Meeting of the Civic Design Review Committee

Monday, May 15, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

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

1. Roll Call
(00:06)

Commissioners Present: Kimberlee Stryker (Chair); Patrick Carney, Mahsa Hakimi (absent), Abby Schnair (absent), Janine Shiota, Seth Brenzel, Jessica Rothchild

Staff Present: Deputy Director of Programs Joanne Lee, Program Manager Paris Cotz, and Commission Secretary Traka Lopez-White.

Chair Stryker announced the hybrid meeting instructions.

Traka Lopez-White announced public comment instructions.

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

2. General Public Comment
(7:38)

There was no public comment.
3. San Francisco New Public Trash Receptacles Project: Phase 3 (8:51)
Lisa Zhou, Project Manager at Department of Public Works

Project manager Zhou presented three prototype designs used in the pilot program. The pilot program consisted of a total of 26 trash cans placed throughout the city of San Francisco. She provided an overview and images depicting the pilot program's installment processes, timelines, and budget. Finally, Zhou presented response assessments regarding the trash cans' upkeep within the high-traffic public spaces that supported the most usable trash can design selected in this study. As a result, the Department of Public Works team decided that the Slim Silhouette best met the criteria with a few modifications, such as a perforated stainless-steel body, improvements to the lock mechanism, symbolic signage to indicate recyclable, and enlarging the trash opening for more extensive deposits of trash.

According to the Department of Public Works presentation, the following steps for this project are:

The approval of phase 3 from the Civic Design Review Committee's Commissioners.
Securing funding for procurement.
Issuing an RFP / RFQ document to solicit trash can manufacturing and procurement.

After Project Manager Zhou's presentation, commissioners had questions and concerns. Commissioner Shiota acknowledged the project's complexity and requested clarity regarding the trash cans' overall maintenance and servicing requirements and procedures. In response, Zhou shared that a censor will be included in each trash can to alert the maintenance team for service and maintenance activities when trash cans are 70-80 percent full. Commissioners also inquired about the recyclable exchange, accessibility improvements, non-verbal directional indicators, cleanliness, and additional details regarding the budget.

Commissioner Carney then shared that he recently went to look at one of the beta trash cans used in the pilot program, located on Sutter Street and
Leavenworth Street. He provided images that showed the trash can had been vandalized with the lock broken and graffiti on the can.

Committee Chair Stryker called for a motion. No Commissioner responded with a motion. Chair Stryker recommended that the Project Manager return with information about the resiliency of the trash cans and how they will be maintained and repaired.
There was no public comment.

** The document of images provided by Commissioner Carney is attached to the agenda.

4. Staff Report
(1:18:45)

Director Lee shared a few updates on past Civic Design Review projects. Four projects have recently received administrative approval. 1) She began with the O’Shaughnessy audit access bridge. The PUC project is located in Groveland, California. The new project is to rebuild a short bridge used only by SFPUC/NPS staff. The existing bridge does not meet current safety/seismic regulations and is being replaced with a steel and concrete bridge that meets safety/seismic regulations; therefore, the new design will require minimal maintenance. 2) Terminal ITB Roof at the San Francisco International Airport - The project goals are to minimize mounting penetrations and for no visible effects on the interior ceiling. This project will also provide maintenance service pathways within reach range, and the existing glazing will be load tested to confirm capacity.
3) The installation of a plaque of the official naming of the building to the Ruth Williams Memorial Theater to commemorate the African American producer, playwright, actress, and activist Ruth Williams. 4) Noe Valley Town Square Restroom - The proposed concept plan integrates this unit into the existing park, maintaining the existing street-facing bulletin board structure and integrating the submitted plant material that was previously approved and has been successful at the park.
There was no public comment.

5. New Business and Announcements
(1:25:50)

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment
(1:26:26)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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