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## **PUBLIC MEETING**

Harvey Milk Center for Recreational Arts

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- Meet Your Neighbors! Holiday Social begins at 6:30.
- Christopher Kidd of SFMTA will present the Active Communities Plan, the city's infrastructure plan for the next five years.

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Harvey Milk Community Center Craft Fair**

Sunday, December 10, 11:00am - 4 pm  
Shop Local for the Holidays!

**Triangle Art Mart** - First Sunday of every month, 11-5 pm., Noe and Market.

**Castro Art Walk** - First Friday of every month, 5-9 pm.

**Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Days**

Second Saturday of every month.

Note: For the latest updates on meetings and events, plus opportunities to get involved in neighborhood actions, please visit [dtna.org](http://dtna.org).

## **Neighborhood Gem: Larry Dunsmore, Gardener Extraordinaire**



*Larry stands proudly in one of the vegetable and fruit tree gardens he oversees and gardens with students at Sanchez Elementary and Everett Middle Schools.*

*By Erik Honda*

Public schools are the foundation of our future harmonious multicultural democracy, and they need all of our support. For public schools to thrive they need not only state funding (California recently managed to make it up to the national average on that) but a host of inputs at the local level. Schools need students, first of all, so thank you to all the parents who send their kids to the local schools like McKinley, Sanchez, and Everett, and to all the high school kids who choose Mission High for their 9-12 education. They need teachers too of course, which is a hard ask when a recent study revealed that 85% of San Francisco teachers spend more than 30% of their income on rent, and then they need volunteers - folks from the neighborhood who are willing to dig in and help,

giving up their free time to make life better for the little ones.

Larry Dunsmore is one such hero. He has lived on 17th Street since 1982. He was a teacher before he was a volunteer, and taught high school students at Berkeley High and middle school students at Everett. While he was teaching at Everett he took on the project of revitalizing a beautiful interior courtyard (the Everett building, on Church and 16th Streets, is itself a gem of Works Progress Administration Spanish deco architecture) with fruit trees. Through that volunteer effort he became involved with the nonprofit Friends of the Urban Forest, which helped him and fellow teachers and volunteers add more garden space. He initiated with FUF the planting of 23 trees on 17th Street between Church and Sanchez Streets, on what was previously a barren block. Larry wrote and received a \$100,000 grant from the Greening Schoolyards Initiative, which was part of a bond issue thoughtful local voters passed in the early 2000s to invest in school infrastructure.

When Larry retired from teaching he took a couple of years away from school to breathe, but soon came back, knowing that the garden wouldn't be the same without him. One recent summer day he could be found watering the side garden on Sanchez Street, and handing out incredibly sweet and delicious plums to interested neighbors.

Larry is looking forward to an even bigger initiative. Everett was recently awarded a three-million-dollar grant to transform part of their large asphalt yard on 17th

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### Key Changes Coming to City Government



Rafael Mandelman represents District 8 on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

reform to the voters that will make our city government work at least a little, and ideally a lot, better.

**TREATMENT ON DEMAND:** On November 9th, I held a hearing at the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on the status of Treatment on Demand in San Francisco. More than 620 people have died from overdose in our City so far this year, with 2023 on track to be the deadliest year for overdoses on record.

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

Here are some updates on our recent work at City Hall:

**CHARTER REFORM:** My staff and I have been having conversations inside and outside City Hall over the last few months to identify a set of reforms that might be able to win broad support in City Hall and with voters to leave our city government in better shape to do the work that our people expect.

On October 31, I announced a drafting request for the City Attorney to prepare a Charter Reform package for the November ballot. I am hopeful that I and my colleagues will manage to forward a consensus

The hearing revealed that demand for treatment has increased in the past year, but we continue to have a shortage of staffing and treatment placements that leads to unacceptable wait times and undermines our efforts to address San Francisco's drug crisis. With the Mayor proposing to require drug treatment for individuals with substance use disorders as a condition of receiving assistance, it is important to ensure the City is allocating resources effectively to provide the treatment and services necessary to meet increasing demand.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at [Man-delmanstaff@sfgov.org](mailto:Man-delmanstaff@sfgov.org), or by calling (415) 554-6968.



Dean Preston is the Supervisor for District 5, which includes the portion of the Triangle northeast of Duboce Park.

to curb speculation, and pushing the City to make good on its promise to build housing on Parcel K in Hayes Valley. We've worked to improve community safety in the Lower Haight by bringing community ambassadors to the neighborhood for the first time. Pedestrian safety remains a top priority for our office: we're thrilled that Page Slow Street is now permanent, and the Board recently passed our resolution urging SFMTA to develop and implement a plan for No Turn On Red across San Francisco.

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

I hope you have a restful end to 2023 as we enter the new year. Thanks to DTNA for inviting me to share some recent highlights.

We've made big strides on affordable housing, including paving the way for hundreds of new affordable homes at the current DMV site, implementing the Empty Homes Tax this January

We'll continue to work on sustainable solutions to homelessness, tenant protections, small business support, establishing a public bank, and so much more of what our great city and its residents deserve. For regular updates on our work, sign up for our newsletter by contacting my office at [PrestonStaff@sfgov.org](mailto:PrestonStaff@sfgov.org) or by calling (415) 554-7630. I wish you all a safe and prosperous New Year.

### Harvey Milk Craft Fair is Sunday December 10

By Robby Roller, Recreation Supervisor

The Harvey Milk Center for the Arts in Duboce Park is proud to host its Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, December 10th, 2023. The event will include a variety of local artists offering their unique handmade holiday gifts

for sale to the public. Our destination art center will also host family-friendly craft activities for all ages and fun and free photo booth opportunities. Stop by from 11:00am to 4:00pm to find unique hand-crafted one-of-a-kind gifts for family and friends, with free hot apple cider to go!

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### Community Building One Neighbor at a Time



Frank Tizedes is the President of DTNA. He lives on Noe Street.

By Frank Tizedes

DTNA has achieved significant milestones helping foster community, inclusivity, and civic

engagement based around our two year Slow Triangle program and community input. Known as Vision 2030, these efforts focus on inclusion/diversity, public space accessibility, safer intersections, cross-walks, lighting and expansion of green spaces. <https://www.dtna.org/Duboce-Triangle-Vision-2030#gsc.tab=0>

The approval of a bylaw change that created our "Values of Inclusion" statement stands out as pivotal moments, reflecting the community's commitment to diversity. The unity displayed in supporting these changes demonstrates a collective desire to create a welcoming environment where everyone feels valued.

Monthly "Frank Talks" at Duboce Park Cafe have become

valuable opportunities for residents to express their thoughts, needs, and neighborhood desires. The open dialogue ensures community initiatives align with the wishes of our neighbors.

Addressing neglected spaces, the "Bulb-out Restorations" project signifies the community's dedication to safety and accessibility. Through securing funding, DTNA has revitalized these magical areas, showcasing the positive outcomes of our community engagements.

Commitment to environmental well-being is evident in the "Tree Canopy Restoration" efforts. Despite delays, DTNA remains focused on planting over 50 trees in empty treewells, demonstrating a commitment to our environment.

"The Wiggle Celebration," a lively event advocating safer, slower traffic and improved accessibility, was supported by various city departments and leaders. The success of this collaboration reinforces the strength of community bonds.

The "Noe Commons Street Parties", including Eggstravaganza, Castro Family Pride, Castro Family Halloween, and Winter Wonderland, continue to provide joyous occasions. These events, coupled with the Sunday ArtMarts at Noe Commons, underline DTNA's dedication to fostering a vibrant community life.

Duboce Triangle neighbors exemplify a vibrant, inclusive, and engaged community. I look forward to 2024, *Community Building, one Neighbor at a Time!*

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## Wiggle Fest Celebrates Community and a Vision for Safer Streets



By Hans Galland and Corbin Muraro, co-chairs of DTNA's Vision 2030 project. Hans lives on Divisadero Street, and Corbin lives on Waller Street. Focused on traffic safety, accessibility, greening and neighborhood identity, DTNA Vision 2030 is a roadmap for community-led projects improving the public realm in the Duboce Triangle.

On October 22, Steiner Street neighbors, DTNA, and the SF Bicycle Coalition held the inaugural Wiggle Fest, a block party celebrating a safe and diverse neighborhood community. Despite the rain, a few hundred folks including San Francisco mayor London Breed attended the event, which featured live music, food, and activities for all ages, and it was covered on local television news as well. A highlight was the "Reclaimed Wiggle," where Steiner and Sanchez Streets were closed to traffic to give residents a taste of what

this area next to Duboce Park could be like if it were entirely reserved for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Wiggle Fest also served as a call to action to make our public realm more inclusive, as the street closure allowed elderly and neighbors with special needs to safely cross Duboce Avenue to join the festivities.

### Traffic Calming on Steiner and Sanchez

The Vision 2030 team continues to focus our efforts on traffic calming at 14th & Sanchez and Duboce & Sanchez, as neighborhood surveys have highlighted these as areas with the most pressing needs. The Wiggle Fest showed us how this section of Steiner can become an extension to Duboce Park and a safe, vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming public space for all.

In addition, we are involved in the SFMTA on the Active Communities Plan, a two-year planning process to direct SFMTA's future investments in an active transportation network and policies for the next ten to fifteen years. Both offer an opportunity to re-imagine some of these intersections' designs.



The team is now collaborating with San Francisco Livable Cities, who is seeking grant funding to increase street surface permeability to improve storm water

capture. Get involved in Vision 2030 with a project of your own! Contact Corbin and Hans at [Vision2030@dtna.org](mailto:Vision2030@dtna.org).

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## Why I Moved to Duboce Triangle



By Leela Sarukkai

San Francisco was not the city that I thought I would be living in. Yet, probably like many of you, I found myself unintention-

ally brought into the city at the behest of a new job. I had never been to SF before when I flew in ten days before my job started. If you asked me about neighborhoods, restaurants, weekend hobbies...if you asked me about anything "SF", I would have had no answers. But, I'm very glad that Duboce Triangle is where I ended up.

Duboce has become a very special neighborhood to me. There is a particular moment I remember well – a Friday afternoon in April, when I was sitting at a table outside of Café Reveille on

Waller. At this time, I was still living in NoPa and had taken a short walk south. I sipped my iced almond-milk latte as the sun glistened through the willow trees, casting dancing shadows on the laptop in front of me. I leaned back in my chair, feeling reminiscent and peaceful, lost in my thoughts. Aren't those the exact feelings I would want from a place I call home? To feel peaceful and comfortable in myself and my surroundings. And that's when I knew that at the end of my NoPa lease, Duboce would be where I would go.

Its surprising what a difference a half a mile makes.

We have a little patio. Its petite but just large enough for two chairs, a small round table, and a special wind chime. On a clear day, we can see all the way out to the waterfront at the Embarcadero (mind you, it has to be a *really* clear day). And I love sitting at our little table, drinking a sip of warm water with lemon, and leaning back in my green collapsible patio chair.

I am so happy to be here, hope you all are too.

## Historic Photo

By Rose Linke

September was Transit Month throughout the greater Bay Area. With a whole month of public programming, events included special rides, tours, a rider contest, a scavenger hunt, prizes, and more—all in celebration of the role public transit plays in our lives. September also saw the introduction of a new BART schedule to accommodate changing patterns of usage and to better serve riders, especially in the evenings and on weekends.

With all the recent headlines about ridership levels and fiscal cliffs, it's nice to zoom out and reflect on the amazing infrastructure we have here. Especially in Duboce Triangle, where we're particularly well-served by public transit. That's long been the case—in the years leading up to World War II, ours was the only neighborhood in the City served by all four modes of transit: streetcar, trolley bus, motor bus, and cable car. The cable car was retired in 1941 and replaced by a new crosstown motor bus (the 24-Divisadero).



During the construction of the Market Street Subway in the 1970s, Muni had to keep running streetcars because there weren't enough buses to substitute. The streetcars were moved off Market, so the subway between Duboce and Castro could be built easily. The "temporary" streetcar detour

required building new tracks on 17th Street, which are still there today.

Building Castro Station while streetcar service continued was a complex undertaking that, as you can see in this amazing photograph, included construction of a

trestle track above the excavation site for access to the East Portal tunnel.

*Photo courtesy Market Street Railway, via the SFMTA Archive.*

## End the Doom Loop - Shop Local for the Holidays!

Over the last year we sadly lost a few more neighborhood businesses to the post-pandemic blues, but on the bright side some new businesses have emerged, and they all need your support. So get out there and shop the Triangle!

A good place to start is on Waller Street, in the newly invigorated "LoDu" or Lower Duboce enclave of the Triangle, where you can pick up a one-of-a-kind ceramic or other art object at **Earthen Ceramics & Homeware**, or some of the cutest possible outfits for your four-legged friends at **The Animal House Pet Mercantile** at Fillmore and Waller.

From LoDu head to 14th Street, which bisects the Triangle, and pick up a gift certificate for dog grooming at the **Little Ark**. Also on 14th Rebekah Northway of **The Petaler** can spice up your holiday gathering with a gorgeously seasonal and distinctive floral display, using locally-sourced materials. Then stop by **Books and Bookshelves** at 14th and Sanchez to pick up a book of poetry. On Noe Street just south of 14th you will find fine homewares at **Black and Gold** at 15th and Noe, or if your pet needs a toy or a treat, it's at **Jeffrey's Natural Pet Foods**.

The largest concentration of shopping des-

tinations is on Market Street, hypotenuse of our Triangle. You should start just west of Noe at Max Khusid's **Art House SF**, one of two galleries to have opened on Market since the pandemic. Across the street is the artfully curated homeware selections at **Stag & Manor**, or, if you or your gift buddy are more the fashionista types, **Rolo on Market** or the high-end vintage clothing store **Sui Generis** are both must-shop spaces.

At Market and Noe it's definitely holiday-themed at **Giddy Sweet Tooth Provisions**, and east of there a lovely personalized gift option is to order a big print of a favorite photo and a nice frame at **Photoworks SF** or at **Underglass Custom Framing**. Extra-local is **Ampersand Flower Shop** on Market below Sanchez, owned by neighbors who live on Duboce Street, and just east of that is your second fine art option, **Schlomerhaus Gallery**. If your giftee is a drinker, **Mil-lay Sake + Wine Bottle Shop & Bar** at 14th and Market is the place to go, or you can pick up a lovely houseplant at **Plant Therapy**.

As your shopping day



You can pick up some of the cutest possible outfits for your four-legged friends at *The Animal House Pet Mercantile* at Fillmore and Waller.

comes to an end take a moment to celebrate that you have not only supported the neighborhood, you have also connected in a real way with some real people. And to all a good night.

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## San Francisco Neighborhood Organizing for Traffic Calming



Michael has lived on Waller Street since 2017, and in the Lower Haight since 2011.

By Michael Friis

Last winter I collected signatures from residents on Waller St. between Scott and Pierce to petition for [SFMTA Traffic Calming](#). If successful, the petition will likely result in speed bumps or bulb-outs being put in. The Scott St. between Waller and Duboce is a good example of a nearby traffic-calmed block. Our block is straight and wide and some drivers tend to zoom through. It's not the most dangerous block in San Francisco by any measure, but it's not great either.

I initially tried to figure out if our block could get the Slow Streets treatment (like on Page St.) but there's no bottoms-up process for that, and with the amount of [controversy](#) generated by existing Slow Streets I'm not sure SFMTA is going to try for more.

### Collecting Signatures

When collecting signatures almost everyone I spoke with were willing to sign. One or two thought that speed bumps were too big a change and suggested just installing more signage. I empathize with that view but studies show that car drivers tend to adjust their speed according to the layout of the road, not to the speed limit or other sign-posted advisories. On roads that are straight and wide they go fast and on roads that are narrow, windy or have bumps they go slower.

Interestingly, several neighbors that signed after more detailed discussion identified traffic calming with pro-bike efforts and expressed concerns about bicyclists impact on pedestrian safety. One example given was from when the Waller and Pierce intersection was closed (to raise it if I recall). Bicy-

clist following the Wiggle didn't dismount and just rode on the sidewalk to get around the road closure, endangering pedestrians.

Biking on the sidewalk is wrong and illegal but in my opinion the danger posed by inconsiderate bicyclists is something of a red herring. After all, motorists reliably [kill around 30 people per year](#) in San Francisco alone. The only case that I know of where a bicyclist killed someone is a [much-publicized 2012 incident in the Castro](#). Even so, getting the feedback from my neighbors that they find bicyclists occasionally inconsiderate did make me more aware of how bikes are perceived in traffic and I'm now trying to be even more careful when I ride my bike.

### Moving Forward

The petition is currently in process with SFMTA. You may have noticed black pneumatic tubes temporarily draped across the street a couple of months ago. Those were for SFMTA to collect data on vehicle volume and speed and they're working on processing that now. We'll know whether our block meets the criteria this fall, and I'll keep everyone posted.

*"We always do our best work"*

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## Fall Fun at McKinley Elementary



*Kelly lives on Noe Street with her family, and her cat, David Bowie. She's currently serving as VP of Communications on the McKinley PTA, and her son is a third grader at McKinley.*

By Kelly Gillease

Happy Fall from McKinley Elementary! There's been a lot of events to celebrate this October

and November, which makes the start of the school year extra fun!

On Friday, October 27th McKinley held its annual Harvest Festival. The school community came together for games, the haunted house, and delicious food from local favorite Bonita Taqueria. There was also an adorable costume showcase emceed by Principal Collins. On Halloween, classrooms did their annual costume parade. Thank you to all McKinley neighbors who decorated for Halloween and handed out treats – the kids love trick-or-treating in our neighborhood, and it's great to see everyone come together!

In commemoration of Dia de Los Muertos each year McKinley creates an ofrenda. This year's ofrenda was especially beautiful and the children decorated

it with many calaveras (skulls), handmade paper marigold flowers, photos, and thoughtful messages for departed loved ones.

On Saturday November 4th, McKinley held its annual open house. Prospective new families could tour the school, meet staff, and parents. There was a great turnout, and McKinley is excited to welcome new families next year!

Next year McKinley will expand to offering a TK (transitional kindergarten) class in addition to the school's usual kindergarten to

fifth grade classes. SFUSD's TK program is designed to bridge the preschool learning environment with that of the traditional kindergarten classroom, and the school is excited to expand its offering to include TK.

McKinley encourages all our neighbors to show their support by joining the PTA at <https://tinyurl.com/mv6rvu7s> or donating to McKinley's annual fund at <https://tinyurl.com/h64w4e2t>.

Support your local public schools!

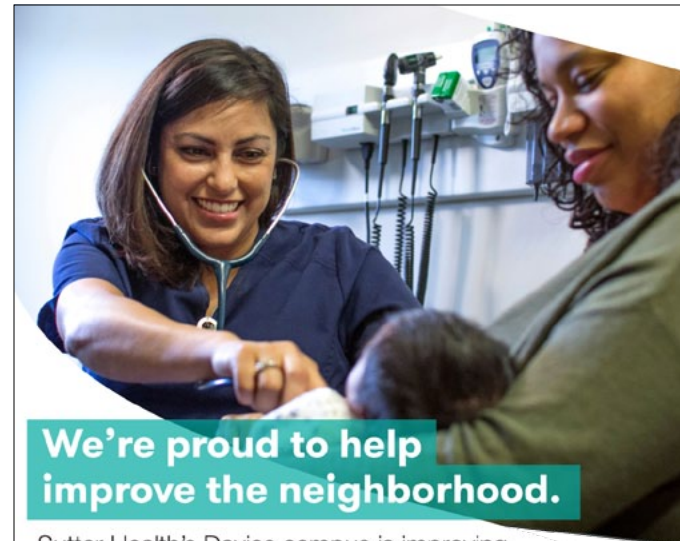
### Please Vote for Your 2024 DTNA Board!

By Bob Bush, DTNA Vice President, 2024 Election Manager

The election of the 2024 DTNA Board will be held online using Election Runner in December 2023. Members who joined on or before November 13, 2023 are eligible to vote. Members will receive an email invitation to vote starting Wednesday, December 6th and closing on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. during the December DTNA Public Meeting.

After serving seven years on the Board, Nick Sklaroff is withdrawing to pursue other in-terests. The other current members of the Board, including two new members elected in 2023, are seeking reelection. Eric Munsing, a 16th Street neighbor, is running for the 6th Director seat. The December ballot will include space for write-in candidates. 2024 candidate statements and pictures can be found on the website [candidate webpage](#).

If you have any questions, please contact DTNA at [info@dtna.org](mailto:info@dtna.org) or by using the [contact form](#) on our website [dtna.org](http://dtna.org).



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## DTNA Finalizes Input on the Housing Element



*Former DTNA President and Planning Commissioner Dennis Richards is the chair of the DTNA Land Use Committee. He lives with his husband on Beaver Street.*

It's hard to believe that it has been more than nine months since the city adopted its new state-mandated Housing Element, which requires San Francisco to upzone more than 100,000 parcels to accommodate an additional new 82,000 units of housing by 2031. Duboce Triangle is a "high resource area" of the city and will see zoning changes in 2024. Through regular public meetings and neighbor outreach on multiple platforms the Land Use Committee has been striving to keep you informed and engaged with helping to shape the plan for how that will happen.

Since February when SF Planning presented the Housing Element at the DTNA General Meeting (we were the first in the city to do this!), we have had ten meetings to shape our recommendations on the rezoning for Duboce Triangle. Based on the two concept rezoning maps released by SF Planning in June the Committee felt that there was more opportunity to rezone more of the city's west side, and also that except for height, zoning changes should apply to all of Duboce Triangle. We agreed that height is best suited to be raised along wider streets, especially Market Street, and our recommendations are in keeping the good urban design as applied more than a decade ago when we helped plan the upzoning of Market Street from Octavia to Castro under the Market Octavia Plan.

Because of the State Density Bonus (SDB) law which allows up to an additional 100% in height if certain affordable housing targets are met, we felt that any height limit changes should take the SDB into consideration. The Safeway site represents the largest development opportunity in the Triangle, and we have recommended that it should be rezoned to allow as many additional units as possible. We also agreed with SF Planning that the Duboce Triangle eligible historic districts should be nominated to be listed on the California State Register of historic places, and that interior blocks should retain their fine-grained scale. Lastly we reaffirmed DTNA's commitment to protect as much as possible the mid-block open spaces in the rear of our buildings, given the tree canopy, rainfall capture and livability benefits they provide.

We await SF Planning's final detailed rezoning recommendations, which should be out by the end of this calendar year. In 2024 you will again find DTNA fully involved as we work

with SF Planning and Supervisor Mandelman's office on implementing the necessary rezoning legislation that follows from the plan. We couldn't do any of it without your ongoing engagement and input, so thank you!

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# Friends of Duboce Park Maintenance Update



Helene is President of Friends of Duboce Park. She has lived on Pierce Street since 2004.

By Helene Kocher

Friends of Duboce Park asked Michelle Pallavicini, Park Services Manager, for an update on various maintenance issues in the park and heard encouraging responses:

**Signage:** Many signs and stencils are very worn and difficult to read. Pallavicini said that Duboce Park is on the list for replacement signs this fall. She also has submitted work orders to repaint the stencils to remind people that dogs are not allowed in the People Only Area (Upper Lawn) and are required to be on leash on the hill behind the bulletin board. We also requested a band of color around the People Only area as a reminder.

**Benches:** Some benches from Boedekker Park have been added around the Potomac entry circle, but there is always a need for more, especially on the Duboce Avenue side of the park.

**Garbage cans:** Almost all of the garbage cans in Duboce Park are the standard plastic bins provided by Recology. We would love to see those cans replaced with something more modern and attractive, similar to the ones at Dolores Park.

**Turf conditions:** There are many bare, worn, and brown spots on all of Duboce Park Lawns. Apparently the recent sod replacement in the Dog Play Area just could not handle the impact of so many dogs so quickly, they are working on a fix.

**Playground resurfacing:** After asking for repairs to the playground surface and Youth Play Area for years we and finally received some good news - we are listed on the next round of repairs and bids have just gone out for the work. The new surface will be green and will include artificial turf.

Friends of Duboce Park and all the neighbors are hoping to see some progress soon, stay tuned.

# Neighborhood Gem, continued

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Street into a green and treed garden area. lary has given input on the design, and is looking forward to the start of construction in May 2024.

this fall and see lary in the garden give him a high five, and some kind words for his years of service to the community. Ask him for a tour of the green spaces, and he will probably give you a plum, or an apricot, or a fig. Now that's neighborly!

So if you wander by Sanchez



The garden at Sanchez and 17th Street, maintained by lary, students, and Food Corps staff at Sanchez Elementary School.

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# DTNA General Meeting Considers Political Reforms



Erik Honda is the editor of the DTNA News.

By Erik Honda

An engaged crowd and supervisor Rafael Mandelman turned out for our October General Meeting at Harvey Milk Community Center. DTNA Presi-

dent Frank Tizedes described plans for the now ongoing renovations of the bulbout gardens on Noe Street, partly funded by the supervisor's office. DTNA is focused on safety in making these upgrades, but is also pushing for full restoration of the brickwork and other aesthetic elements that were installed as part of DTNA's origin story in the 1970s. Frank also presented a DTNA bylaws revision that added a new Mission and Values Statement, and it was approved by the members present.

Jake Dekker, Executive Director of Together SF, then took over the meeting to discuss some plans for overhauling city government to make it more responsive. They are a civic engagement organization formed in 2022, funded by local tech money. In the last election they

supported Supervisors Joel Engardio, Matt Dorsey, and Mandelman. Audience members asked a lot of pointed and often challenging questions, which Mr. Dekker fielded well, and there seemed to be at least some interest in supporting some of the group's reforms. He asked voters to look out for a voter guide for March 5 primary. Post March 5, they looking at structural reform, like changing supervisor elections to include at-large districts.

DTNA President Bob Bush wrapped up the meeting by explaining the process for this year's December 6-12 DTNA Board elections. You had to have been a member for three months to run in the elections, and you had to be one by November 15 to vote. If you met the criteria you will receive an email with candidate descriptions to cast your ballot by Vote Runner, or you can vote at the December General meeting on December 12, which will also be our holiday party. With that, we adjourned in concord. See you at the festival!

# DTNA Board Reports

By Bob Bush, DTNA Vice President

The October Board meeting lacked a quorum to be official.

At the November meeting Solidcore, a national fitness chain, presented their plan for activating the retail space at the corner of 15th Street and Market that has been vacant since the building opened 10 years ago. They have a 10-year lease and are seeking conditional use permission for a formula retail use for chains. The Board unanimously voted to support the project.

The Board also voted to support the landmarking of the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza.

WiggleFest was a success. Efforts at traffic calming on Steiner, Duboce at Sanchez & 14th Street, Noe at 14th Street, and crosswalks at Noe at Beaver & 15th Street are being pursued. The Board approved a DTNA privacy statement and membership area map including one block beyond DTNA boundaries where neighbors are eligible for membership.

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