



Community Meeting Minutes
Pat's Café, 2330 Taylor Street, San Francisco
September 11, 2017

Call to Order: Danny Sauter called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Roll Call: Danny Sauter, Sri Artham, Pat Darden, Ted Comesano, Trish Herman, Tony Wessling, Chelsea Frank, Captain Paul Yep, Wanda Jones, Jim Ensign, Boone Ashworth, Sheila Hingorani, Elise Cunanan, Phyllis Hunt, David Aldridge, Steve Lowinger, David Dean, Cat Carter. **Absent:** Sharone Mendes-Nassi, Bruno Kanter, Sue McCullough

Captain Paul Yep

- introduced himself as our new Central Station Captain. He has 21 years at SFPD, as a patrol officer and ten years as a lieutenant at CS.
- He discussed auto burglaries, saying that arrests are up significantly, 120 since March, but are not discouraging the perpetrators. The DA is cooperating. He believes new penalties would help. 80% of burglaries occur in the middle of the day, before tourists check into their rooms, when they think their belongings will be safe in daylight.
- Street population: North Beach has a relatively small population, but members are being displaced from former areas and will continue to test North Beach. Captain is committed to the no tent policy.
- Danny asked about reassigning resources. Capt reported that this is done every 6 months. He has doubled foot patrols. Two officers per shift. 119 officers in district.
- Tony requested that foot patrols walk near the parks when children are coming and going from schools. There are patrol cars assigned to the parks. There is a new patrol wagon to escort those arrested, freeing officers to remain on their beats.
- Officers have four responsibilities in the homeless category:
 - 1) arrest criminals and take them to jail,
 - 2) Take those with mental health problems to SF General Hospital, but only if they are a danger to themselves or others ,
 - 3) First aid
 - 4) Refer people to services. Police work is a sliver of the whole pie of city services for the homeless.
- Trish: no communication between departments. We need a czar.
- Tony: homeless concerns are the #1 item on the 311 menu. Police feel they have no support and that the problem is getting worse.
- Property owners who post “no trespassing” notices give police the authority to make arrests on those properties.
- Wanda: most homeless are addicted to a substance; they need to be in staffed facilities because they are not rational. Perceived cost of housing keeps this from being implemented.
- Yep: current support systems help people, but leave them homeless. NBN can push other agencies besides the Police Dept. Outside cameras are now inexpensive and a huge help to finding and arresting criminals. Capt Yep finished his presentation at 7:15 P.M.

Cat Carter of SF Transit Riders:

- Organization is 5-6 years old.
- It has grown to needing a paid exec. Director. Most staff is volunteer.
- Transit week is Sep. 25 to Oct. 1., details at sftransitriders.org/transitweek. Handed out Transit Week cards and Member solicitation cards.
- Announced that Chariot drivers are now unionized. Expects TNC's (Uber, Lift, etc.) to have business models altered by state of CA, which oversees them.
- Trish: extend central subway. Support underground transit.
- Tony: does org. work with Bicycle Coalition? Cat stated that they work together. S.F.T.R. has received grants from Transit Authority.
- Sri: walking to BART is faster than taking MUNI. Too many stops. Cat: stop consolidation is strongly opposed by elderly riders. MUNI may establish new routes to imitate Chariot. They are aiming for more regional funding.

Danny: we do not have the necessary time for the new logo discussion. Postpone till Oct. meeting.

580 Green was before the Planning Commissions Aug. 24 for only 20-30 minutes. There is support for NEMS if there is retail on the street. Beat Museum wanted the building. Will do major improvements to current site on Broadway.

Sri, Chair for the upcoming Bocce event: should we have a tournament or an informal event? Tony had been to both and said informal resulted in chaos. Marco at Walgreen's on Bay St. is considered an expert and should be contacted. Joe DiMaggio park charges \$50 for the first hour, \$30 each additional. Decision on date depends on the many other events in NB in October. Do we want a busy day or a quiet day? Check Italian Heritage website for list of events.

Danny: need a list of SFMTA projects in the works. Night work on Columbus to be finished by Thanksgiving. Shuttle stops: Broadway and Front or Columbus and Filbert? Public hearing Sep. 15 at 10:00. City Hall Rm 416. Alexander.jonlin@SFMTA.com. He is chairman of SFMTA Citizens advisory council. Danny provided map of current route on Broadway. Buses come and go without using Columbus north of Broadway. Business assn. opposed to Columbus loading sites. Buses are not allowed to idle at loading points. We need real data from bus operators. Talk to riders about actual usage of the services.

Trish: Piazza St. Francis. Oct. 3 hearing with MTA. Letter writing campaign. Lawrence Ferlinghetti spearheaded the project 8 years ago. Angela Alioto has addressed the emergency vehicle concerns with retractable bollards. One block of Kearny to be two ways. Mayor and Gavin Newsome are supporters.

Halloween; Sun. Oct. 29, 2:00 to 5:00 at Joe DiMaggio park. Last year we had 600 attendees. We need volunteers. Board approved to sponsor the event, \$150. Martha Mahoney, Trish, and Nestor of Tel Hi to chair the event. Architect Bruno in charge of tent, which NBN owns.

Volunteer community cleanup Sat. Sep 16, 9:00 t 1:00, Francisco Middle School.

Danny adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Ted Camesano, Acting secretary