

South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting

MINUTES

09.12.16

6:00PM-7:00 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM
HARBOR SERVICES BUILDING
AT PIER 40A

ATTENDEES	4 Officers, 3 Directors, 2 presenters, 25 members/neighbors
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NEXT MEETING: 10.10.16

TOPIC	Embarcadero Safety Issues / Prop Q Prohibiting Tents on Public Sidewalks
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- **WELCOME** (Katy Liddell)

- **EMBARCADERO SAFETY ISSUES**

- Casey Hildreth of the SFMTA presented an update on the short-term changes that will be implemented soon along the Embarcadero promenade in an effort to address various safety issues that have been raised. They include the following:
 - Improve bike lanes by extending the green paint further south for better visibility. This also includes the northbound block by Waterbar and Epic Roasthouse (at Folsom Street).
 - Add 'advanced stop bars' (ahead of the pedestrian crossing lines) for both cars and bikes.
 - Add the pedestrian 'head start' crossing light at each intersection so that pedestrians can enter the intersection before a car makes a right turn.
 - Add stenciled signage on the pavement (between South Beach and the Ferry Building) to remind all that the Embarcadero promenade is a shared path.

A resident suggested additional signage on the pavement at each pedestrian crosswalk to 'look both ways' before entering intersection.

Coming up in November, the SFMTA will schedule an 'open house' (and send out a flyer) regarding the Embarcadero Enhancement Project. To learn more about this project, go to: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/embarcadero-enhancement-project>. Followed by Q&A.

- **PROP 'Q' – Prohibiting Tents on Public Sidewalks**

- Jess Montejano, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mark Farrell, presented the "**Yes on Prop Q**" argument, stating that the tent encampment population has tripled since 2013, that DPW spends \$5M annually to clean them up, and that the SFPD receives 11,000 calls per month regarding encampments. Prop Q is meant to create a process: it makes tent encampments illegal, gives 24 hour notice to those in the encampments that they must vacate if there is a bed available for them, and offers them available spaces in shelters, supportive housing, or a Navigation Center; it also connects them to the Homeward Bound program (they are given a one-way bus ticket to return home if they are not from San Francisco). Jess stated that two new Navigation Centers are opening soon. Prop Q allows for flexibility on the type of service/help the homeless need; it is an entry point into our system of care. For more info on "Yes on Q", go to <http://www.housingnottents.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/HousingNotTents/>. Contact Norman Rodriguez at Norman@HousingNotTents.com or (845) 489-4875 with any questions.
- Quintin Mecke of the Coalition for Homelessness, presented the "**No on Prop Q**" argument, stating that Prop Q does not provide a pathway to housing. There's no new housing money in it, and so no new shelters being built. Currently San Francisco has 1300 shelter beds. However, the homeless population is 6,686 plus 850 youth plus 900 families. We don't need Prop Q. There's already a system in place, albeit it a slower one than we would like, that does outreach to the homeless

to help get them off the streets and into housing. If Prop Q passes, we will not see any visible changes to the current homeless population. Quintin advises they do not yet have a "No on Q" website, but offers this Chronicle endorsement of "No on Q": <http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/Editorial-9213838.php>
For more info, contact Quintin at Q.Mecke@gmail.com

For more info on Prop Q, go to: <http://sfgov.org/elections/local-ballot-measure-status>

After each side made their presentation, there was a Q&A.

- **NEXT MEETING**

- Our next scheduled NA Meeting will be Monday October 10th