

**POTRERO BOOSTERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (3 pages)**

Nov 30, 2010

Audrey Cole, President
David Globber, Recording Secretary

Meeting Highlights:

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 - **California High Speed Rail Outreach: Nicole Franklin (pgs. 1-2)**
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Police Report ~ Lieutenant Michael Redmond of Bayview Station

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Non-Emergency Police number ~ 415.553.0123

David Gentry ~ <http://gentryarts.com/>

Potrero Hill based artist ~ Raffle set up with Audrey

California High-Speed Rail ~ Public Outreach ~ Nicole Franklin ~ San Jose-San Francisco section

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Reports to Terry Lightfoot, Public Involvement Manager ~ tlightfoot@hntb.com

- Prop 1a provided funds for HSR, but SF did not get funding as first leg, Central Valley did
- United States is new to high speed rail, other countries second generation high speed rail. Need design standards for HSR in the US.
- Environmental process, which includes overall project definition awa environmental impacts.
- Scoping and Draft EIR/S and Final EIR/S (EIR is CEQA/State; EIS is NEQA/Federal).
- Examples of considerations not required in EIR but that were under review April to August 2010: at-grade, aerial overpass, subterranean.

Project vision from website - http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/project_vision.aspx
7-1/2 minute video promoting benefits: jobs, short travel times, reduced greenhouse gases:
http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/Gallery_Featured.aspx

Project Vision and Scope

Vision

Inspired by successful high-speed train systems worldwide, California's electrically-powered high-speed trains will help the state meet ever-growing demands on its transportation infrastructure. Initially running from San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim via the Central Valley, and later to Sacramento and San Diego, high-speed trains will travel between LA and San Francisco in under 2 hours and 40 minutes, at speeds of up to 220 mph, and will interconnect with other transportation alternatives, providing an environmentally friendly option to traveling by plane or car.

Scope

800 miles of track... up to 24 stations... the most thorough environmental review process in the nation. Due to the large scope of the project, the planning process proceeded in phases: first, program-level review assessing the need and service area for a statewide system, presenting broad policy choices, and identifying corridors for further study, and second, project-level review in more detail for determining the best alignment and station locations within each of nine system sections. Why? Greater community input, resulting in the best system for all Californians.

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9 technical working group meetings, 7 policymaker working group meetings, 32 public presentations, meetings and workshops since April 2010

FRA Federal Railway Administration <http://www.fra.dot.gov/Pages/2.shtml> requires that people, cars, bicycles on separate grades; multiple options considered

Design option summary

- At-grade / trench, conventional construction, consistent footprint,
- 110 mph like BART in urban areas (BART runs 80 mph in tunnels) vs. 220 mph in between cities

Maintenance stations options under consideration

Next steps ...

- Continue dialog
- 15% of engineering
- Continue planning

Joe Boss: Any one who wants to get more involved contact Joe for documentation

LETTER EXPRESSING SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT PLANNING PROCESS SO FAR BY CA HSR IN SAN FRANCISCO from SF Redevelopment Agency, SF Planning Department, SF County Transportation, and SF Municipal Transportation Agency

http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/files/publications_reports/chsra/CCSF_comment_letter_to_CHSRA_Nov_17_2010.pdf

Nicole encourages us to watch the CAHSR meeting this Thursday Dec 2 2010

Request from Josh owner of a business near 16th and 7th Streets to respond soon to standing requests for drawings and dimensions

Rocketfish Sushi on 18th Street Hopes to Feature Live Music

Discussion about bands at Rocketfish with Marco, owner of Rocketfish; concerns about noise; promises of consideration; comparisons and contrasts to bands at Connecticut Yankee a location that's a bit more out of the way, not directly a part of the 18th Street business and restaurants corridor

AT&T California Above-Ground Outdoor Cabinetry for Installation of U-Verse® Upgrade of Internet Protocol Network around fiber optics

Marc Blakeman

www.att.com/ipnetwork4sf

<http://ipnetwork4sf.att.com/2010/10/01/why-did-we-build-this-site/>

Benefits:

- Improved telephone service
- Faster internet speeds
- Improved wireless service
- Television product competitive to cable and satellite

Installation impacts:

- Need to install above-ground cabinetry, 21 sites already in place, mostly on 16th, 20th and 22nd Streets, all at ground level, no overhead, using existing telephone network, 4 foot by 2 foot by 2-1/2 feet, graffiti-resistant polymer (and they'll clean up graffiti tags), would like to install 726 in San Francisco, Marc has visited over 400 sites where this would take place, 3-year build plan
- Marc oversaw installation of 4,000 cabinets in Chicago with 50 complaints and mitigated all but 3 complaints; willing to use bushes, trellises, trees to mitigate; neighborhood can refuse

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- San Francisco is last major metropolitan area for this to take place; they've learned a lot from interacting with other cities up to this point
- Marc or his staff can meet with any individual, homeowner's association or neighborhood group to visit individual sites and discuss installations and impacts
- Can run up to 24 megabits per second, not running on currently utilized DSL copper pair, but is using existing phone conduit

Boosters member complained extensively about an installation in front of home which has been in place 15 years and poorly maintained, originally installed by Pac Bell; Marc gave this member his card

Another Boosters member asks about legacy wiring, Marc says he would send some one out to look at leftover wires at this member's specific building

**Malia Cohen
Supervisor-Elect District 10**

Fisk University bachelors in political science and Carnegie-Mellon masters in public policy and management, worked for Mayor Newsom, had consultancy in social media, company called Power Forward. Wants to build bridges in community, appreciates party that supervisorial candidate Tony Kelly hosted last night with supervisorial candidate Marlene Tran with Malia in attendance, **praises Tony Kelly as a "classy guy and a gem who really kept the conversation focused and honest" during the campaign.**

Attendee requests balanced budget, another expresses concern that focusing on moderation in budget measures ends up being a code for supporting big business and big labor at expense of other stakeholders. Another member expresses concerns that Planning rules are not upheld in the City while expressing appreciation for Ron Miguel, Planning Commission president, for doing his best to uphold the rules ... member asks that in general appointees be better vetted for their capability to sit on various commissions and uphold code, Malia reflects back that appointees should be grounded in the rules and thinking citywide as well as per their own interests or neighborhood. Another member expresses that not once has Mayor's office (supervisor's office) contacted people at the Potrero Boosters proactively, who are highly qualified in many issues and "committed to truth, justice and the American way", and asks that she reflects on that.

Member asks that if something comes up that affects Potrero Hill, please talk to Potrero Boosters / neighborhood first before working out deals and details within the City Family. Another member also says have conversations with volunteers who work in the Supervisor's office to get input about what's going on within their own community. Another member points out he's a business owner with 75 employees and his voice should be considered as much as the voice of the Chamber of Commerce downtown. Another member who works in IT asks for "accountability on IT costs that are in the millions".

Malia plans to offer accessible hours on a regular basis for community input. Member says that supervisors typically all start out with the suggestion that they will have district offices but also all do not follow through on that promise. Another member mentions Malia and her two staff will be super busy, suggests finding a way to "show up once in awhile".

Another member asks if Malia has a plan to help D10 businesses be more visible to the rest of the City; Malia suggests using Groupon and other technology solutions to accomplish this, and to reach out to neighboring neighborhood associations to expand the definition of local business Bayview and Vis Valley, and to promote free introductory products – services via Twitter. Another member would like Malia to "concentrate on the budget mess".

Malia concludes with statement that she's not just representing any one group, will represent moderates, progressives, blacks, Asians, men, women, every one in the District.