

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens' Advisory Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room

Mission: The purpose of the SFPUC CAC is to provide recommendations to the SFPUC General Manager, the SFPUC Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the agency's long-term strategic, financial, and capital improvement plans.

Members:

Wendy Aragon, Chair (D1)	Jasmine Conrad (D7)	Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)
Suki Kott (D2)	Amy Nagengast (D8)	VACANT (M-Eng./Financial)
Leslie DeTaillandier (D3)	Ernesto Martinez (D9)	Nathaniel Kinsey (M-Lg Water User)
Amy Zock (D4)	Anietie Ekanem (D10)	Owen O'Donnell (B-Small Business)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)	Jennifer Clary (D11)	Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)
Matthew Steen (D6)	Paige Miller (M-Env.Group)	

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Alexandra Johnson, Lillian Fleer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm

Members present at roll call: (9) Aragon, Kott, DeTaillandier, Zock, Steen, Nagengast, Clary, Miller, O'Donnell

Members absent at roll call: (7) Loewenberg, Conrad, Martinez, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Kinsey, McKinney

Members of public:

Save City College of San Francisco (CCSF) Coalition: Tomasita Medal, Allan Fisher, Monica Collins, Vicki Legion, Michael Adams, Harry Bernstein, Wynd Kaufmyn, Marcy Rein

Young Community Developers (YCD): Timothy Waters

US Water Alliance: Danielle Mayorga, Zoe Roller

- 2. Approve October 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by (Clary) and seconded (O'Donnell) to approve the October 17, 2017 meeting minutes.

AYES: (9) Aragon, Kott, DeTaillandier, Zock, Steen, Nagengast, Clary, Miller, O'Donnell

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General Manager



NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (7) Loewenberg, Conrad, Martinez, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Kinsey, McKinney

3. **Report from the Chair** - Chair Wendy Aragon

- Welcome members of the public and staff

4. **Public Comment:**

- Tomasita Medal spoke against SFPUC's vote to sell the Balboa Reservoir and believed that the land should be used for a performing arts education center for CCSF students. Then asked the committee to draft a resolution in support of using SFPUC land for the public.
- Allan Fisher spoke against SFPUC's vote to sell the Balboa Reservoir and does not believe in selling publicly owned land to a private developer because it will exacerbate gentrification.
- Monica Collins spoke against SFPUC's vote to sell the Balboa Reservoir and the result will be similar to eminent domain, then stated the land should be prioritized for students as a parking lot or performing arts center.
- Vicki Legion spoke against SFPUC's vote to sell the Balboa Reservoir and believed that the land should be used for a performing art center or 100% affordable housing.
- Michael Adams spoke against SFPUC's vote to sell the Balboa Reservoir and claimed that calling the land "underutilized" was code for private developers to say they aren't profiting.
- Harry Bernstein spoke against SFPUC's vote to sell the Balboa Reservoir because the vote was premature because the land has not been declared surplus and many issues remain unresolved.
- Wynd Kaumyn spoke against SFPUC's vote to sell the Balboa Reservoir and believed that the decision was unscrupulous and not for the public good.

5. **Staff Report**

- Policy and Government Affairs update – John Scarpulla, Local Policy Manager
 - Groundwater Hearing in Feb 2018
 - CleanPowerSF Hearing December 2017

Topics of Discussion:

- Member Miller encouraged the committee to support the CleanPowerSF program by attending the hearing.
- Member Clary informed that the committee can not have a sign-on letter unless the item is voted on by the committee.

Public Comment: None

6. **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:** [SSIP CityWorks Resolution](#), Amy Zock and Wendy Aragon, Wastewater CAC Chair and Member

Topics of Discussion:

- The committee discussed the importance of the resolution and its requests were feasible.
- Member Nagengast made an amendment to fix a grammatical error.
- Member Kott made an amendment to mention how the resolution addresses the agency's success planning strategies.

Public Comment: Timothy Waters expressed gratitude for CAC and the support for the interns. YCD believes that the requests for scholarships and internships would have the most significant impact on the youth.

Motion was made by (Clary) and seconded (Nagengast) to adopt the [SSIP CityWorks Resolution](#)

The [Resolution](#) PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: (9) Aragon, Kott, DeTaillandier, Zock, Steen, Nagengast, Clary, Miller, O'Donnell

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (7) Loewenberg, Conrad, Martinez, Ekanem, Sandkulla, Kinsey, McKinney

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and Rates Overview](#), Charles Perl, Deputy CFO, Financial Services; Carlos Jacobo, Budget Director, Financial Services; and Kristina Cordero, Financial Planning Director, Financial Services

Presentation Topics:

- SFPUC Budget Overview and Water and Sewer Rates Study Update
- Agenda
- SFPUC Financial Policies
- Budget Overview
- SFPUC Biennial Budget Timeline
- Budget Cycle Deliverables
- Budget Cycle Context
- Budget Cycle Context Continued
- FY 2019 and FY 2020 Biennial Budget Development Timeline
- FY 2019 and FY 2020 Proposed Biennial Budget Highlights
- Opportunities for Public Input in Budget Process
- 2018 Water and Sewer Rates Study Update
- Rates Study Background
- Rates Study Process
- 2018 Water & Sewer Rates Study Timeline
- Opportunities for Public Input – 2018 Water and Sewer Rates Study
- Thank You and Stay Informed

Topics of Discussion:

- The committee asked for the status of the rate study. Charles informed that a team of consultants are working on cost of service analysis and discussing system impact changes with engineers then will start the rate design analysis in Jan 2018.
- The committee asked if a draft of the rate study will be available to the public. Charles informed that a draft will be posted temporarily on the Rate Fairness Board (RFB) website.
- The committee asked what the agency will be doing to improve its Customer Assistance Program (CAP) during the rate increase. Charles informed that affordability is key through this process and the agency is planning to lock in a dedicated funding source.
- Member Zock ask who to contact if they know of organizations who are interested in attending community meetings. Charles clarified to follow up with CAC staff.

Public Comment: None

8. **Presentation and Discussion:** [Equity in Utilities](#), Jessica Buendia, Community Benefits Manager; Danielle Mayorga, US Water Alliance

- Resource: US Water Alliance's [An Equitable Water Future Initiative](#) and [An Equitable Water Future: A National Briefing Paper](#)

Presentation Topics:

- An Equitable Water Future
- About the Alliance
- An Equitable Water Future: Defining Terms
- Water Stress in Vulnerable Communities
- An Equitable Water Future: The Pillars of Water Equity
- Pillar One
- Pillar One: Case Study
- Pillar Two
- Pillar Two: Case Study
- Pillar Three
- Pillar Three: Case Study
- Cross Cutting Case Studies: Seattle Race and Social Initiative
- Cross Cutting Case Studies: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Community Benefits Program
- Equity Strategies
- Leadership, Power, and Policy
- Community Benefits Program
- Place Based Investments
- Social Impact Partnerships
- Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Networks
- Challenges
- An Equitable Water Future: The Path Forward
- Thank You!

Topics of Discussion:

- The committee asked what the plans moving forward with the publication. Zoe informed that they are presenting the publication and pushing to implement their policy recommendations with utilities across the country.
 - Danielle mentioned the online clearing house that highlights case studies on water equity.
- The committee asked how to institutionalize these policies. Jessie informed that it is important to use the case studies and identify which ones are parallel to bring forward to staff.
- The committee asked what the average/median income our SFPUC ratepayers.

Public Comment: None

9. **Future Agenda Items and Resolutions**

- Climate Change (*tentative*)
- Biannual Elections (*January/February*)
- Strategic Plan Update
- Compliance with Prop 218
- Contracting Process
- Communications/Customer Experience on Website

- Water Equity and Water Access for Homeless
- Power Interconnections – Member Sandkulla
- Workforce Programs – Member Martinez
- Review the Balboa Reservoir Resolution

Public Comment: None

11. **Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on December 19, 2017.

- Member Zock will support coordinating the potluck at the next meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion was made (Clary) and seconded (Kott) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

MINUTES