

SF BAC minutes 4_24_2023

Monday, April 24, 2023

1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:34 pm

Present: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, D10, D11

Absent:

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

3. Approve Minutes – Approve March 27, 2023 BAC Meeting minutes

- Kristin Tieche moves, Paul Wells seconds. Unanimous. Minutes approved.

4. Public Comments -

- None.

5. Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Went to Sacramento with Walk SF and SFBC in support of AB 645 (pilot for 6 cities in CA to use cameras to enforce speed limits), in the transportation committee.• Now there is some opposition from ACLU, state police union and also privacy organizations• SPUR has 3 meetings coming up,<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 4/26 1230-130 instead of paving paradise, can we share it?○ 5/3 1230-130, Do you want to ride your bicycle, look at active communities plan○ 5/4 1230-130; Equitable bike access in San Francisco. In person at their HQ. Register in advance.• Wants to address the abstentions at our meetings. Talked to Victor, the clerk who manages the rules committee, and his comment said that he does not allow any parties to abstain from a vote. Can be excused for conflict of interest or for a planned absence. This is at the BOS level.
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• D1: there was a fatality, Ethan Boyes, 44, who was a world class record holding cyclist in the beginning of april. Happened in the Presidio. No police report as it happened on federal land.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We had a moment of silence for this first bicycle fatality in SF this year.

- Back in December 2022, Sarah Boudreau helped write a resolution to install protected bike lanes on Arguello due to a teenager who had a bike crash. The resolution became a petition that now has 2k signatures.
- Held a vigil and a slow ride in Ethan's memory to bring awareness for better bike lane now.
- Rally at City Hall where Sup Melgar who gave full support of bike lanes on Arguello.
- Attended a meeting with Supervisor Chan's office, SFMTA & SFBC and rode arguello. SFMTA said they would have a plan ready for ideas on this in 1 to 2 weeks. They saw the need for protection due to the fatality and critically injured. Additionally they said they would start construction this summer. That's the latest update we have.
- SFMTA assistant Chadwick Li would have a new BAC liaison by May.
- Sup Chan is holding a town hall meeting about D1 transportation study.
- Ride of Silence is happening on May 17, at 6pm meetup, 7pm rollout at In Chan Kaajal Park. City hall will be lit up. And ghost bike installation rideofsilencesf.org for more information
- Public comment: Parker Day, it is frustrating to know how fast SFMTA can go on and turn out a design in a couple of weeks.
 - SFBC comment: SFMTA already did some work on Arguello in the past talking to the community and doing designs in the past, but your comment is well heard.
- D2: Met with Luke Borhheimer and Nick, the legislative aide for Sup Stefani. Talked about protected bike lanes on Arguello to get something in the ground as soon as possible.
 - Wasn't at the rally but rode past the bike memorial today, and that was extremely moving.
- D3: Caught up with Supervisor and his team. They are interested in how the resolution will turn out. This is his last meeting.
- D4: had a very fun easter egg fun at taraval at the great highway. Supervisor was there to meet families. It was very nice.
- D5: No report.
- D6: Absent
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: No report.
- D9: No report. No indication of movement on Valencia,
 - SFBC: they will start construction at the end of the month
 - Chair: we have seen images of signs
- D10: Put in a request for progress with the Hairball.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We make assumptions on how people will behave based on our perceptions of behavior ● D11: No report.

6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Absent this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will have a new liaison in May
SFPD Report: Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacant
SF Bicycle Coalition: Rachel Clyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFBC went with Bert and WalkSF to Sacramento ● From talking with the Presidio Trust, they are taking this very seriously, and eager to make changes in line with what a lot of bicycle advocates are talking about. Since they are on federal land, they have different jurisdiction
SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spoke with Paul this month re the Hairball's current condition. Will report back with the cleaning schedule of the hairball. We can't always get to everything in the city, but we are working on the hairball. Also replacement to lights at the hairball. ● Email me: Clinton.otwell@sfdpw.org ● Who decides about ghost bikes, and wants to understand this ● Bert asked about the section that's bumpy and rough on Sloat between zoo and highway 35. Will send a reply as soon as he hears back. ● D8 question: had sent in some questions, is there a narrow street cleaner for bike lanes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: asked about what is the cleaning schedule and frequency of bike lanes? Some machines have had mechanical issues, and some agencies may loan them out. ○ What is the priority for bike lanes if you can't get to everything? ○ A: Cleaning as much as we can all the time. Sup Peskin & another supervisor wants to give more money for cleaning.

	<p>Needs to have a baseline of what we are currently doing, then we can do more based on that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● D3: street signs, if the city wants to add wayfinding safety advisory signs. Is DPW involved with that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: this is an MTA question. We would just install it. ● D9: can you clarify if this a personnel resource or restriction that makes it hard to address the cleaning needs of the bike lanes around the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: we are called on to clean the city to clean up the dirty reputation we have. Will have to call specifically about bike lanes and will report next month ● Public comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke: curious about the hairball. What is the best way to go about potential projects to help and give ideas for microlevel stuff. Like riding experience (small shaved down bumps, and that kind of thing) ● Chair: we've been going over the hairball intensely for years. In Caltrans committee as well. Can you review what the hairball position is in the DPW currently
<p>BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BART Bike Advisory Task Force Agenda will be posted soon here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BART Calendar - Meetings and Agendas: https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx ○ BBATF web page: https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle ● Thanks to SFBC, Rachel Clyde, who offered to put in a blurb for their newsletter. We have been inundated with applications. We would love to have more women on our task force. ● We want to have more bike programs and stay in the budget for BART, but they are plagued with low ridership and budgetary woes ● We are not chartered by the BART board. We have the opportunity to meet on zoom, which will help a lot for people to come around the. Don't have the status we thought we had with BART, officially, but they still listen to us. ● Next meeting 6-8 in June. see links above.

7. Actions to Establish Conformance with The Brown Act (Discussion) – Bert

- [Brown Act](#)
- https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5

8. Assignment of a Parliamentarian – (Action) Bert Hill

- Expert in interpreting the rules of orders for meetings, such as Robert's rules of order. It is advisory in nature.

- Nominations
 - Whitney Ericson, D2, is interested.
- No objections, she is our new Parliamentarian!

9. Agenda Development & Meeting Publication Process (Discussion) – Kristin Tieche & Melyssa Mendoza

- BAC Agenda Protocols. Establishing how a meeting is set up and the procedures we go through to get the meeting posted according to the Brown Act.
- Get draft resolutions to Bert on Wednesday before the meeting. Completed resolution to Bert by Friday on 3pm, for posting deadline on Fridays at 4pm before the meeting.
- Send slide presentations for Kristin to present on 530pm day of the meeting.
- Meeting protocols
 - Not required to have your video in virtual meetings
 - Unless you are speaking, please mute yourself out of courtesy for the rest of the meeting
 - Address all attendees with diplomacy and respect
 - Send questions to governmental organization liaison may need to do research or consult team before answering your question during a meeting

10. Development of Proposed Resolutions for Presentation & Passage (Discussion) – Kristin Tieche

- Resolution writing success strategies
- Incorporate all of your data and arguments in the resolution. Answer who what when where why and how.
- Ask for help writing the resolution, if needed, reach out to others if your project covers more than one district
- Contact city agencies or advocate organizations for data
- Use [TRANSBASE SF](#) to find data regarding collisions
- MS Word template on [dropbox](#)

11. Safety Signage for Active Transportation - (Resolution) Marc Brandt – A pilot program on Polk Street to institute safety measures like street signage to promote courtesy, safety, and mindfulness. If successful, establish a protocol for expansion across the City.

- Public comment in support of this resolution.
- Paul moves, Kristin seconds. No objections. Unanimously approved.

12. Future Night Meeting Preferences, City Hall Hearing Room or Electronically (Action) – Bert Hill

- Some committee are going back to City Hall, and some are not. Guidance is unclear for all. The question is should we voluntarily start meeting in a hearing room or do we want to stay remotely?
- D10 strongly believes we should meet in person, City Hall is where the govt is centered, etc.

- D4: if we meet in person, my attendance would be severely limited due to family obligations.
- Public comment:
 - Parker Day: As a member of the public, I want to say that I strongly support having remote meetings.
 - Vanessa Gregson: I agree with this. I appreciate being informed and having the ability to attend remotely.
- Jon Spangler: I agree with Parker Day. Alternatively, you could find a way to do hybrid meetings with both ZOOM and in-person elements.
- Rachel Clyde: As an organization that attends these meetings regularly, being remote makes it significantly easier for us to attend. I do see the argument for in-person, meetings do run more smoothly. But I cannot guarantee regular attendance of SFBike if it's in person
- D2: Remote is great with me also.
- D6: Is there any way we can track public attendance pre and post zoom?
 - D5: from what i recall offhand from taking notes since 2016, we have more public participation on zoom/remote meetings.
- D7: if we go back, we will not have a staff person to help us to make a hybrid meeting
- D1: what if we meet once or twice a year in person?
- D5: i'm in favor or continuing meeting remotely
- We will put this off for a vote for another

13. Motion to Adjourn

- Marc moves, Paul seconds. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.