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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO HELD ON THE  
6TH DAY OF JUNE 2023**

The members of the Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure of the City and County of San Francisco met in a regular meeting in person at 1:00 p.m. on the 6th day of June 2023.

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**1. Recognition of a Quorum**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Ludlum. Vice-Chair Ludlum welcomed new Commissioner Vanessa Aquino to OCII. He stated that Ms. Aquino works full-time at the San Francisco Airport and is on the Board of the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association. She was also a former member of the Human Rights Commission. Roll call was taken.

Commissioner Aquino - present  
Commissioner Drew - absent  
Commissioner Scott - present  
Vice-Chair Ludlum - present  
Chair Brackett - absent

Commissioner Drew was absent; Chair Brackett arrived late. All other Commissioners were present.

**2. Announcements**

- a) The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be held **in person** on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm at City Hall in Room 416.

- b) **Announcement of Prohibition of Sound Producing Electronic Devices during the Meeting:**  
Please be advised that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing of or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic device.
- c) **Announcement of Time Allotment for Public Comments from participants dialing in:**  
Please be advised that a member of the public has up to three minutes to make pertinent public comments on each agenda item unless the Commission adopts a shorter period on any item. We recommend that members of the public who are attending the meeting in person fill out a "Speaker Card" and submit the completed card to the Commission Secretary. All dial-in participants from the public will be instructed to call a toll-free number and use their touch-tone phones to provide any public comment. Audio prompts will signal to dial-in participants when their audio input has been enabled for commenting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN:** 1-415-655-0001 **ACCESS CODE:** 2591 160 8939

Secretary Cruz read the updated instructions for the public to call in.

- 3. Report on actions taken at previous Closed Session meeting - None**
- 4. Matters of Unfinished Business - None**
- 5. Matters of New Business:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 2, 2023

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

Commissioner Scott motioned to move Item 5(a) and Commissioner Aquino seconded that motion.

Secretary Cruz called for a voice vote on Item 5(a).

Commissioner Aquino - yes  
Commissioner Drew - absent  
Commissioner Scott - yes  
Vice-Chair Ludlum - yes  
Chair Brackett - yes

**ADOPTION:** IT WAS VOTED BY THREE COMMISSIONERS WITH TWO ABSENCES THAT APPROVAL FOR THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023, BE ADOPTED.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Agenda Item Nos. 5(b) and 5(c) related to the Mission Bay Open Space system were presented together but acted on separately**

- b) Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the City and County of San Francisco, acting through its Recreation and Parks Department, for the property management and maintenance of certain parcels within the Mission Bay Open Space system starting July 1, 2023, for a maximum amount not to exceed \$950,000 for a Six-Month Budget consistent with the Approved Budget for

Community Facilities District No. 5; Mission Bay North and South Redevelopment Project Areas  
(Discussion and Action) (Resolution No. 18-2023)

- c) Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Port of San Francisco, for the property management and maintenance of certain parcels within the Mission Bay Open Space system starting July 1, 2023, for a maximum amount not to exceed \$510,000 for a Six-Month Budget consistent with the Approved Budget for Community Facilities District No. 5; Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project Areas (Discussion and Action) (Resolution No. 19-2023)

Presenters: Thor Kaslofsky, Executive Director; Marc Slutzkin, Mission Bay Project Manager; Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, SF Rec & Park; Vince Courtney, Laborer's International Union of North America (LIUNA); Jim Morales, General Counsel and Deputy Director

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers: Sarah Davis, resident Mission Bay (MB) houseboat community and Chair, CAC; Oscar James, native resident Bayview Hunters Point

Ms. Davis stated that her family moved to MB in the 1980's, built the first park in MB and the first community garden. She stated that what was seen in MB today was the history that the first residents had built over the past 40 years. As CAC representative, Ms. Davis indicated that they were in support of this process; however, many residents were concerned about the changes to come. Ms. Davis expressed excitement about becoming part of the City park system and expanding the Port.

Mr. James stated that he was in support of this project. He indicated that he wanted a training program to be set up to bring people into Union 261, which he was a member of many years ago and where he was provided training and learned a skill. Mr. James recalled that MB was a Model Cities project when he was a Model Cities Commissioner. He stated that he was eager to have people learn the history of MB.

Commissioner Scott thanked staff for the presentation and the information given. She was pleased to hear about the workforce development and the training that may come out of that. Ms. Scott inquired about how they would advertise the training opportunity and get the information out to the community.

Mr. Ginsburg responded that they had been administering an apprenticeship program for 13 years and used a variety of outreach channels within the community to disseminate the info. He explained that they partnered with several different organizations, including the Shipyard and India Basin. He stated that they also partnered with the A. Philip Randolph Institute to help with community outreach and had over 80,000 people who read their newsletter, in which work opportunities were publicized. He reported that they worked with the Human Rights Commission, the Human Services Agency, and the Department of Human Resources. Mr. Ginsburg proposed that they work with OCII as well to advertise the pre-apprenticeship as well as their apprenticeship programs. He commented that their reach into the community had gotten deeper over the years.

Commissioner Scott stated that she had met Mr. Ginsburg previously at Indian Basin, so she was familiar with their activities. She inquired about the Rec & Park summer camps and whether they were still available.

Mr. Ginsburg responded in the affirmative and stated that they had over 80 summer camps going on throughout the City with over 8,000 children signed up for them. He announced that all children in public housing had free access to those camps and that those families were able to preregister. He also described Requity, a mobile recreation program, specifically designed to bring recreation programs to the communities rather than waiting for the community to come to them. He described several of their ongoing programs, including youth evening activities.

Commissioner Scott was pleased with the Requity program and inquired about whether they would be willing to come to the community to talk to youth there about job opportunities and describe those jobs.

Mr. Ginsburg responded in the affirmative to Commissioner Scott's invitation.

Vice-Chair Ludlum inquired about whether this item could be continued.

Mr. Morales responded that any item could be continued with a majority vote. However, he clarified that this MB contract for the current maintenance would expire at the end of this month so there was some urgency to act on this item.

Vice-Chair Ludlum stated that he had attended several of the CAC meetings, where many of the residents had complained sharply about the maintenance and service, specifically regarding dog runs and dog poop bags. Mr. Ludlum asserted that it was a high priority for OCII that the level of service would not diminish when operations were transferred to Rec & Park. He inquired about whether dog runs could continue to stock poop bags. Mr. Ludlum stated that, according to the Chronicle, 50% of commercial areas had feces on the sidewalk.

Mr. Ginsburg stated that their policy was not to stock dog bags in any of their 27 off-leash dog parks citywide, because they wanted to encourage dog owners to bring their own bags and if needed, ask another dog owner for one. Mr. Ginsburg clarified that because they took their horticultural resources seriously, they would rather attend to horticultural activities rather than stock dog bags. However, he acknowledged that this process was about change and he responded that they would be supplying dog bags for the near term so people don't have to feel like there is a diminishing of service.

Commissioner Aquino thanked staff and guest speakers for their presentation. She inquired about whether Mr. Ginsburg was attending the CAC and neighborhood association meetings such as the Potrero Hill, the Bayview and many others to address the opportunities in the area. She also inquired about whether they would they be willing to hold events to promote the workshops.

Mr. Ginsburg responded that they were very familiar with these neighborhoods and that a large part of their work was community engagement. He mentioned one individual, who was but one person of a very large team of recreation staff that did this work as well as HR staff that posted citywide job fairs all over the City. Mr. Ginsburg explained that their India Basin program was based on a model called Equitable Development Planning, in which they were about to deepen their engagement. He responded that they attended hundreds of community meetings every year and that they also provided resources in multiple languages.

Chair Brackett stated that she remembered growing up in the City with parks that were not functioning or available. She requested more information regarding access to WIFI for areas like Bayview and others who do might not have access to online services to register for summer programs or access to water, water parks and piers.

Mr. Ginsburg responded that waterfront access and recreation was at the heart of their India Basin project, which was one of the City's most significant park investments ever, including 1.7 miles of continuous waterfront open space, which had previously been shut off from the Bayview. He noted that this was a deeply important project for a community which had to shoulder many obstacles and which had been cut off from City amenities. Private money had been raised so that all Bayview youth and family members who wanted water safety and swim classes would be able to get them along with the Bayview YMCA. Mr. Ginsburg added that to help with registration, they had provided early registration access to Bayview families before the rest of the City got it. Through the Requity program, in addition to online registration, they had onsite family registration at many of their facilities. He pointed out that they served 7,000-8,000 City children and scholarship recipients made up about 40% of their registrants.

Chair Brackett referred to small business vending and inquired about how they would handle that. She was pleased that they were willing to provide doggy bags. She pointed out that in 2019 San Francisco became the top city for dogs and pets and with that came an increase in dog poop around the city and especially in some of the newer developments. She inquired about whether they would be able to increase signage in the parks to remind dog owners to pick up after their own dogs. Ms. Brackett noted that many people in SF believed that someone else would pick up the poop as well as trash. She inquired about whether they could include the Bayview CAC to share information regarding the new programs and opportunities with the parks and the port.

To the small business vending, Mr. Ginsburg responded that they would start by absorbing OCII current concessionaires and spaces and use those that were operating already. He clarified that they were not prepared to make any major changes in this regard and wanted this to be a smooth transition in order to build trust and serve the community. He explained that they generally managed their small business vending through an RFP process that involved community outreach in a public setting. They did have some exceptions, such as at India Basin, where all concessionaire and amenities employees were Bayview residents, in order to be able to return some benefit to the community. Mr. Ginsburg responded that they would like to work on community education strategies about responsible dog ownership and dog walking and agreed with Chair Brackett's opinion. He responded that they were trying to create change regarding dog poop as well as litter and wanted to inspire good park behavior with signage and education. Mr. Ginsburg responded in the affirmative regarding adding in the Bayview CAC.

Vice-Chair Ludlum motioned to move Item 5(b) and Commissioner Scott seconded that motion.

Secretary Cruz called for a voice vote on Item 5(b).

Commissioner Aquino – yes  
Commissioner Drew - absent  
Commissioner Scott - yes  
Vice-Chair Ludlum - yes  
Chair Brackett – yes

**ADOPTION:** IT WAS VOTED BY FOUR COMMISSIONERS WITH ONE ABSENCE THAT RESOLUTION No. 18-2023, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, ACTING THROUGH ITS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN THE MISSION BAY OPEN SPACE SYSTEM STARTING JULY 1, 2023, FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$950,000 FOR A SIX-MONTH BUDGET CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 5; MISSION BAY NORTH AND SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS, BE ADOPTED.

Vice-Chair Ludlum motioned to move Item 5(c) and Commissioner Scott seconded that motion.

Secretary Cruz called for a voice vote on Item 5(c).

Commissioner Aquino – yes

Commissioner Drew - absent

Commissioner Scott - yes

Vice-Chair Ludlum - yes

Chair Brackett – yes

**ADOPTION:** IT WAS VOTED BY FOUR COMMISSIONERS WITH ONE ABSENCE THAT RESOLUTION No. 19-2023, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, ACTING THROUGH THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, FOR THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN THE MISSION BAY OPEN SPACE SYSTEM STARTING JULY 1, 2023, FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$510,000 FOR A SIX-MONTH BUDGET CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 5; MISSION BAY SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS, BE ADOPTED.

d) Conditionally approving the Schematic Design for Under Ramp Park; adopting environmental findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; and providing notice that this action is within the scope of the Transbay Terminal/Caltrain Downtown Extension/Redevelopment Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (“FEIS/EIR”), a Program EIR, and is adequately described in the FEIS/EIR for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act; Transbay Redevelopment Project Area (Discussion and Action) (Resolution No. 20-2023)

Presenters: Thor Kaslofsky, Executive Director; Alok Vyas, Associate Planner and Urban Planning Designer; Chris Guillard, Partner, CMG Landscape Architecture; Yakuh Askew, Founding Principal, Y.A. Studio; Robert R.E. Walsh, Facility Director, TJPA; Benjamin Brandin, Transbay Project Manager; Andrew Robinson, Executive Director, Eastcut CBD

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

Commissioner Aquino was pleased with the presentation and the results regarding an area that had been abandoned for a long time. She referred to the lighting changes and inquired about whether the lighting was for 24 hours. She expressed concern about safety in the area and asked for more information.

Mr. Guillard responded that the lights would be up-lit on the bottom of the overpass structures and would be on all the time. The changing part he referred to was about incorporating a kind of pattern of projection, so it would not be just light, but included texture and would be a warm and ambient light which would change periodically. He explained that the space pathways would also have lighting for the routes of travel and would be very well lit, but not be overly bright like a parking lot which has bright spots.

Commissioner Aquino referred to the office spaces and inquired about whether they would provide a space for community meetings and whether the community would have access to the space. Overall, she was very excited about the progress in this project.

Mr. Guillard responded in the affirmative that there would be a large community room open to the community to host meetings, events, etc. which would be run by the Eastcut CBD. Offices would be there as well.

Vice-Chair Ludlum applauded the efforts of all parties in this project. He stated that this was a very good-looking park and would be transformative and change the neighborhood amenities from mostly for commuter use to real neighborhood community use. Mr. Ludlum referred to the timeline for completion and inquired about what the pending items were that would impact the schedule to completion and asked for an outside ballpark completion date.

Mr. Brandin responded that this park was multi-jurisdictional and that none of the land that made up the park site was owned by OCII or the City, but rather entirely by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) with a portion of it being owned by Caltrans. He explained that this situation required that they go through multiple layers of approval by the TJPA as well as by Caltrans and conditions required during the design development phase that they meet with both entities for approval. One of the issues noted during the presentation was the grade change from Folsom Street up to Howard Street and the ramp structures that were being supported by the existing columns. Mr. Brandin explained that there were detailed requirements about how much could be excavated around the columns to ensure the ramps remained safe and would continue to operate for the long-term. In that regard, they might need approval for additional engineering analyses and other design issues. Mr. Brandin stated that they felt confident in the two-year timeframe for the design phase, which should allow them enough time to get through all the approvals. He added that it was not just about the design but also the permitting of the park. He reported that since most of the land was owned by the TJPA, which was a self-permitting entity, they were still not sure if the permits would be done by the TJPA or whether they would be done by the City Department of Building Inspections. He was confident that they could start in 2025 and open in 2027 and stated that all parties involved were committed to accelerating that timeline. He deferred to Mr. Walsh for more information.

Vice-Chair Ludlum inquired about how Mr. Walsh felt about the timelines referred to by Mr. Brandin.

Mr. Walsh responded that he felt confident in the timeline and that the comments made were accurate. He mentioned that the TJPA was very excited about the park in that it would fill a great need for the community, especially the dog park and the sports court so they were fully in support of this. He acknowledged that this was a very large area with many players involved and that some of the conditions were a natural part of the process. They wanted to make sure that everything was running smoothly.

Vice-Chair Ludlum inquired about whether it would be fair to say that this was a conservative timeline.

Mr. Walsh responded in the affirmative but underscored that it was doable.

Commissioner Scott thanked staff and all parties for the presentation. She mentioned that she had toured the site with Mr. Brandin in 2018 when there was nothing there and she was very pleased with the concept she was seeing today.

Chair Brackett mentioned that she was at the opening of the Salesforce building and the Transbay (TB) terminal and experienced the disappointment by the community about this project due to safety issues and long-term planning for transport and rail. She was very pleased to see the schematics of this project. Ms. Brackett referred to the absence of play structures for children in both spaces and inquired about why this was.

Mr. Brandin responded that OCII had approved a concept design for Under Ramp Park in 2013, which included children's play space and programming. Subsequently, Caltrans asked that the children's areas be removed, because they felt it was too risky to have children play underneath their ramp and would not allow it. Consequently, the design team removed the play space and placed it at the Block 3 site, where the new park would be going to the location of the former TB temporary terminal. Mr. Brandin pointed out that this move reflected staff being responsive to community needs and to what the jurisdictional partners would allow.

Chair Brackett referred to the easement for the 555 Howard developer. She inquired about what impact they would have on this project.

Mr. Brandin responded that the TJPA owned that portion of the land. He explained that at the intersection of the park and Howard Street, a hotel project known as 555 Howard was planned, but which had been stalled for years. Mr. Brandin reported that a couple of years ago the TJPA entered into that easement agreement with the developer, Pacific Eagle, and it was for the use of a small portion of the park to function as a café space so their front doors would enter out into the park. He added that the CMG design team was the same for both the park and easement. They believed that if this delay continued, they could build out a temporary element for the easement area and then be able to come in later to build their project.

Chair Brackett inquired about the pavilion, the size of the community space and whether there was a kitchen as part of it. She wanted to make sure that it would be large enough for community events like birthday parties and other larger events and would not just be conference room size.

Mr. Askew responded that the space in question was about 1000 square feet and could fit about 30 people comfortably with a kitchenette, so food service could be provided. He added that they envisioned this as an indoor/outdoor space so they could accommodate 30 people indoors and then open the doors and allow for larger parties in a larger area.

Chair Brackett referred to the mention of having one or more concessions and that they would do whatever possible to communicate to small local businesses about these opportunities. She inquired about what the selection process would be like, how inclusive would it be and how they would be selecting vendors for this space.

Mr. Brandin deferred to Mr. Robinson to answer Chair Brackett's question, since the Eastcut CBD would be the future operator of the park.



Mr. Robinson stated that he was very pleased to be at this meeting. He indicated that the Eastcut CBD was very invested in working with Mercy Housing and other brokers to do the best outreach possible. He described the outreach they did for the Crossing at the temporary terminal and stated that in about two weeks they got over 1200 survey responses and feedback. He reported that they currently had 6 vendors at that site alone, 5 of which were very small, non-white businesses. Mr. Robinson indicated that they did not know what the outreach would be at this time but they had already been working with Mercy, who was developing Block 2 and doing retail there, about how they could work together to lease up those spaces.

Given the current economic climate in the City, Chair Brackett inquired about whether the Eastcut CBD would consider providing any possible benefits or concessions to the vendors to ensure their long-term success, as they had seen in other park concession partners like in Union Square.

Mr. Robinson responded in the affirmative and added that they were currently raising funds for the operating deficit that currently existed for the park. He stated that they were all committed to seeing the retail kiosk space(s) be available and affordable. He reported that at the Crossing they had vendors who were paying a very small percentage rent and, even though they were losing money there, they could see how this was benefitting the community.

Chair Brackett congratulated the work of the Eastcut CBD and the Crossings events. She stated that she was sure that small businesses and the community were benefitting from their work and especially for the addition of pickleball, which was very popular.

Mr. Robinson stated that Under Ramp Park would incorporate many of the things that were successful at the Crossing. He added that this park would be instrumental to the neighborhood but also to the downtown becoming a vibrant livable place again.

Commissioner Scott motioned to move Item 5(d) and Vice-Chair Ludlum seconded that motion.

Secretary Cruz called for a voice vote on Item 5(d).

Commissioner Aquino – yes  
Commissioner Drew - absent  
Commissioner Scott - yes  
Vice-Chair Ludlum - yes  
Chair Brackett – yes

**ADOPTION:** IT WAS VOTED BY FOUR COMMISSIONERS WITH ONE ABSENCE THAT RESOLUTION No. 20-2023, CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR UNDER RAMP PARK; ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND PROVIDING NOTICE THAT THIS ACTION IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TRANSBAY TERMINAL/CALTRAIN DOWNTOWN EXTENSION/ REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (“FEIS/EIR”), A PROGRAM EIR, AND IS ADEQUATELY DESCRIBED IN THE FEIS/EIR FOR PURPOSES OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; TRANSBAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, BE ADOPTED.

## **6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Speaker: Oscar James, native resident Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP)

Mr. James welcomed Commissioner Aquino and stated that he had seen her at the Human Rights Commission. He wanted everyone to be aware that OCII Commissioners did not receive a stipend and commended all Commissioners for their hard work and dedication. Mr. James referred to the Certificate of Preference (COP) program and stated that he had a niece who had moved from BVHP to Madera, CA and the researchers who were working to find those displaced from the City had found her and four others there. He commended their hard work in finding those people and said they were doing a great job.

Mr. James wanted Commissioners to know that Commissioner Scott had been honored by President Biden for the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and was recognized for sharing and teaching the history of the black community in the City. He commended all the Commissioners for their work in representing people of all ethnicities in the City.

## **7. Report of the Chair**

Chair Brackett announced that the previous month she had attended Rev. Arnold Townsend's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. She explained that he was a long-term resident of the Fillmore community and a community activist and had been involved in many redevelopment agency activities.

Chair Brackett announced that the previous month she had attended the Mayor's Asian-American History Month celebration at City Hall and was able to speak with the members of the Japantown Chamber of Commerce, during which they mentioned they would like to become more involved with OCII.

Chair Brackett announced that she participated in a hike with the Rafiki Coalition for Health and Wellness Center and the California State Parks at the Candlestick Point Recreation Park. They hosted over 50 individuals mostly from the Bayview district and completed the Artwalk. Ms. Brackett explained that the park was trying to increase participation by local residents to use the open space and they showed residents all the activities that was available to them in the area, including the workout area.

## **8. Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director Kaslofsky was pleased to hear about Chair Brackett's work in the community and thanked her for letting Mr. James speak at length about his issues.

Executive Director Kaslofsky had an update on the initiative replacement housing SB 593, which would enable OCII to rebuild 5,800 units which were destroyed during urban renewal. He explained that Senator Scott Wiener with the Mayor's nomination introduced this bill to the Senate in February 2023 and that it had been working its way through different committees. He reported that it had gone through the Assembly, the Finance Committee and the Housing Committee and passed and recently went through the full Senate and was passed there by a vote of 35-2. The next step was to go through the Assembly. Mr. Kaslofsky stated that he would keep Commissioners updated on these hearings. He acknowledged Dr. Veronica Hunnicut, Chair of the Hunters Point Shipyard CAC, and Mattie Scott, a resident of Freedom West Homes and a co-sponsor, for their work and support in this effort. He also thanked the hard work by staff, namely Jim Morales (General Counsel and Deputy Director), Rosa Torres (Deputy Director of Finance and Administration), John Daigle (Debt Manager) and Mina Yu (Budget and Project Finance Manager).

Executive Director Kaslofsky announced that it had been one year since his appointment to OCII and recounted some of the milestones that had taken place within that timeframe:

- The MB Waterfront Park (P22) between the Warriors Arena and the Bay;
- Building of a 500-student school in MB which recently broke ground;

- The Block 9A housing project in MB, which was comprised of 148 units of affordable home ownership set to be completed in 2024;
- The ADA and bathroom code upgrade improvements to Building 101 in the Hunters Point Shipyard. Building 101 was an artist studio building, where a few hundred artists worked and was home of the twice-yearly Open Studio event;
- OCII was awarded tax credits for three projects in Hunters Point Shipyard first phase 180 units at Blocks 52, 54 and 56, which would break ground in the coming weeks. Mr. Kaslofsky mentioned they were planning a ceremony for that event.
- Completed Block 9 in MB, comprised of 141 affordable rental units for formerly homeless adults, mostly coming out of the Tenderloin and the Civic Center, which was now fully leased up.
- Park P3 between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street in MB was completed and opened.
- OCII had approved the fiscal 2023-24 budget, which was about \$720 million and included \$75 million in bonds for TB Park 3 and some affordable housing in MB Block 2;
- OCII had approved a \$45 million community facilities district budget, which would fund the operations of the park by the Memorandum of Agreement just approved.
- Success of the small business enterprise program, in which OCII tried to create contracts for small business enterprises. Mr. Kaslofsky announced that there were about \$140 million worth of professional services contracted in the prior year and 60% of the contracts went to small businesses, 35% of which were women-owned and minority owned.
- Lastly, regarding the pandemic, Mr. Kaslofsky noted that in April 2020, OCII had held their first remote meeting and in April 2023 they held their first in-person meeting since the beginning of COVID19. At the 2020 meeting they had approved Block 9A, which would be completed next year and also approved Block 9 which was completed and fully leased up. OCII had also approved Hunters Point Shipyard Block 56, which would break ground soon. Mr. Kaslofsky pointed out that during those three years, OCII was one of the first agencies to meet remotely and had continued working through their projects despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Commissioner Scott thanked Executive Director Kaslofsky for that report and stated that she was very honored to be recognized for the award. She thanked staff individually for all the help and advice given to her over the years and also thanked Mr. James for being his historical memories.

## **9. Commissioners Questions and Matters**

Commissioner Aquino thanked everyone for their welcome and support and was honored to be part of the Commission. She stated that she was a native San Franciscan and had been a resident of Dogpatch for over 20 years. Ms. Aquino stated that she had experienced the impact that redevelopment had on the community and had witnessed the changes in MB and Bayview. She mentioned that she rode her bike through the Bayview frequently and greatly enjoyed it and had seen many improvements and cleanup on the roads in that area. Ms. Aquino congratulated Dr. Scott for her accomplishments and recognition.

Commissioner Scott suggested they set up a time when they could tour their sites to have a look at their projects and have more insight into the work as they were going on.

Executive Director Kaslofsky stated that they could begin scheduling some tours of their projects soon.

Commissioner Aquino announced that the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association had opened the Dogpatch Hub, which was a community living room for their neighborhood and which would serve as a community center. She was pleased that it had opened with over 100 people excited about what would take place in the building, including kids' events, community meetings, games, movies, etc.

Chair Brackett referred to the COP annual report and the fact that they were still not getting the traction they had hoped for in terms of applicants, acceptance rates, among other things. She

suggested OCII put on a community workshop with MOHCD regarding upcoming developments regarding housing in order to disseminate information to the community as soon as possible about these events.

**10. Closed Session - None**

**11. Adjournment**

Commissioner Aquino motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Scott seconded that motion.

Chair Brackett adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jaimie Cruz  
Commission Secretary