

Peace Plaza Meeting
April 23rd, 2019
Start 5:10

- I. Update on Historic Preservation Commission Presentation
 - A. Informational Hearing was held last Wednesday, Michael held a presentation going over the process
 - B. Concerned with historic preservation
 - C. The commissioners were concerned with the usage of trees other than Cherry Blossoms; stated the monument on Post and Buchanan and the rock should be placed together; some said the water feature should be a “dry water” concept
 - D. The pathway between the East/West mall was favored because it was part of the original design but it also blocks the view of the Peace Plaza
 - E. Peace Plaza will be considered for landmarking after renovation

- II. Update on Municipal Transit Agency support
 - A. Met with the Director and spoke specifically that MTA should be active partners in the process
 - B. MTA was supportive of the project and wanted to be partners with Rec & Park
 - C. Maintenance could potentially coincide with the renovation of the Plaza
 - D. Overall it was a positive discussion and a majority of the departments were on board

- III. Review and Approval of Concept Design
 - A. Michael presented a refined design along with an overall vision plan accounting for the moderator’s notes of the previous meetings
 - B. Main takeaway: generally, people were very happy and the comments were consistent with the survey results
 - C. People were least happy with the distribution of activity elements in the Plaza
 - D. Entry wall design was favored over the pillars, water mirror option was favored over the water table, lights were favored to represent the Eternal Flame rather than a sculpture, and the Shoji screen was favored over the mural on Geary
 - E. The info hearing at the Commission determined the reinterpretation of certain elements was favored over going with the original design
 - F. Concerts surrounding the water feature in the center of the Plaza
 - G. Letters of support should lean towards community engagement and should be ready by the next Capital Committee meeting will be held June 5th; should also be prepared to present at the Full Commission hearing
 - H. Letters should be written by May 31st
 - I. Commission’s approval of concept design is essential
 - J. RHAA is considered the “cultural design consultant” in this process

- IV. Park Bond organizing

- A. Community process will be necessary for bond prioritization, planned for Fall 2019
 - B. \$255 million park bond will be used to fund the full cost of the renovation, if the funds are not fully allocated we must consider other sources of funding
- V. Other Business
- A. Motion of recommendation to the Full Board that the concept design be approved
 - B. London Breed and Fiona Ma made comments about the Peace Plaza renovation and put their word to assist with available funds for renovation
- VI. Public Comment
- A. n/a
- VII. Next Meeting

End 6:05

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