

2016 Resolutions

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Full Citizens'

Advisory

Committee

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE SFPUC TO CONDUCT ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO DETERMINE THE COMMUNITY'S PREFERENCE FOR REMODELING SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY AT 1800 OAKDALE OR BUILDING A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT 1550 EVANS

WHEREAS, it is the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) mission is to provide its customers with high quality, efficient and reliable water, power, and sewer services in a manner that is inclusive of environmental and community interests, and that sustains the resources entrusted to its care; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant is the SFPUC's largest wastewater treatment plant and the SFPUC is committed to being a good neighbor by mitigating the negative impacts of its operations in the Southeast, and increasing its positive impacts on the community; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC officially adopted an Environmental Justice Policy in 2009 affirming its commitment to the goals of environmental justice and for use in connection with all SFPUC operations, programs, projects and policies; and adopted a Community Benefits Policy in 2011 to be a good neighbor to all those impacted by its activities resulting from the development and operation of its water, power and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco constructed the Southeast Community Facility (SECF) at 1800 Oakdale to address in part the adverse environmental and social impacts of constructing the Southeast Treatment Plant expansion projects during the 1970's and 1980's by providing effective workforce training and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the current SECF is underutilized and has malfunctioning mechanical systems, an outdated design and layout with unusable space, multiple entrances, limited parking, and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC has also been working to increase community use of the current community center through new community engagement staff on the ground, an improved website and social media campaign, monthly tenant collaboration meetings, and a renewed partnership with the Southeast Community Facility Commission,

WHEREAS, as the SFPUC invests in the Sewer System Improvement Program, the SFPUC is exploring the possibility of building a new community center at 1550 Evans Ave., a site that the SFPUC originally purchased with the intention to build a new facility to centralize all of the SFPUC staff in the southeast side of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State University, City College, and San Francisco Unified School District are exploring the possibility of building a separate academic campus adjacent to 1550 Evans which could align to provide educational and jobs pipelines for students; and

WHEREAS, the SFPUC will decide either to remodel the existing SECF at 1800 Oakdale OR to build a new community center at 1550 Evans and relocate the anchor tenants at 1800 Oakdale to the new community center;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SFPUC's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), which was created to give voice and representation to residents, community, and environmental stakeholders within San Francisco, supports the efforts of the SFPUC to conduct robust community engagement to determine the community's preference for remodeling SECF at 1800 Oakdale or building a new community center at 1550 Evans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SFPUC's CAC urges the SFPUC staff to develop scenarios with budgets that would inform the community engagement process and describe the scope and scale of 1) the remodeling at the existing Southeast Community Facility at 1800 Oakdale with robust workforce and educational programming and 2) the construction of a new community center at 1550 Evans with potential educational partnerships;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SFPUC's CAC urges that the Commission to recommit to honoring the original agreement developed after the expansion of the Southeast Treatment Plant by supporting a community center that provides workforce and educational opportunities for the residents of the southeast San Francisco.

As Adopted by the Full Citizens' Advisory Committee on January 19, 2016.

RESOLUTION ON THE IMPACTS OF DROUGHT ON SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

Presented by Jennifer Clary, Chair, Water subcommittee; Nicole Sandkulla, member, Water subcommittee

Whereas, the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) has invested \$4.8 billion in ratepayer funds over the last decade to support and maintain the long-term viability of the water supply for more than 2.6 million Bay Area residents;

Whereas, continued investment in maintenance and capital improvements is essential in order to avoid the pre-WSIP vulnerability of the San Francisco Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System;

Whereas, the success of San Francisco ratepayers in conserving water over the past 2 years of drought has reduced the revenues of the SFPUC, including the Water Enterprise;

Whereas, regional water customers, despite their successful conservation efforts and related reduction in revenues, have not reduced their support for the system and continue to pay their proportionate share of costs to operate the Regional Water System; and

Whereas, the SFPUC Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has consistently expressed its support for adequately maintaining the system and protecting the ratepayers' investment;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the CAC urges the Water Enterprise to make public its analysis of the potential impact of drought-related revenue shortfalls to the 2016-2018 maintenance and capital improvement budgets of the Enterprise;

Further Resolved, that the CAC urges the SFPUC to adjust its practices for long-term revenue projections to include an analysis based on the increased likelihood of drought due to climate change.

As Adopted by the Full Citizens' Advisory Committee on January 19, 2016.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ON THE BALBOA RESERVOIR

Presented by Wendy Aragon, Jennifer Clary and Kelly Groth

WHEREAS, The Balboa Reservoir is uniquely situated next to one of our most important workforce development institutions, the City College of San Francisco, which serves over 80,000 students and 2,000 employees from all over the Bay Area, located in close proximity to regional transit infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Balboa Reservoir is a 17.7 acre piece of property that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has been leased to City College of San Francisco (CCSF) for student and faculty parking; and

WHEREAS, Public stakeholder input on the future use of the Balboa Reservoir site is currently facilitated through the Balboa Reservoir Citizens' Advisory Committee which meets monthly to hear diverse stakeholder perspectives on draft site design parameters for possible site development; and

WHEREAS, The future land use of the Balboa Reservoir is determined by whether or not the property is necessary to meet the short-, mid-, and long-term needs of current and future SFPUC ratepayers, as determined by SFPUC; and

WHEREAS, The Balboa Reservoir, if not necessary to meet the needs of SFPUC ratepayers and if declared to be surplus property by SFPUC, can help meet the objectives of the Balboa Park Station Area Plan adopted in 2009 that includes policies designed to increase affordable housing for a variety of incomes; create and provide public open space; knit together isolated areas of the neighborhood; integrate diverse land uses with the area's commercial and transit corridors; design safe streets for walking, biking and public transit; and

WHEREAS, Addressing traffic congestion; alleviating parking needs; building sustainable and cohesive communities; improving neighborhood design; increasing open space access; and improving pedestrian safety are priority concerns for existing residents; and

WHEREAS, Voters have made the development of affordable housing a priority by passing Proposition K in 2014, which created a city policy to construct or rehabilitate 30,000 new housing units by 2020, with at least one-third of those permanently affordable to low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development has made development of affordable housing a priority by establishing its Public Lands for Housing Program goals of building 4,000 units on public land by 2020 and 50% affordable to low and moderate incomes; and the Balboa Reservoir is the first site to be studied for this program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the SFPUC's Citizens' Advisory Committee, which was created to give voice and representation to residents, the community, and environmental stakeholders to create opportunities for meaningful community participation in development and implementation of SFPUC's policies and programs, support a thorough analysis and consideration by SFPUC on

whether the current Balboa Reservoir land is necessary to meet any short-, mid-, and long-term SFPUC ratepayer needs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFPUC's Citizens' Advisory Committee supports a community-based and consensus-driven process to develop the terms and conditions, including but not limited to: zoning, urban design and traffic management, for a potential urban project at the Balboa Reservoir site, should it be declared surplus property by SFPUC; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, If declared to be surplus property, that the SFPUC's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) supports the dedicated use of the Balboa Reservoir toward 50 to 100 percent affordable housing for mixed income levels, with priority outreach to faculty and staff of CCSF, and other local public schools within 4-6 miles, and an enforceable mechanism to ensure permanent affordability for affordable housing units developed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFPUC's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) supports the consideration by SFPUC, in evaluating a potential real estate proposal concerning the Balboa Reservoir site, if declared to be surplus, of all feasible transaction options including but not limited to a sale or a long-term lease in a manner which ensures a fair market value return to SFPUC ratepayers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The site developer should work with CCSF to ensure that its future Performing Arts Center, and any event parking needs, can be sufficiently met by development of the site; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That possible future site development at Balboa Reservoir should accommodate sustainable environmental practices, including feasible on-site renewable energy generation, the installation of water sub-metering, rainwater cisterns and graywater systems, in addition to the required stormwater management plan that reduces the impact of the development on the wastewater infrastructure.

As adopted by the Full Citizens' Advisory Committee on March 15, 2016.

Resolution of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Supporting Stewardship and Public Access in the Redeveloped Lake Merced West Property

WHEREAS, Lake Merced is controlled by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and classified as an emergency water supply; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreations and Parks Department (RPD), under a Memorandum of Understanding with the SFPUC, manages recreational resources and Significant Natural Areas at Lake Merced; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC managed the lease for the now-vacated tenants who operated a gun range at Lake Merced West; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has invested in the cleanup of Lake Merced, spending approximately \$22 million in excavating and remediating contaminated soil on the Lake Merced West site to remove high levels of lead, arsenic, and other dangerous contaminants left from the previous tenant; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and San Francisco Recreation and Parks department seek a tenant at Lake Merced West, whose potential recreational development will activate the site and improve public engagement within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, Recreation and Park staff recommend and envision potential property improvements that will provide opportunities for the public to take advantage of and enjoyment in the lakeside setting; and

WHEREAS, Providing a publically accessible and affordable new recreational development will allow San Francisco residents of all ages the ability to benefit from the future facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizens Advisory Committee recommends that any proposed use for Lake Merced West integrate several amenities including meaningful and affordable public access to and promotion of use of the facilities on the lake, preservation of the watershed, and accessibility to the water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any development on this site complies with the SFPUC Environmental Stewardship Policy, which states that the agency will “proactively manage the watersheds under its responsibility in a manner that maintains the integrity of the natural resources, restores habitats for native species, and enhances ecosystem function.”

As adopted by the Full Citizens’ Advisory Committee on March 15, 2016.

A Resolution of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission honoring the life, activism, and contributions of Dr. Espanola Jackson to the local community.

WHEREAS, On January 24, 2016, Dr. Espanola Jackson passed away at the age of eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, Known as "Mother Jackson" and recognized by USA Weekend Sunday Times for her "family values," Dr. Espanola Jackson epitomized a loving spirit through her smile, humor, and unconditional love for the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson embodied the true spirit of a community leader by educating dozens of mayors and elected officials about the inequalities in race, education, and income around the Bay Area to garner their support and effect change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson tirelessly worked towards improving the lives of African Americans as well as the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe because she had a love for the City and County of San Francisco, especially the Bayview-Hunters Point; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson exhibited the soul and heart of the Bayview-Hunters Point because she helped those who were struggling to pay their rent, shared a meal with those who could not afford one, and actively spread her message around the neighborhood from door-to-door; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson enhanced the African American community through her dedication and wealth of knowledge, and expressed these qualities in her duties as founder and Chairperson of several Committees as well as a member of many outreach associations, including the Black Human Rights Leadership Council, San Francisco Democratic Woman's Forum, California Association for Health, Education, and Dignity, Inc., San Francisco Joint Housing Committee, New Bayview Committee, California State Welfare Rights Council, San Francisco Civil Jury Commission, and the Economic Opportunity Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson was instrumental in growing the next generation of leaders because she both informed and inspired young people to become active civic participants; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson worked with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to improve their operations around the Bayview and San Francisco, through her service on the SFPUC's Southeast Digesters Task Force and the Southeast Working Group, and advocated for modernizing the Southeast Treatment Plant to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson embodied the spirit of the SFPUC Citizen's Advisory Committee to give voice to the diverse residents in SFPUC's service territory, particularly for the residents who are most impacted by the SFPUC's operations and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson was a champion of clean energy and an early and prominent adopter of solar panels in her neighborhood. She was a strong and vocal advocate of GoSolarSF to bring solar energy to low income communities; and

WHEREAS, Due to the Bayview-Hunters Point's need for a collegiate institution, Dr. Espanola Jackson played a pivotal role in the creation of the Southeast Community Facility where local residents could receive an education to pursue careers in fields such as biotechnology and nursing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Espanola Jackson's list of accomplishments have been honored and recognized by Mayors Frank Jordan and Willie L. Brown, the Sun Reporter as Woman of the Year, the USEPA Region 9 Federal Woman's Program, the San Francisco Magazine, and many others; and

WHEREAS, The community was near and dear to her heart, and until her last day, Dr. Espanola Jackson continued to speak about issues affecting the public. Her legacy will continue to impact the lives of those grateful for her countless endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Citizens' Advisory Committee hereby honors the life of Dr. Espanola Jackson who will be remembered as a dedicated and tireless leader within the City and County of San Francisco.

As adopted by the Full Citizens' Advisory Committee on April 19, 2016.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION URGING THE SFPUC COMMISSION TO INITIATE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR BUILDING A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT THIRD AND EVANS AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AN INTERIM GREENHOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Presented by Wendy Aragon, Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee and member of the Wastewater CAC

WHEREAS, It is the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) mission is to provide its customers with high quality, efficient and reliable water, power, and sewer services in a manner that is inclusive of environmental and community interests, and that sustains the resources entrusted to its care; and

WHEREAS, The Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant is the SFPUC's largest wastewater treatment plant, and the SFPUC is committed to being a good neighbor by mitigating the negative impacts of its operations in the Southeast and increasing its positive impacts on the community; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco constructed the Southeast Community Facility (SECF) at 1800 Oakdale to mitigate, in-part, the adverse environmental and social impacts of constructing the Southeast Treatment Plant expansion projects during the 1970's and 1980's by providing effective workforce training and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC officially adopted an Environmental Justice Policy in 2009 affirming its commitment to the goals of environmental justice and for use in connection with all SFPUC operations, programs, projects and policies; and adopted a Community Benefits Policy in 2011 to be a good neighbor to all those impacted by its activities resulting from the development and operation of its water, power and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, The current SECF is underutilized and has malfunctioning mechanical systems, an outdated design and layout with unusable space, multiple entrances, and limited parking; and

WHEREAS, The Greenhouse will be vacated in December 2016, and an interim, community-driven Greenhouse Plan needs to be in place until the full rebuild of the Greenhouses; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has been working to increase community use of the current community center through new community engagement staff on the ground, an improved website and social media campaign, monthly tenant collaboration meetings, and a renewed partnership with the Southeast Community Facility Commission; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC directed staff to conduct a robust community engagement process to determine the community's preference for remodeling the Southeast Community Facility at 1800 Oakdale, or building a new Community Center at Third and Evans, and to determine programmatic options to continue to meet the environmental justice, and educational and workforce development goals outlined in the mitigation as a part of the greenhouse programming; and

WHEREAS, SFPUC staff developed scenarios that would inform the community engagement process and described the scope and scale of: (1) the remodeling at the existing Southeast Community Facility at 1800 Oakdale with robust workforce and educational programming; (2) the construction of a new

community center at Third and Evans with potential educational partnerships; and (3) options for an interim program that would reflect the environmental justice, and education and workforce development goals from the original mitigation; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State University, City College of San Francisco, and San Francisco Unified School District are exploring the possibility of co-locating with the SFPUC at Third and Evans to provide educational and jobs pipelines for students; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has gathered input from the existing tenants at 1800 Oakdale on options to remodel the new community center or build a new community center at Third and Evans; and

WHEREAS, From January to August 2016, the SFPUC held extensive public outreach that included a door-to-door campaign of 2,400 households, **13 focus groups, 10 presentations, and 20 community events**, including street fairs such as 3rd on Third and Sunday Streets; and

WHEREAS, In this process over 1,000 **people were surveyed, 67% of whom lived in the 94124 Zip Code**; and of those respondents who indicated a preference for renovating or building new, **71% prefer to build a new community** center on Third and Evans; and

WHEREAS, Additional input confirm the strong preference for a new building including a **62% preference** for a brand new center with modern architecture over renovation of a 1980's building (23%); **66% prefer** more on-site parking and accessibility by the light rail and bus; **62% prefer** a green building that is energy efficiency over interior retrofit of a building to improve energy efficiency (21%); **54% prefer** a community center along the commercial Third Street Corridor over a residential setting (26%); and, **65% prefer** a building with more open green space; and

WHEREAS, Of the respondents who indicated a preference for an interim Greenhouse Plan, approximately 60% prefer a grant program to community-based organizations in Bayview that support environmental justice and job training opportunities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the SFPUC's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), which was created to give voice and representation to residents, community, and environmental stakeholders within San Francisco, urges the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to initiate planning and environmental review for building a new community center at Third and Evans that would prioritize and benefit existing residents; and further directs staff to develop an interim green-house environmental and workforce development program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SFPUC's CAC urges that the Commission commit to honoring the legacy of the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood in the new Southeast Community Facility; ensure the original mitigation agreement is fulfilled; provide adequate oversight by the Southeast Community Facility Commission; and support a community center that provides workforce and educational opportunities for the residents of Southeast San Francisco.

As adopted by the Full Citizens' Advisory Committee on October 18, 2016.