

**Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District
District Identity & Streetscape Improvement Committee Meeting
May 8, 2017 Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Chair Brian Gougherty, Scott James, Brad Laufenbach, Peter Laska, Shawn Vergara

Guests/Staff: Andrea Aiello, E.D., Patrick Golier SFMTA

- I. **Introductions/Brown Act Minutes Approval:** Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. All introduced themselves, Brown Act reviewed. BG1, PL2 **Motion** to approve April 3 2017 minutes. Call for public comment, there was none. Motion approved.

- II. **Upper Market Pedestrian Safety Project**
Patrick G. provided overview of project. Committee members had lots of questions re: proof of effectiveness of bulb outs, traffic, congestion on Noe St., timing of traffic lights. Patrick will let Andrea know when timing is changed. Discussed danger of the intersection at 16th and Noe. Public hearing will be held in the summer.

- III. **Open Bible Church**
Discussed the Open Bible Church and the blight that this vacant space has caused. Jason L. has been working with the property owner and encouraging art as interim project before it can get torn down. **Motion** BG1, SV2 To write letter supporting art on the façade as an activation strategy, but ultimately to support tearing down the building. Call for public comment, there was none. Motion approved.

- IV. **Painting Utility Boxes**
Brian brought up utility boxes again and suggested that CBD could possibly pay for this and if we are not dependent on grants it might work. Discussion, no decision.

- V. **Project Updates**
Discussion on on-going projects, no votes or decisions.

- VI. **Public Comment**
There was none

- VII. **Adjourn**
Motion (BG1, SJ2) To adjourn, call for public comment, there was none. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Andrea Aiello
Approved August 7, 2017