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 falling.
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 46th – 47th 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.