logistics and required attendees. Possible locations are Bay Street and Novartis auditorium. Possible topics/activities include traffic discussion, bridge designs and costs, and east landing. It was decided to have the committee do a site tour at the next meeting, instead of doing a site tour during the public meeting. More information on the design concepts will be needed for the workshop. The agenda will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting. Mailers will be sent, as well as ETV announcements. If tours are included, markers/flags should be installed at the project site to assist with location of design features.

d) Discussion on Design Elements:

- i) Ramps – (not discussed)
- ii) Bay Street (west) landing. Included in discussion of item b.
- iii) Novartis (east) landing. The scope of work of Callander Associates was expanded to include the schematic design of the park. This could include the daylighting of Temescal Creek.
- iv) Bridge alternatives: The design team showed sketches of possible bridge and garage bridge replacement designs. Harms stated that these were sketches only, the designs have not been evaluated for cost, and that some of the ideas may exceed the budget. Motion (Bukowski) and second (Scheuerman) to recommend to Council to consider an increase to the budget and to allow the designers to prepare bridge design alternatives which may exceed the budget. Substitute motion (Fricke) to increase budget only if non-City supplemental sources are obtained failed for lack of second. Motion failed by 3 (Bukowski, Scheuerman, Mudd) to 3 (Fricke, Weber, and Young). Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA) schedule, work plan and progress report: BCA will prepare cost information, traffic counts on Ohlone, and continue bridge design options.

4) MEMBER COMMENTS. None.

5) NEXT MEETING. Friday, January 25, 2008 at 8:30 AM at the Community Room at Bay Street.

6) ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Attest:

SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON