

Discover Polk Meeting Minutes - Board Retreat - April 5th, 2023
Academy of Art SF Conference Room
1849 Washington St. SF, CA 94123

Director Bleiman - Calls meeting to order at 845am

-General Public Comment

-Vanessa Himelblau and Matt Hairfield from the neighborhood looking to get to know the community and groups

Ben - approval of last meeting minutes.

-Mike P, motion. Johanna Approved

Ben - excited about the board retreat Public safety is going to be the core tenant.

-Supervisor Stefani

-Together SF -

-Donna from 1760 to discuss community group, grassroots neighborhood watch

-Latter part of retreat will be marketing, streetscapes.

StreetPlus update - #3 started training today, had trouble maintaining staff. Jeremy starts today.

-Cleveland and crew doing great work. 55% of budget is for cleaning.

Safety update - continued issues with breakins, package theft,

Communication side - media manager collecting info, newsletter going out monthly

Streetscapes and activation - in contract for 24 hanging planters. Arrive on May 5th, on every corner on every intersection. 3visits per week for maintenance. Applied for grant that if approved will cover the cost.

-Grant , 15K+ grant awarded by OEWD for more big bellies

-Picking on the Polk, 4/22 partnered with Aquarium to bring out ecology and earth training.

-2 blocks will be closed.

-Music is stellar this year, main stage in front of Shanghai's, Bird kid school through headliner. 12-6pm that evening, almost every open restaurant or business will have some musical performance in their establishment.

-poster paloosa tomorrow 10am to hang posters

Questions, for board?

-Melody, Big Bellies, where are they going?

-Ben, 4 are waiting Lord stanley, Toast, next grant gets us 9 more. Sites are not yet identified.

Al cans are none mechanical.

-Camera, 6 to be installed throughout the neighborhood. As well as metal signs

-goal is to deter and capute images of repeat offenders. Toast, Jackson Polk, Golden Gate Cross fit, will share complete list and should be installed later this month. We will have access to these cameras.

Joahnna, -SFMTA, can we get them involved? They need more policing.

Ben, we will try.

-Melody, can we get the camera policy opened up. In other neighborhoods we have found neighbors want to know where they are and if they are available to them should they be in need.
-Ben, Cameras are property of businesses but per the agreement we will be able to access them.

Director report

Vanessa, what's going on with Lombardis and Green Apple

Ben - history of Lombardi's, Big Apple will reopen as indoor children's playground. WOW childrens and Pancho's just got leased to fast casual dumpling spot.

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Public comment closed.

Last item:

Nominate and elect 3 new board members.

-Ethel Reddy - local SF native with BofA for 39years and personal beauty businesss for 30 years. CYC, sits on numerous boards throughout SF and Canada. Wants to be a part, lives in 1776 since it's opening, watched area change and never been too involved. But known many people in the neighborhood for along time. Looking to add value and watch neighborhood grow., Jake, question? What are you most excited to work on.

Ethel, events, new merchants to the area, helping businesses grow. Would like to bring in fashion shows, SF fashion week, etc...activate exisitng stores to get them involved.

Ben - Bill Motion's to approve, Jake 2nds. No public comment.

Vote is approved unanimously.

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-Chris Gembinski. - from Sacramento, moved to SF for school at 18. Into polk area 2010/11/12. Joined middle Polk, part of original CBD drive. Member of lower polk and looking to give back to the area. He's got free time!

Jake, most excited about. Public safety and small business.

Johanna Motion, Bill 2nd. No Public comment.

Vote approved unanimously

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-Paige not present.

Adjourned at -