

Presidio Trust Board of Directors Meeting
March 17, 2014
Minutes

Attending:

Nancy Bechtle
Paula Collins
Charlene Harvey
Bill Hambrecht
Alex Mehran
John Reynolds

Michael Boland
Steve Carp
Karen Cook (9:52 – 10:46)
Jeff Deis
Bart Ferrell
Mollie Matull
Craig Middleton
Mike Rothman
Joshua Steinberger

Not Attending:

David Grubb

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bechtle at 8:06 a.m.

Actions taken:

- Approval of Minutes of [January 29, 2014 \(Resolution 14-8\)](#). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 6-0.
- Approval of Presidio [Art Collections Manual \(Resolution 14-9\)](#). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 6-0.
- Approval of Formation of Planning and Development Committee and Adoption of Planning and Development Committee Charter ([Resolution 14-10](#)). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 6-0.
- Approval of Formation of Programs Committee and Adoption of Programs Committee Charter ([Resolution 14-11](#)). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 6-0.

Discussion items:

- Mr. Deis presented a real estate update. He reported that a current non-residential tenant has proposed an expansion into adjoining space. The Board discussed use of the space and key

lease terms. Mr. Mehran said that the number of associated parking spaces should be capped. Ms. Bechtel asked to review a Presidio parking plan. The Board directed Mr. Deis to proceed with the proposed expansion. Mr. Deis provided information on various other leasing efforts and reported that the Society of California Pioneers had executed a lease for space at 101 Montgomery Street. The Board discussed issues in connection with an anticipated relocation of Sports Basement to the Mason Street warehouses, including a rehabilitation plan, timing and a construction schedule, parking needs, and business terms. Mr. Boland agreed to organize a review of the future plans for this area and site visit for interested members of the Board.

- Ms. Bechtel said that she was pleased that the Mid-Crissy selection process was as open and transparent as it was.
- Mr. Middleton reported that:
 - The Trust received notice from the Regional Water Control Board that the Trust's 15-year remediation program had been completed.
 - John Fowler, the Executive Director of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, said that he would like to highlight the Presidio as a top preservation story in the country.
 - Rehabilitation of the Officers' Club was on schedule for a September opening. The base building was almost complete and work on the exhibits and restaurant were progressing well.
 - A Request for Qualifications for the Gateway Project had been issued. Firms were invited to submit qualifications for conceptual design and programming for the tunnel top area connecting the Main Post to the northern waterfront.
 - The Trust was working with Caltrans on a few issues in connection with the Doyle Drive rebuild, including the seismic stability of the new bluff and the quality of the soil on the tunnel tops and other planting areas.
 - The Presidio Institute will welcome 24 mid-career executives to the Presidio for a pilot of its Cross Sector Leadership Fellows. The program has been developed in partnership with the White House, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, McKinsey & Co., and BlackRock. Program fees and a grant from the Annenberg Foundation will cover the operating cost of the program.
 - The Trust was continuing its work with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and with the National Park Service on youth programming in the park. Mr. Middleton announced that the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation awarded a \$1M grant for the Park Youth Collaborative (PYC). The current focus of the PYC is on developing measures and quality standards for youth programs in the Presidio.
- Ms. Collins left the meeting while the Board discussed a proposed use for 937 Mason Street.
- Mr. Boland presented a proposal for the creation and installation of an art work by Andy Goldsworthy in the Officers' Club using materials excavated at the site. Mr. Reynolds said that he did not see a nexus between the work and the Officers' Club. Ms. Harvey suggested the creation of a Presidio Art Acquisition Fund so interested donors could contribute. Mr. Mehran said that the best approach for future art installations would be to curate the Presidio by working with museum experts who would help develop a master plan of appropriate sites

for art, both indoors and outdoors, for rotating and permanent collections and pieces. The Trust could then engage in fundraising and the group of experts would assist with acquisitions. The Board directed Mr. Boland to proceed with the Goldsworthy proposal and to undertake fundraising.

- The Board reviewed outstanding issues related to the Mid-Crissy site competition.
- Mr. Middleton said that many projects and programs were underway which in the next few years would enable completion of the Main Post district as the heart of the Presidio. He said that planning matters had been addressed and that execution strategies were the next step. At future committee meetings the Board will consider a list of topics that will shape and determine the character of the Main Post, including building use, visitor opportunities, programming, lodging and landscaping.
- Executive Session: 10:46 – 11:23.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Bechtle at 11:23 a.m.