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Bulkley - Re: your FB page - Re: SFCTA: Reject \$100K wasteful Jane Warner Plaza plan from Mandelman.

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Wed, Jun 26, 2024 at 1:15 PM

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Dear Amy Saeyang,

The SFCTA CAC needs to be made aware that William Bulkley, the LGBTQ planner for SF DPW who concocted the fantasy Jane Warner Plan, failed to hold a single public meeting open to all.

In your document under consideration today, in the the Outreach section, you'll see that the fact no such meeting took place is omitted.

While stakeholders's and merchants' only meetings among Bulkley's friends have some value, that is no reason for him to completely exclude the general public from having a meeting with him as he developed the plan.

The outrageous lack of transparency and engagement with **all** users of Jane Warner Plaza are reasons for your group to reject the final plan.

Regards,
Michael Petrelis
Friends of Jane Warner Plaza
San Francisco, CA

Outreach. Outreach included a site walk with project partners and community stakeholders to determine needs and desires for the study. SFPW held two stakeholder meetings to develop concept alternatives and receive input on preferred concepts. The design team also held a meeting with local business owners. Concepts were vetted with SFMTA staff for their feedback on transit infrastructure and operations needs, as well as bicycle and pedestrian circulation. The final preferred concept vision was presented to the community in March 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended action would not have any impact on the Transportation Authority's proposed Fiscal Year 2024/25 annual budget.

CAC POSITION

The CAC will consider this item at its June 26, 2024 meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Attachment 1 - Jane Warner Plaza Preferred Concept Vision

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 01:02:13 PM PDT, MICHAEL PETRELIS <mpetrelis@aol.com> wrote:

Hello Amy Sawyang,

To guarantee our objections to the fantasy and wasteful \$100,000 plan are incorporated into the minutes for today's meeting, I've posted our letter to your Facebook page.

Regards,
Michael Petrelis
Friends of Jane Warner Plaza
San Francisco , CA



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Michael Petrelis

To the SFCTA CAC,

The Friends of Jane Warner Plaza request that you reject the fantasy plan as shown in the final report. The \$100,000 spent on creating a proposal for improvements in 5-10 years would have been better allocated for patching potholes posing dangers today to pedestrians, for example.

There wasn't a single open to the public meeting held and we reject the bogus claim that community outreach was performed. Meeting behind closed doors, with an invitation only policy for businesses and other City agencies was protested by our group.

Our current concerns over public safety and lack of activation by the Castro CBD and the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District, both directly funded by the the City, were never part of the community feedback to the planners.

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On Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 12:56:48 PM PDT, MICHAEL PETRELIS <mpetrelis@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Amy Saeyang,

I ask that you include this written statement in your minutes for today's SF County Transportation Authority meeting of your citizen's advisory board. Please confirm receipt of this note by the close of business today. Thanks. -Michael Petrelis

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Why were the SF DPW planners, Rafael Mandelman, the benefit and cultural districts, all afraid to present their plan to the general public? The plan wasted valuable public dollars and hours of public servants, which has contributed the diminishment of vibrancy at Jane Warner Plaza.

Please reject the fantasy plan and better appropriate funds for this deplorable public space in the future.

Regards,
Michael Petrelis
Friends of Jane Warner Plaza
San Francisco, CA

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Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 11

DATE: June 18, 2024
TO: Transportation Authority Board
FROM: Anna LaForte - Deputy Director for Policy and Programming
SUBJECT: 7/9/24 Board Meeting: Approve the Jane Warner Plaza [NTIP Planning] Final Report

<p>RECOMMENDATION <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p>Approve the Jane Warner Plaza [NTIP Planning] Final Report</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>Requested by District 8 Supervisor and Transportation Authority Board Chair Rafael Mandelman, the Jane Warner Plaza Neighborhood Program project developed plans to enhance safety of the intersection at Castro and Market streets and to allow the plaza and space to better serve the community. San Francisco Public Works, in coordination with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), conducted site walks and held community meetings to determine desires and needs for the plaza as well as to receive iterative input on two concept alternatives. The final report (Attachment 1) identifies a preferred concept with draft cost estimates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Programming <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Legislation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan/Study <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Project Oversight/Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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BACKGROUND

Jane Warner Plaza, located on the intersection of Castro, 17th, and Market streets, was created in 2009 as a temporary public square through the City's Pavement to