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TARAVAL STREETSCAPE COMMUNITY MEETING #1 Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 6:00-7:30pm **Brothers Pizza, 3627 Taraval Street**

Attendees:

DPW: Mohammed Nuru, Meghan Tiernan, Marci Camacho, Martha Ketterer, Nick Ancel, Shannon BOS: Katy Tang (Liaison for Supervisor Chu) See sign in sheet

Community Comments: "What do you like about Taraval?"

- 1. I like it the way it is, keep it the same.
- 2. Parklet is OK, permeable paving is OK, and planters are OK.
- 3. There are no problems with safety, or traffic (routing) or Muni.
- 4. We don't need gateways or banners.
- 5. I like the "old" feel about it; it's safe and has no traffic problems.
- 6. I like what's been done on Noriega. I like the "old" feel but think it can be improved on.
- 7. I like it the way it is—but we need pothole and sidewalk repair to prevent people from
- 8. I would like Taraval to be able to attract people to the "Bull" and "Pizza" and other businesses.
- 9. The houses (building edge) go from the house to cement to asphalt. We need to soften that, and have places to sit.

Community Comments: "What do you dislike about Taraval?"

- 1. Sidewalks are dirty and need repair. It is grimy.
- 2. Needs paint, planting, and trees.
- 3. It looks old and worn-out. Judah and Noriega- I love what's been done there.

Community General Comments:

- 1. Businesses need money and to be able to improve (so if Taraval was improved, this should help).
- 2. The facades need improvements.
- 3. Need greenscape to link to beach as pathway (from Taraval to beach).
- 4. Need meeting places like Judah has.



- 5. Need a coffee shop with sidewalk seating to bring the community together.
- 6. I planted a tree with the help of Urban Forestry, I took care of it but the tree died. You need to understand the wind and salt that we have out here. I think it killed the tree.
- 7. On 47th & Taraval: all the trees died but 1. We think it was the wrong type of tree for here.
- 8. A "way" (path/route) to get from Taraval to the beach would be great maybe a staircase and rail on the sand so it can hold up to the weather and sand.
- 9. Katy mentioned there is an Ocean Beach Vision Council for resident to get more information on beach access/connections.
- 10. At 48th & Taraval: it is one-way going north: we need better signage there for motorists. The traffic there is scary. People go the wrong way.
- 11. How about at $46^{th} 47^{th}$ stamped concrete sidewalk to make a statement to differentiate the sidewalk. Even a silicon stamp (not talking about cross walk).
- 12. Existing landscaping on islands: not in good condition, some not planted. Per Katy it's an ongoing effort of volunteers to make it happen.
- 13. It always dirty here (litter) need recycling options (containers), trash bins, and doggie doo bags.
- 14. Need planters
- 15. Don't give people too many (design) choices for trees or plants, especially messy ones that have fruit or leaves that make a mess on the sidewalk. (*Neighbors felt wrong trees have been proposed in the past for the nearby area*.) Martha (project landscape architect) commented that proper tree/plant selection for the area, climate, and location will be done.
- 16. Need to be able to attract good businesses here (illegal massage and gambling are not good).
- 17. How many parking spaces does a parklet remove? (1-2 per Martha) Nick commented on ideas for car parking. The landscape architects will show options at next meeting.
- 18. Concern expressed about the impact of commuters from out of the area who already come here to park and then take Muni to work downtown.
- 19. Parking is difficult in this area. Some neighbors don't want to pay for parking or for residential parking permits, some worry about parking spaces possibly being removed by this project.
- 20. Community wondered who pays for a parklet? Katy commented that normally the business does, but occasionally there is another way.

