

**Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District
District Identity & Streetscape Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday January 4, 2016**

Committee Members Present: Scott James, Brian Gougherty

Guests/Staff: Andrea Aiello, Exec. Director, Tom Libby

- I. **Introductions/Brown Act:** Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. Minor change in November minutes made, November 2nd minutes approve. All introduced themselves, Brown Act reviewed.

- II. **Jane Warner Plaza**
Lighting RFP for Jane Warner Plaza
We need to get more interest in this project.
-Andrea will revise the dates in the RFP and share with DISI + Black Rock Arts, etc
-Tom will share with urban program at CCA (?)
-Scott has a contact he will reach out to
-Group should brainstorm other ways to get it out there

- III. **Other Funding Opportunities**
Mayor's Office of Housing & Community Dvlpt - CNP Planning Grant for Safeway Lot
Andrea explained this grant opportunity is for neighborhood improvements tied to new residential development. The proposed project has to be within .5 mile of a new residential development. Committee discussed the old now vacant recycle yard that is owned by Safeway. Scott discussed visit to Safeway headquarters to meet with head of real estate, Natalie Mattei. Planning grants are allowed through these funds. Brian suggested we apply for a planning grant for this site. Committee discussed, all were in agreement.
-Andrea, please share the Upper Market community design plan with DISI
-Brian will work with Andrea during their Jan 19th meeting
Community Challenge Grant
All agreed we're not quite ready to apply for anything this round, possibly in July 2016.

- III. **Castro History Walk**
All agreed on the need to make these plaques more visible and readable.
- Andrea & Tom will continue to research the best way to do this.

- IV. **Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Andrea Aiello and Brian Gougherty
Approved 2/1/16