



**Minutes of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors meeting
October 22, 2019
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Office
1720 Market Street, San Francisco CA**

Directors in attendance	Andy Thornley
	Alexandra Sweet
	Brad Williford
	Jane Natoli (Secretary)
	Jean Kao (President)
	Juli Uota
	Kelli Shields
	Marie Jonas
	Mary Kay Chin
	Meaghan Mitchell
	Nic Jay Aulston
	Preston Rhea
	Robin Abad Ocubillo (Treasurer)
	Sarah Bindman
Shirley Johnson	
Staff	Brian Wiedenmeier (Executive Director)
	Rahul Young (Deputy Director)
	Adam Comeau (Development Director)
Guests in attendance	Susan Mooney
	Taylor Ahlgren
	Audrey Harris
	Howard Williams
	Manoj Madhavan

Start	The meeting was convened with quorum at 6:30 pm.
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	Agenda Item	Purpose	Presenter
1	Check-In and Introductions	Information	All
The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves, provided their roles and their pronouns.			
2	General Public Comment	Information	Guests
Howard announced the SF Bike Messenger Association is asking the city to ban electric vehicles of all types except for people who need them for disability-related reasons and celebrated the pending removal of the grate at 2nd and Market.			



Taylor encouraged the board to have a discussion and vote about rescinding the endorsements of London Breed for Mayor and Suzy Loftus for District Attorney (DA).

3	Board Check-In	Information	Mary Kay
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The Organizational Strengthening committee provided a forum to reflect on our growth as a board in terms of the work we are doing, how we are doing, and what we will continue to do to grow and find alignment as it relates to doing the work for the Bike Coalition. The board reflected on our self-assessments as well as the assessment of staff in terms of how we show up and do this important work.

4	Consent Agenda	Action	Jean Kao
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Alex moved to approve the September 24, 2019 minutes. Mary Kay seconded

Everyone voted in favor of approving the September 24, 2019 minutes except for Kelli, who abstained

The board received over a dozen emails. Most implored that we consider rescinding our endorsement for DA or for DA and Mayor

Shirley moved that we go into a closed session to discuss the board endorsements, Kelli seconded.

Marie amended the motion to hold a closed session to the end of the meeting and limit it to 5 minutes of discussion, Andy seconded

In favor: Andy, Alex, Brad, Jane, Kelli, Marie, Mary Kay, Meaghan, Nic Jay, Preston, Robin, Sarah, Shirley
 Opposed: Jean, Juli

5	Executive Director's Report	Information	Brian
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Brian noted due to the pace of other activities this month that they did not have time to update the Strategic Plan Dashboard but will provide updates in November

The SFMTA Board of Directors unanimously approved Better Market Street ("BMS") on October 15th. Brian thanked board members for their work, especially thanking Jean, Juli, and Shirley who gave public comment. In addition, he highlighted the hard work of staff member Charles Deffarges on this project, who will be leaving to join the city's Homeless Outreach Team.

Regarding other projects, 5th Street construction is slated to start soon and Brannan is nearing completion. Other street safety projects coming up include Embarcadero, the rest of Howard and Townsend, and Valencia between 19th and Cesar Chavez.

In terms of non-advocacy gains recently, SFGov produced a piece about a community bike build. Brian acknowledged the hard work of staff that make that a reality. In addition, on October 19th, the Bike Coalition conducted a helmet giveaway at the Arguello Extension in Golden Gate Park, giving away 100 helmets and providing fittings. Upcoming events include a family biking fair in the Mission with bilingual education. It's imperative to pair the work to win safer streets with people power and connecting people to more opportunities to bike.



Shirley inquired about what is happening with Valencia between 15th and 19th. Brian acknowledged that it presents unique challenges due to the widened sidewalks leaving less space for on-street improvements and that staff is continuing to engage with Supervisors Mandelman and Ronen to explore how to best improve that stretch of Valencia.

Robin noted that it would be great to see more quickbuild projects focused on the Southeast portion of the city as there are still lots of missing connections, particularly in places like the Bayview, and that focusing on more projects in other parts of the city helps with our equity goals.

6	Mid-Year Budget Review	Information	Rahul
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Rahul provided a mid-year update of the budget.

Overall, the Bike Coalition is 5% behind our budget on income. Some of that shortfall was made up by a large gift received at the end of September, however there is a lot of uncertainty around sources like that. While some areas are behind budget, such as contracts and individual and business partner support, a fully staffed Development team should help make up for that.

On the expense side, the organization is doing 2% better than expected, with a slight deficit from what was budgeted. However no significant changes are anticipated and with hard work from everyone involved we should be able to make up ground on the income side of the budget

7	Org Strengthening Exercise	Information	Susan
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Susan led an exercise where board members looked at areas of work that the board might engage in and had board members select what they believe the role of the board is in terms of that work. The board then discussed places where they showed great alignment on the priority and role as well as areas where there was more divergence to learn more about how we reflect on the role of the board and what that means for our work.

8	Fundraising Exercise	Information	Adam
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Adam led the board through a fundraising exercise, including identifying opportunities where we can do more to support the organization as board members, including driving ticket sales for Winterfest and helping with the year-end appeal and highlighted a new opportunity that Alex helped create around an event specifically geared towards parents biking with children.

9	Board Recommendations	Action	Alex
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Board Development led a discussion about the upcoming elections as well as the board recommendation process. Alex asked the board to support moving forward with a process where the committee could provide the board recommendation process as supported by a motion in this meeting.

Andy moved to have board recommendations this year and to let Board Development as a committee develop the board recommendation process, Marie seconded.

The board then discussed the merits of what the board recommendation process does and does not accomplish

Jean called the question after some discussion



Approve: Andy, Alex, Brad, Jane, Juli, Marie, Meghan, Robin, Sarah

Nay: Kelli, Preston, Shirley

Abstain: Jean, Mary Kay, Nic Jay

The motion passed

10	Closed Session	Action	Jane
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Preston motioned to move the board into closed session, Kelli seconded.

All in favor

Jane facilitated a discussion as to whether or not the board should take any action on the endorsements of London Breed and Suzy Loftus

Marie left the meeting at 8:52 pm

The board voted on a motion to rescind the endorsements of London Breed and Suzy Loftus. The motion failed.

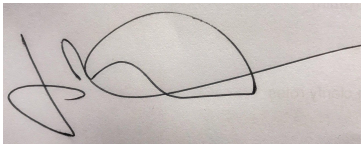
11	Adjournment	Action	Jean Kao
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Motion to adjourn the October 22, 2019 meeting of the SF Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors at 9:05 pm
Preston moved, Alex seconded

List of Appendices

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Jane Natoli, Secretary	
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