



June 2021 15th June 2021 General Membership Meeting

Board Members Present: Kaylah, Edward, Alvin, Michael, Seamus, Raya, Reid, Joe

Janice Li and Arturo Peredes Transit Panel

- Janice Li
 - Rode Muni during campaigning, is a regular Muni rider, rides Muni to work.
 - Navigating city with public transit is the best way to discover the city
 - Transporting advocacy world is very white and privileged as opposed to public transportation riders
 - You don't need to be an expert to champion transportation policy
 - Panels on transport policy must include non-policy experts, riders, should discuss transit and be a part of policy making.
 - Deconstruct what public safety means and stop defining policing based on what white people think safety means. Make public transport safe for POC and trans folks.
 - Push the bounds of what public transportation means.
 - Advocates need to be rider focused. Stop thinking black and brown folks as hypotheticals , and need to talk to people on the ground.
 - POC should get involved in advocacy by being a part of meetings and conversations accessible to the public.
 - 65% of the operating budget was from fares vs. Low teens for MUNI which depends on general funds for budget. COVID proved

challenges. We need to tax the wealthy to support the budget so that public transport is not dependent on ridership fares. Public Bank formation, Prop 13 reform should be funding the budget.

- Doesn't understand why MUNI is not running at 100% even though there's federal funding- we must understand the complications and advocate for answers and push for recovery. Austerity measures will be disastrous.
- BART is taking 50% off BART fares for September, not much but BART has never done anything like it before but it is a start.
- Milk Club should work with Bike coalition organizers (eg. Clare, SomCAN) as well as Poder-- avenues to make change.

- Arturo Peredes
 - We must tax the rich to fund Free Muni.
 - Free MUNI will make public transport more equitable.
 - Way to encourage ridership would be to educate people, highlight the benefits
 - We must modernize our public transportation system, make it more inviting for riders.
 - Public input is important.
 - Advocacy is important to pass Free Muni (Poder, Youth Mojo etc)
 - Milk Club members should join the advocacy coalition for free MUNI.
 - There should be a campaign in the city to encourage people to take public transportation.

- PEOPLE'S PRIDE MARCH AND RALLY
 - Alex U. Inn:
 - Sunday June 27th Gather 10-1030AM, march to Civic center at 11AM.
 - Corner of Polk and Washington
 - We lost 600,000 lives to covid mostly black and brown people.
 - Demand Universal Healthcare at the march.
 - We may not end up in the Castro this year, because Castro is a hostile white place dangerous to POC trans and queer folks.

Juanita More's Pride Party @620 Jones

- Stern Grove Festival, Sunday 27th @ Stern Grove 2PM
Free entry.
- Cinch June 21 6PM Milk Pride Happy Hour @ the
Cinch

- NEW BUSINESS

- Kevin Ortiz
 - Latinx Young Dems action at City Hall on 16th June 12noon
@ Kamala Harris's anti immigration remarks
 - Chesa Boudin, David Campos will be speaking
- Susan Englander
 - Intergenerational Brunch at Trans event now named for
Felicia Flames Elizondo
 - To sponsor the Grayson
- Alex U Inn
 - Monumental Juneteenth reckoning on Friday
 - <https://laporanpenelitian.com/monumental-reckoning-this-juneteenth-in-golden-gate-park>
 - People's March struggling with funds, donate to gofundme:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-peoples-march?fbclid=IwAR2VCobYexAPbmLZcZpgfek6TXujfFNBE7zDAj6nGEEcbp5DxeC4GR5-LKA>
- Chris Christensen
 - ILWU will recognize Angela Davis as honorary member of
ILWU on Juneteenth.