

**SAN FRANCISCO REINVESTMENT
WORKING GROUP
MINUTES**

REMOTE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

(remote public access provided via teleconference)

April 21, 2022 - 3:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Present: Rafael Morales, Jennifer Finger*, Liz Dwyer, Fernando Marti, Christin Evans, Michelle Pierce**, Sylvia Chi, Amanda Fried (TTX), and Anna Van Degna (Controller).

(*arrived after Chair and Vice Chair selection)

(**departed after Chair and Vice Chair selection to return to the Redistricting Taskforce)

The San Francisco Reinvestment Working Group (SF RWG) met remotely in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

On the call of the roll, Rafael Morales, Liz Dwyer, Fernando Marti, Christin Evans, Michelle Pierce, Sylvia Chi, Amanda Fried (TTX), and Anna Van Degna (Controller) were noted present.

A quorum was present.

2. Findings to allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code, Section 54953(e)

The Clerk provided brief remarks on the findings that must be approved in order to allow the Commission to continue meeting remotely for the next 30 days.

Public Comment: None.

Member Marti, seconded by Member Van Degna, moved that the Resolution adopting findings required by Assembly Bill 361 that: 1) the Committee has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; 2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of policy body members to meet safely in person; and 3) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Morales, Dwyer, Marti, Evans, Pierce, Chi, Fried, and Van Degna

Action: Resolution APPROVED

3. Selecting Chair and Vice Chair for SF Reinvestment Working Group

Clerk presented guideline procedures for nominating and voting on the offices of Chair, and opened nominations for the office of Chair. SF RWG member Marti nominated SF RWG member Evans to be Chairperson.

Public Comment: None.

Member Evans was elected to the office of Chair by the following vote:

Votes for Member Evans: 8

Morales, Dwyer, Marti, Evans, Pierce, Chi, Fried, and Van Degna

Action: Chairperson Evans APPOINTED

Clerk presented guideline procedures for nominating and voting on the offices of Vice Chair, and opened nominations for the office of Chair. SF RWG member Morales nominated SF RWG member Marti to be Vice Chairperson.

Public Comment: None.

Member Marti was elected to the office of Vice Chair by the following vote:

Votes for Member Marti: 8

Morales, Dwyer, Marti, Evans, Pierce, Chi, Fried, and Van Degna

Action: Vice Chairperson Marti APPOINTED

4. Presentation from the City Attorney's Office on Brown Act Requirements for Working Group Members

Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney (Office of City Attorney), provided brief remarks on public meetings and open records requirements, including staff and SF RWG Members communications and the applicability of the Sunshine Ordinance; and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Public Comment: Kurtis Woo thanked the Working Group members and supported Evans as Chair and Marti as Vice-Chair. Unnamed commenter (via Spanish interpreter) thanked the SF RWG for providing simultaneous translation of the entire meeting in Spanish.

There was no action taken.

5. Presentation on History of Public Banks in California and San Francisco Ordinance 87021

Supervisor Preston provided opening remarks about the purpose of the SF RWG and thanked the Members for their service.

Rick Girling (San Francisco Public Banking Coalition), Reina Tello (¡PODER!), and Sylvia Chi (Reinvestment Working Group) provided a presentation about the history of community efforts to create the public banking law AB 857 and the San Francisco Ordinance that created the SF RWG.

Public Comment: Charlie Schimas provided public comment in support of a SF public bank. Amy (via Spanish interpreter) thanked the SF RWG for providing simultaneous translation of the entire meeting in Spanish.

There was no action taken.

6. Presentation on Research Conducted by the Budget Legislative Analyst (BLA) on Public Banking for the Board of Supervisors

The presentation by Karl Beitel (Budget Legislative Analyst) was rescheduled to the May 2022 regular meeting of the SF RWG.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

7. Presentation on Assembly Bill 857, the State Law that Allows Cities to Create Public Banks

Sylvia Chi, Reinvestment Working Group member and co-author of Assembly Bill 857, provided a presentation about the legal details of the law and the requirements that the SF RWG members needed to consider in creating a public bank business plan.

Public Comment: Gilbert Williams, resident of District 11, spoke in favor of a SF public bank that would be more community focused. Attorney from the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights spoke in favor of a SF public bank.

There was no action taken.

8. Introduction to Consulting Team Hired to Write a Business and Governance Plan for a San Francisco Public Bank

Members of the HR&A consulting team introduced themselves to the SF RWG. Partner-in-Charge Andrea Batista Schlesinger, Project Manager Kate Owens, Project Manager Giacomo Bagarella, and Senior Analyst Juan Herrera were present.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the SF RWG adjourned at the hour of 5:15pm.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the SF RWG on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.