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TARAVAL STREETSCAPE COMMUNITY MEETING #2

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 6:00-7:30 pm

Congregation B'nai Emanuh - 3595 Taraval Street

Attendees:

DPW: Meghan Tiernan, Marci Camacho, Martha Ketterer, Nick Ancel, Tony Esterbrooks, Dadisi Najib

BOS: Supervisor Carmen Chu, Katy Tang (Liaison for Supervisor Chu)

See sign in sheet

Community Comments:

1. Is there any aid available for property owners to make improvements?
 - *The Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) administers the "Invest in Neighborhoods" program. For more information please visit their website: <http://sfgov.org/site/frame.asp?u=http://www.oewd.org>*
 - *The San Francisco Arts Commission administers programs to get more art in neighborhoods. For more information please visit their website: <http://www.sfgov.org/site/frame.asp?u=http://www.sfartscommission.org>*
2. Murals tend to receive less graffiti.
3. Palms are not indigenous to the area. Would like to have trees that attract songbirds. Would like the trees and plants to be indigenous to this area.
4. Parking seems to serve two different users: one is local, and the other is people driving to the Taraval area to park & ride to downtown locations.
5. I like the palm trees most about the design; I would be willing to live with the loss of some parking spaces.
6. Traffic is already slow around here so don't want bulbouts to create a bottle neck at the corners.
7. I like the parklet location in front of the Bashful Bull.
8. I like the idea of a mural on the synagogue.
9. We need access to the beach - it's hard to get there now. I would rather have beach access improvement than spending the budget on the gateway.
 - *It was noted that the beach access area is not within DPW jurisdiction.*
10. There is no color at all in/at Taraval so I like the idea of adding color.
11. The City underfunds this area. Who will maintain the plants or get rid of graffiti on new sidewalks?



- *There will be a plant maintenance period that follows the construction project so that the plants can get established and help insure their success. Plants will be selected for appropriateness to climate and their overall hardiness.*
12. It was suggested that volunteers could get together once a month to maintain plants similar to what the folks at LaPlaya are doing.
 13. I like the idea of “blue” as it cuts the fog and I like the parklet at the Bashful Bull. I think the improvements could help attract new businesses.
 14. Where are the cobblestones going? I would like to keep them here. Can we add plaques to explain the history of the Muni tracks and cobblestones? Can we have a plaque to explain about the permeable paving?
 15. I don’t like palms, they’re not native to the area. We don’t need any trees at all.
 16. Trash and wind are an issue - I pick up trash by my house 3 times a day.
 17. It’s hard for plants to get established in this area and there are maintenance issues.
 18. When “things” (neighborhood) look good: people then start to take pride and help keep it up. Improvements may help to change behavior in neighborhood (litter and graffiti). I would like to see the improvements benefit future generations and families.
 19. Want to keep the design “human-centric”, loss of parking is ok- would be good for the neighborhood.
 20. We still have auto accidents even though traffic isn’t moving that quickly through the neighborhood. Can the City provide statistics about auto accidents in our neighborhood?
 - *DPW staff will request information from DPT and MTA*
 21. The trash and graffiti comes from outsiders, not local City residents.
 22. Supervisor Chu’s comments on litter and graffiti:
 - a. Graffiti is a big issue across the City, not just Taraval. The City is looking at how to provide surfaces that don’t lend themselves to graffiti.
 - b. If you see graffiti or maintenance issues call 311 and report it so it can be scheduled for repair.
 - c. Litter: we are educating kids/schools about litter. The City is working with the Giants on a Clean Sweep Campaign- Giant Sweep.
 - d. Homeowners are using trash cans to household garbage, which then overflows and adds more trash on the streets. It has been found that total removal of trash cans can help keep the streets cleaner.
 23. Can the City design or find trash cans for windy conditions? The trash blows out of the cans. Can we involve schools to keep the City clean? We need to educate people.
 - *DPW has volunteer opportunities to help address litter and graffiti and will be launching an anti-litter campaign that includes classroom curriculum aimed at elementary and high school students. Here are a few helpful links:*
 - *Community Clean Team: <http://www.sfdpw.org/index.aspx?page=1339>*
 - *Graffiti Watch: <http://www.sfdpw.org/index.aspx?page=342>*
 24. Who pays for maintaining the street trees?
 - *As it stands property owners would be responsible for street trees adjacent to their properties.*



25. Can I sit at the parklet without buying a meal if it's located at the Bashful Bull?
- *Yes, it's public open space*
26. I want to keep the most parking spaces possible: loss of 3 is OK.
27. Can the cars parked at 90 degrees to the sidewalk be prevented from overhanging the sidewalk?
- *Wheelstops or some other treatment could be used*
28. I like the gateway element and I like color painting the crosswalks. Will the color fade? Will it look worse than now in 3-5 years?
- *The pavement treatment proposed is imprinted in the asphalt rather than painted on and will last much longer than paint.*
29. There was general discussion related to the locations of the gateway feature at the western end of the project. One alternative is to create a median in the center of the intersection at 48th and Taraval, the other alternative is to locate the gateway feature in the existing median to the south of the intersection.
- *The general consensus is that the gateway feature be smaller rather than large*
 - *The gateway locations and features will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting*
30. I am anti-traffic and cars so I don't feel we need any parking.
31. What about bikes?
- *This area is not included in the Bike Plan bike so no dedicated bike lanes are proposed. The streetscape improvement project can provide bike racks.*
32. There was general discussion about the location of the parklet either in front of The Riptide or in front of the Bashful Bull.
- *The Bashful Bull location was the preferred. It's on the sunny side of the street, near transit stops, and would be adjacent to a business that operates in the daytime rather than late afternoon and evening.*
33. There was some general discussion related to the new landscape areas vs. parking.
- *The consensus at the meeting was that people would prefer more landscaping to parking but would still prefer a minimum overall loss of parking.*

