

SBRMBNA Board Meeting via Zoom
Thursday April 15, 2021
5:30pm to 7pm

All Board members present: Alice Rogers, Katy Liddell, Gary Pegueros, Peggy Fahnestock, Bruce Agid, Mike Anthony, Sudeep Paul

Agenda:

1: Level of NA engagement with RescueSF

The Board discussed the pros and cons of engaging with RescueSF. Better to be on the 'inside' and engaged as a member / partner with the ability to voice our opinion and provide feedback when needed. We agreed that our approach should be same as our engagement with the Vision Zero coalition.

2. Does the NA Board wish to write a letter to the Budget and Finance Committee regarding the legislation related to "A Place For All"?

The Board discussed the legislation. It was agreed that the legislation does not address 'all' of the unhoused, specifically the 42% of unhoused residents who are more challenging (due to mental health issues, drug addiction) as well as those who do not want to enter into supportive housing facilities. More details are needed such as cost analysis for Safe Sleeping Sights vs. other supportive housing options, safety of the neighborhoods impacted these Safe Sleeping Sights.

Given that districts 6 and 10 are the two most impacted by this issue, the Board wondered what Matt Haney's thoughts are about this legislation as he has not publicly supported it nor made any comments. As he chairs the Budget and Finance Committee, we will wait for the 4/21 Budget and Finance Committee meeting to hear what he has to say. RescueSF also plans to schedule a meeting with Matt Haney. The Board suggested we email Matt to ask him about his thoughts on this legislation.

3. How can we engage more residents / increase attendance at our meetings?

The reality is that we are competing with other meetings and events (a Giants game same night as our 4/12 NA meeting). Social Media such as NextDoor has been used to promote some of our meetings, but we have not seen any significant increase in attendance. Katy and Alice commented that at our 4/12 meeting there were several new faces in attendance which is a positive sign. The topic of our meetings has an impact as well. In the case of 'homelessness', we recognize that some residents just do not want to engage. "Hot Topic" issues tend to draw more folks in.

4. Upcoming NA Meetings:

May -- Mission Rock update (a NA-members walking tour of the site is being discussed for a later date)

June -- Congestion Pricing (follow up meeting)

July -- co-host with The East Cut CBD with guest speakers talking about the Affordable Housing / Senior Housing project planned for the Temporary Transbay Terminal site.

Gary has reached out to DEM (Department of Emergency Management) to request a speaker for an upcoming NA meeting.

Alice also mentioned updates on the Piers 30/32 and 38/40 projects. Date TBD pending more information.

5. "Meet-and-Greet" coming to NA meetings. In an effort to support neighborhood local small businesses, we will ask 1 or 2 local businesses to join us at the beginning of each meeting for a quick (few minutes) introduction. Gary will head up this effort. Any suggestions for 'candidates' should be sent to Gary.