

SOUTH BAYFRONT PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE BRIDGE PROJECT COMMITTEE
ACTION RECAP

Meeting of March 24, 2008

1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Ken Bukowski, Brian Donahue, John Fricke, John Scheuerman,
Ann Weber, Cedric Young
Excused: Joseph Mudd
Absent: Charles Debbas
Staff: Helen Bean, Charles Bryant, Ignacio Dayrit, Maurice Kaufman,
Diana Keena
Consultants: [Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA)] Tracy Abbott; Mahvash Harms
[HNTB] Rick Philips, Patrick Sheehan
Location: Garden Level, Old Town Hall

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS Colbert Dare gave comments on historic, environmental and ecological aspects of the project. He also requested that the designs be more vibrant and provide for activity, sitting, exhibit and viewing areas on the bridge and ramps.

3) AGENDA ITEMS

a) Review Recap of February 29, 2008 meeting: Recap approved unanimously.

b) Discussion on March 8, 2008 public meeting and March 18, 2008 Redevelopment

Agency meeting: The consultants provided a summary of the comments given by the public. They reported that there was no clear consensus among the public on which bridge span was preferred, although, three of the alternatives stood out from the other two. They also reported that most persons who commented on the elevator preferred not to have one. Committee members generally had favorable impressions of the public meeting. Other comments focused on security, maintenance, lighting, ADA access, and, if provided, elevator design.

c) Update on Design Elements and Costs:

i) Bridge Span & Landing Concepts. The Committee cited examples of other bridges they liked, such as the Millennium Bridge in Denver, and catenary arch designs. The Committee eliminated the truss design from further consideration. The consultants showed visual simulations/animations of the four remaining alternative spans, and discussed the merits of each. The Committee evaluated the designs based on the number of criteria – uniqueness, long-distance views, Ohlone Way view, Horton view, user experience, and contextual response. Consultants to provide information on maintenance options. After a design is selected, the designers will proceed to detailed structural design, wind and earthquake simulations, and detailed architectural design.

ii) Update on Cost Estimates. Consultants and staff reported that two independent estimates have been prepared on the project (excludes Horton Landing Park costs). Both estimates show that the five bridge span designs are within the project budget. Biggs Cardosa will meet with the City's independent estimator, S&C Engineers, at a later date.

iii) Horton Landing Park Schematic Design. Staff stated that the final design, remediation

- and construction of the Horton Landing Park are officially the responsibility of Novartis, under their development agreement and conditions of approval for the construction of the garage. Novartis had originally planned to begin construction on the park after completion of the bridge. Due to the mounded design in the conceptual plans for the park, access to the bridge would not be available until after the park is constructed. Staff and Novartis representatives will discuss the implementation park design and construction and remediation to ensure that access to the bridge is available at the soonest possible time. Staff also suggested that an additional public meeting would be necessary to discuss park elements with the community.
- iv) Traffic counts on Ohlone Way. The consultants reported that the vehicular traffic volume on Ohlone Way and access to the parking garages would not preclude pedestrian crossings at the ground level.
 - v) Recommendations to the Redevelopment Agency for April 15, 2008. Motion (Scheuerman) and second (Weber) to recommend to the Redevelopment Agency to select the single arch bridge as the bridge span. The motion passed 5-1 (Donahue). The cable-stayed option would have been the second choice. Some members mentioned that this option may be more appropriate at the I-80 overcrossing.
 - d) Discussion on taping/broadcasting of Committee meetings and workshop. For discussion at a future meeting.
- 4) MEMBER COMMENTS. Bukowski requested that meeting dates and times, as soon as they are set, be listed on the City's website calendar of events. Donahue expressed gratitude for scheduling this meeting at night. Fricke requested a project schedule update for the next meeting.
- 5) NEXT MEETING. Friday, May 2, 2008 at 8:30 AM at the Garden Level, Old Town Hall.
- 6) ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Attest:

SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON