

AGE & DISABILITY FRIENDLY SF WORKGROUP AGENDA

Friday, November 3rd 10-12pm

Zoom:

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INTRODUCTIONS – Eileen Norman, co-chair Executive Director of IHSS Public Authority and Kelly Dearman, co-chair, Executive Director of DAS facilitated introductions of meeting participants popcorn style.

PRESENTATION: MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Presenters: Kyra Geithman and Anne Romeo, Senior Community Development Specialists from Mayor's Office of Housing Community Development, presented an overview of MOHCD's programs and investments and surveyed the workgroup about ways to make MOHCD's community housing services more accessible and broadly ranged.

Discussion: The most important features of housing for clients is accessibility because clients feel stuck in inaccessible units. Was recommended to have elevators and more accessible housing that incorporates inclusive architectural design. Another important feature is accessibility of information. Was said that clients learn about MOHCD's program and community services through case management. Was also mentioned that people are unaware of MOHCD's community development grants and therefore people have a misconception of MOHCD's ability to assist needs. Lastly, feedback regarding Workforce Development was discussed. Was said that clients are looking for job features such as childcare and specifically childcare for children with disabilities. Another person mentioned that there should be more diversity within the type of jobs available such as part time work, full time, in person, or remote.

Next Steps: This input will be used for MOHCD's 5-year plan. **For more information, please contact kyra.geithman@sfgov.org**

PROJECT REVIEW: TRANSPORTATION DOMAIN

Recommendation: Ensure Accessibility Oversight: Assess and provide recommendations on accessibility design and/or decision.

Presenter: Erin McAuliff, Acting Director of Accessible Services, SFMTA shared the SFMTA's Accessibility Strategy. The project is currently under Phase One. This phase includes a needs assessment regarding accessible services for older adults and people with disabilities. Phase one also includes an outreach plan for public comment on the needs assessment.

Next steps: There are plans to add more interactive tools on digital map that identifies MTA accessibility. As of now, the digital map features possible filters and map layers. Will be in touch for updates. For more information, please contact accessibilitystrategy@sfmta.com or visit <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/accessibility-strategy>

Recommendation: Prioritize **ramp taxi advocacy** and policy.

Presenter: Jonathan Cheng, ramp taxi program Paratransit Program Manager, informed that there are now 33% more ramp medallions to drivers since the last ADF workgroup meeting and several drivers are interested. Additionally, the program's contact information for outreach is available. Updates for Access for All Fund entailed grant money for wheelchair access and the Fund's first working group. The working group is interested in knowing the current state of wheelchair accessibility in the city. Moreover, a website page was added on the SFMTA website for more information on the Access for All Fund.

Next Steps: The ADF workgroup was asked to suggest areas where clients can access information about the ramp taxi program physically or digitally. For more information, please visit <https://www.sfmta.com/access-all-fund>

Recommendation: **Transportation information** should be available in a variety of accessible formats and devices.

Presenter: Catherine Callahan, Mobility Manager and Fiona Yim, Analyst Trainee from SF Paratransit gave an update on progress regarding enhanced communication for mobility management. Outreach efforts are continuing and there has been an increase with in-person outreach over the past months (festivals, street fairs, libraries, etc.). Another update included formalizing the Essential Trip Card program. The program was said to have been helpful.

Next Steps: Suggestions of other places to go for in person outreach are welcomed. Additionally, work is being done on reroutes due to APEC. For more information, please contact Catherine.Callahan@transdev.com

PROJECT REVIEW: PARK ON 11 AND NATOMA

Presenter: Lucas Tobin, Recreation Supervisor at Recreation & Park Commission, promoted a new park opening on the corner of 11th Street and Natoma Street. This park will feature a tot playground and an additional playground that welcomes people of all bodies and ages.

Discussion: The ARC program, which serves adults 18-22, secured an opportunity to build an all-inclusive playground. The group brainstormed signage that reflects the ADF's work of incorporating a disability-friendly place in San Francisco. Some title ideas included:

- “This is an Age and Disability Friendly space”
- “This is an Age and Disability Friendly play space”
- “This is an Age and Disability Friendly play space, everyone is welcome”

Was mentioned a regular member of the public might not understand the title. Was suggested to add the idea of “respecting different play styles”. Was mentioned to create a brand of signage for welcoming older adults and people with disabilities so that signage can be posted and recognized all over the San Francisco. Was recommended to resource sports hub in SOMA as a great start to the branding direction. Was commented that SF parks have more accessible due to its platforms, swings, and spinners, but it still feels like more can be done. Was suggested to reach out to Magic Bridge folks.

Next Steps: For more information, please visit <https://sfrecpark.org/1635/11th-Natoma-Park-Project>

PROJECT REVIEW: ENGAGEMENT & INCLUSION DOMAIN

Recommendation: Create a Disability Friendly Community Space

Presenter: Louisa Bukiet, Housing Development Manager, The Kelsey

Discussion: Louisa Bukiet reviewed development designs for the Kelsey, a building with 112 units and a Disability Community Cultural Center on the bottom floor. An overview of the digital floor plan included a description of each space and its designed uses for either the public or DCCC residents (hybrid workspaces, event space, restroom with changing tables etc.) Was suggested to add an overhang and heaters to outdoor areas so that residents can have accessibility to the outdoors during cold weather.

Next Steps: Haven and Hope, a black and brown advocacy group, is partnering with DCCC. Looking for people who can participate in focus groups to identify key data and outreach strategies. Moreover, as the design is happening, key advisors are being assembled.

Timeline: The planning phase will occur for 8 months. Afterwards, there will be a year of virtual programming. When the Kelsey opens, everything will be hybrid.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM

NEXT MEETING: First Friday in February 2, 10-12 AM-PM

Additional meeting information can be found here: <https://www.sfhsa.org/about/departments/department-disability-and-aging-services-das/age-disability-friendly-sf>