Minutes

Chair Stryker called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. Roll Call

(00:27)

Commissioners Present: Kimberlee Stryker (Chair); Yiying Lu, Abby Schnair, Janine Shiota, Paul Woolford

Staff Present: Joanne Lee, Alyssa Ventre, Paris Cotz

Chair Stryker announced the hybrid meeting instructions.

Paris Cotz announced public comment instructions.

Chair Stryker began the meeting reading the Arts Commission’s land acknowledgement statement.

2. General Public Comment

(8:12)

There was no public comment.

3. Sunol Valley Water Treatment Ozonation Project – Phase 1

(9:25)

Servando Molina, Project Designer, CDM Smith
The project team presented on the Sunol Valley Water Treatment Ozonation Project – Phase 1. They said the project site is located at an existing water treatment plant located in Sunol, California. The project team explained that the site is not publicly accessible and this project plans to add an ozone system to remove tastes and odors from water, which will include several new facilities.

The project team said they considered the Conceptual Review comments about fire retardant plantings and the inclusion of native plants in this Phase 1. The team addressed the outdoor spaces and enclosed them but did not rearrange the layout of buildings. The landscape team described their goals of having the landscape blend in and will utilize native plants that are fire resistant and a few Live Oak, Ash, and Silk Tassel trees in an immediate garden area in the front area of the Ozone Generation Building.

Commissioners commented on the axially positioning of the campus buildings so that they orient on the same site rotation. Commissioners would also like to see more trees, or at least low shrubs, between buildings to connect them visually and not just in front of the main building, but this is dependent on underground infrastructure.

Commissioners recommended the project team to meet informally to discuss site, landscape, and the interpretation of the program and site function into the design of the façade.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Woolford, second by Commissioner Shiota moved to approve Phase 1 of the Sunol Valley Water Treatment Ozonation Project with the following contingencies: that an informal be held to
discuss the site and landscape design and massing/compositional design of the contractor building be carefully analyzed.

The motion unanimously carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Stryker, Shiota, Schnair, Woolford, Lu

4. Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project – Phase 2
   (49:05)
   Anna M. Roche, Project Manager, SFPUC
   Monica Scott, Project Manager, SFRPD
   Paul De Freitas, Architect, SFDPW
   James Munden, Landscape Architect, Munden Fry Associates

   The project team explained that the project site is located south of Sloat Boulevard. The project team shared developments from their last presentation during Phase 1, including updates to Sloat Plaza and the multi-use trail. The project team said they are currently going through the review process for artist selection for on-site artwork.

   The project team shared updates to the restrooms, which has slightly relocated and now include solar panels to power the facilities. The project team described how they changed the bathroom doors from sliding to bi-folding doors.

   The landscape architects described the plant palette which is congruent with dune planting and the nearby National Park plant palette at Fort Funston, primarily shrubs and grasses as well as Monterey Cyprus and Wax Myrtle trees near the parking lot.

   Commissioners had questions about a staircase leading to the beach, and the project team explained that there is still a stair system but that it was not ready to be shown at this meeting. Commissioners also had questions about lighting and skateboard deterrents. The project team explained that there will be very minimal lighting and there will be embedded imprints along the walls as skateboard deterrents. Commissioners also had questions about the paving striping. The project team said the striping brings attention to the East to West orientation and brings a rhythm to the
area. Commissioners encouraged the project team to use color to bring a cohesive palette to this area.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Schnair, seconded by Commissioner Woolford moved to approve **Phase 2 Review of Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project** with the following contingencies discussed during an informal meeting: lighting, detail of seat wall (skateboard deterrents), color and pattern of concrete pavings, and the development of the beach access stairs.

The motion unanimously carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Stryker, Shiota, Schnair, Woolford, Lu

5. Buchanan Street Mall – Phase 1, Single Review (1:36:42)
Brett Desmarais, Project Designer, SFDPW
Lauren Dietrich Chavez, Project Manager, SFRPD
Winnie Chang, Landscape Architect, SFDPW

The project team reviewed the history of the Buchanan Street Mall neighborhood over the decades as well as the history of the project. The project team shared updates to the Eddy-Turk and McAllister-Fulton blocks of the street mall.

The project team worked with the community and other involved stakeholders to integrate the memory walk into the playground as well as the multi-use sports court and picnic area. The team shared plans for a performance space, plaza space, micro-enterprise kiosk and garden areas.

Commissioners had questions about a maintenance budget. The project team explained they are raising funds for artwork maintenance but currently do not have it. Commissioners also had a question about pet-designated areas and accommodations. The team answered that there will potentially
be a pet-relief area and designated play area and dogs are allowed in the park on-leash. Commissioners asked about the resources available at the stage, specifically audio/visual tools. The team stated that there will be uplighting on the stage and the team has a pending grant to allow for additional lighting and sound equipment.

Commissioners had a question about an additional artwork budget separate from the memory walk artwork. The project team explained that since this project has no buildings on this site, there is no art enrichment funding for SF Arts Commission. The team explained how the memory walk will be lit from above from lamp posts and commissioners encouraged a cohesive color palette. Commissioners alerted the team to potential conflicts such as noise levels, pet-human conflicts, lighting and color on the memory walk, and bicycles-pedestrian conflicts.

Commissioner Woolford left at 4:13pm.

Public Comment: Ariella Levitch, a staff member from Trust for Public Land, spoke in support of the project and pleased with the way Public Works has worked with the community.

Commissioner Schnair, seconded by Commissioner Shiota moved to approve Phase 1, Single Review of Buchanan Street Mall.

The motion unanimously carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Stryker, Shiota, Schnair, Lu

6. Staff Report
(2:17:54)

Joanne Lee, Deputy Director of Programs, SFAC

Deputy Director Joanne Lee shared updates on the Southeast Biosolids Treatment Center in regards to updates to the digester tanks graphics and pavings/landscape design.
Deputy Director Joanne Lee also shared updates to the Chinatown Subway Station Gate design that will require an informal review.

There was no public comment.

7. New Business and Announcements
(2:21:26)

There was no new business or announcements.

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23p.m.

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