

---

Attending: Libby Dodd (400 Block Utah), Stephen Solomon (600 Block San Bruno), Ralph Migdal(600 Block San Bruno), Peter Belden (500 Block Vermont), Kate Eppler (400 Block Utah), Monisha Mustafa (Star King), Quint King (HOA President at The Potrero, 17<sup>th</sup> & Kansas) Jeff Benson(300 Block Utah), Jean Bogiages (500 Block Utah), Bevan Dufty

Absent: April Ellis, Michael Priddy, Daphne Mangawa, JR Eppler, Rann Parker

The meeting opened at 7pm with round the room introductions. It was a first meeting for Quint and Libby.

### **Mission & 16<sup>th</sup> St Navigation Center**

Following introductions Bevan gave an update on the new navigation center that HOPE is planning to open at the site of an old school on Mission and 16th St. The center will house 76 people. The idea is to house them for up to 10 days. While there, their needs will be assessed and attempts will be made to find a permanent housing for them. Bevan received a \$3 million donation through an Interfaith Council. \$2 million will go towards the navigation center and 1 million towards locating 300-500 permanent housing resources. Bevan feels that he will be able to use this navigation center property for about a year, as the property itself is planned to be developed as low income housing in about a year. The police and HOT team will locate folks and take them to the center where they will be triaged. Some folks will go home, if that's possible, veterans or drug users will be triaged. Some folks will go to the Mission neighborhood resource center. The hope is to open the center in March 2015. The program will focus first on the folks living near Mission and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Monitoring the Navigation Center**

Bevan said that he is asking the city controller's office to monitor the work that's being done at the proposed mission navigation center so that appropriate data will be collected in order to evaluate the process.

### **Search for New Housing**

Bevan said he has allocated \$50,000 to a group called HomeBase which will work to identify SRO units across the city. They will compile information on location amenities and occupancy patterns. The idea is to increase the SRO resources. HomeBase is reaching out to community leaders to identify existing resources that might streamline this process. To learn more about the project their address is SRO inventory at [homebaseccc.org](http://homebaseccc.org)

### **Homeless Solution Models**

Bevan also reported on his trip to Philadelphia where he was impressed by an organization called Philly pathways to housing (<http://pathwaystohousing.org>). They have a case management system of 1 - 11 where we have 12 - 100.

### **Dirt between sidewalk and Caltrans Fence**

Bevan did not have an update on the plans for replacing dirt with sidewalk along the streets that connect San Bruno and Vermont, those streets would be Alameda 15 division 17th.

### **Homeless Count January 29.**

Bevan passed out a flyer about the homeless count that is to take place on January 29. 300 volunteers are needed. The count is required by the federal government – the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is a biannual point in time count of homeless persons. It provides data which results in funding. Last year San Francisco received \$23 million based on the homeless count.

### **Open Discussion**

At this point the meeting veered from the agenda and focused on the issues on 17th St. between Vermont and San Bruno. Libby explained that she believes “the problem of homelessness is aggravated by the historical practice of permitting encampments in some of SF’s neighborhoods. Removing that option would likely stimulate service providers to be more resourceful here and now”. Quint explained that the folks belonging to the HOA that he represents would like to see that area cleaned up so that folks would be more

---

comfortable-walking from 17th and Kansas to the bus stop at 17th and Potrero. The idea of moving the fence right up to the sidewalk and those reducing the area that a tent could be placed was discussed. An idea was also proposed to re-purpose that area by installing a popup art project. Jean expressed frustration with the idea of just focusing on one street and moving people out of that area knowing that they will just move into another area. The idea was expressed that people are considering the rights of the homeless but they are not considering the rights of the people who own rent or homes in the neighborhood. Bevan suggested that folks should contact Sam Dodge. Sam was transferred from DPW to the Hope group.

Jean mentioned that she is working on two ideas.

1. Call a meeting of local CBD's and neighborhood associations in order to search for ways to increase funding for housing for the homeless from both the city and state budgets. The idea being that if a number of groups representing the neighborhoods let the city and state know how important this problem is we might get attention
2. The Loop steering committee is planning on having a luncheon and inviting Northwest Potrero businesses in order to present the loop idea as well as the need for funding for the homeless situation

Bevan had to leave the meeting around 7 o'clock. After he left the group talked about what they could do.

1. Ask Bevan give the group a tour of the Mission and 16th St. site. On seeing the area we may come up with ideas of how to help.
2. Figure out a way to set up a meeting with someone from the Mayor's office. The meeting would be with folks representing the neighborhood groups.
3. Determine the time of the Caltrans-DPW meeting and attend it.
4. Investigate repurposing the 17th Street corridor with art or plants.
5. Sign up for the homeless count is planned for January 29th.  
(<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015SFCount>)
6. Get a CHP contact to participate in the homeless count along the Caltrans area. Bevan has the name of a contact
7. Schedule a meeting in February with Rann Parker (SFHOT). Schedule a meeting in March with Bevan.

Notes submitted by Jean Bogiages