



Streetscapes and Public Realm Committee

July 11, 2023 – 9:30am - 11:00am
Hybrid via Zoom and 291 Geary Street, Suite 200

MINUTES

In attendance

Committee members and guests: Manuela King (Chair), Darcy Brown, Evan Kaiser, Karin Flood, Tammy Brock, Jim Chappel, Russ Keil III, Yann Taylor, Taylor, Nigel Sussman, Bette McDonnell, Casey Neuburger, Pamela Garvey, Teddy V.

Staff members: Ken Rich (COO), Eva Schouten (Public Realm Associate), Caitlin Keller (Intern)

Call to Order & Roll Call

Observing a quorum present, Manuela King called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Introductions were made.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. **Action:** To approve May 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Action: The committee unanimously approved the May 2023 committee meeting minutes as motioned by Evan Kaiser and seconded by Jim Chappel

3. **Presentation: BART/MUNI Canopy Living Roofs project by Bette McDonnell, Nature in the City's Donor Relations Director**

Bette McDonnell presented a proposal for living canopy roofs on all the BART/Muni canopies, seeking support from the Alliance. The presentation included detailing sponsorship levels, logistics, locations, partners, and city involvement. Committee members asked questions surrounding logistics, sources of funding, irrigation of the canopies, maintenance, and cost.

Action: The committee approved drafting of a letter of support for the project.

4. **Presentation: Hallidie Plaza Mural**

Nigel Sussman presented a proposal for the Hallidie Plaza Mural. He showed two proposed designs, showed past projects, and the project's cost. The committee asked about the mural's visibility, the project's longevity, and maintenance. The committee emphasized a need for more Union Square-specific iconography in future versions of this mural.



Action: The committee approved Nigel Sussman as the artist for the Hallidie Plaza mural.

5. Flower Stand Removal and Replacement

The committee discussed interpretive signage as a possible replacement for the flower stand with a slideshow presented by Manuela King. It was concluded to look into the possibility and different options.

6. Powell Street Promenade Update

The Alliance proposed taking on a project for the improvement of Powell Street Promenade based on allocated funding available from the City. The committee discussed potential costs of improvements and whether the Alliance should only handle the schematic design of the project as opposed to Development Design as well. Committee members expressed the desire to have an August meeting focused solely on plans for Powell Street.

7. Project Updates

a. R-Evolution

- i. Manuela shared that the R-Evolution station is available starting in August. Unfortunately, the dedicated funds have been allocated elsewhere so the Alliance cannot take on this project at the time.

b. Discussion of project updates did not occur due to the meeting's time constraints.

- ii. Union Square in Bloom & events
- iii. Selle Photo Project
- iv. Light Art Project
- v. C3R funding
- vi. Holidays 2023

8. Adjournment & upcoming meetings and events

- b. Union Square Alliance Board meeting: July 27, 2023, at 9:00am
- c. Union Square Foundation meeting: August 17 at 9:00a.m.
- d. Streetscapes & Public Realm Committee: September 14, 2023, at 9:30am