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DUBOCE TRIANGLE NEWSLETTER

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Monday, October 17, 2011

7:00 to 9:00 pm

PUBLIC MEETING

CPMC Davies Medical Center,
Auditorium, Lower Level B
North Tower (look for signs)

MEETING AGENDA:

- Meet your neighbors (7:00 - 7:30)

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Ed Reiskin (Director, SFMTA),
Supervisor Scott Wiener, and a
representative from the SFPD
will discuss the recent pedestrian
deaths and how to improve safety
in our neighborhood.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, October 8, 10 am-noon

Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day.
Contact Rose at rosegillen@sbcglobal.net
or 255-8370 for more information.

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-7:30 pm

Quarterly Duboce Park Community Meeting at Harvey Milk Recreation Center, Lower Level Meeting Room. Contact Eric Andersen at sfgov.org or 831-6818.

Saturday, November 12, 10 am-noon

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Saturday, October 8th, 6:30-10 pm

George Peacock Benefit Concert at First Christian Church - Noe and Duboce - benefit for long-time neighborhood resident and San Francisco luthier, and owner of Peacock Music at 15th and Noe, George Peacock who has been battling a tough fight with cancer. Sterling line-up of local acoustic musicians. Sliding scale. Contact Eric Whittington at Bird and Beckett Books at 415-586-3733 for more information.

Pedestrian Deaths Bring Safety to Forefront

On September 6, 2011, Bill Cox was walking in the east crosswalk of 14th Street, crossing the intersection of 14th and Noe Streets, when he was struck by an SUV turning left onto 14th Street from Noe St. He was taken to SF General Hospital where he later died.

Bill Cox was the 10th pedestrian to be killed on San Francisco streets this year and the second in our neighborhood. Just 17 days prior, Emily Dunn was walking in the crosswalk at 18th and Hartford in the Castro when a Muni bus struck and killed her.

able local schools, shops, medical care, and entertainment. Yet two adults have lost their lives in crosswalks in the last two months

Traffic volumes are high and vehicles travel at unsafe speeds. Market Street and 16th Street are both considered major cross-town corridors. The two streets meet at the corner of Noe/Market/16th Streets, creating one of the most dangerous intersections in our community.

The list of dangerous intersections in our neighborhood is long: Church/14th/



Ingredients for Tragedy

Both of these deaths lead us to ask ourselves: why have our crosswalks become so dangerous?

Duboce Triangle and the Castro are considered "pedestrian friendly" neighborhoods with tree lined streets and walk-

Market, the entire 14 Street corridor, Sanchez and Duboce (the "Wiggle"), Sanchez/15th/Market, and Noe and Duboce where cars trying to avoid Divisadero and Castro speed along before splitting off to cross-town destinations.

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Exciting and Sad Times in Duboce Triangle



Scott Wiener
San Francisco District 8
Supervisor

The past month has seen some very positive developments in the neighborhood, while also reminding us that we have work to do.

On the positive side, the Recreation & Park Department, with my support, is recommending funding the Duboce Park Youth Play Area through the Community Opportunity Fund.

The COF is a community-based grant program for neighborhood park projects and is funded through the 2008 parks bond. The screening panel selected the Youth Play Area out of a large pool of applications. Once approved by the Rec & Park Commission, the grant will complete the Youth Play Area's funding. I anticipate that construction will start by later this year or early next year.

This is very exciting for the neighborhood, and I con-

gratulate Friends of Duboce Park for its excellent work and tenacity. (FYI, two other District 8 parks, also with my support, received COF grant funding – Noe Courts and Douglass Dog Park.)

The Duboce Park historic district (bounded by Waller, Steiner, Scott, and the north edge of Duboce Park) is moving through a community process. San Francisco hasn't created a new historic district in almost a decade.

This district is likely to include some new provisions allowing for a strong historic district while also acknowledging the need for property owners to have flexibility with their property.

The community process has been productive and helpful, and I want to thank everyone who's participated. I also want to acknowledge the hard work of Planning Department staff. I've been an active participant in the process and will continue to be involved.

On the tragic side, on September 6th, Bill Cox was hit and killed by a car while crossing 14th at Noe. This awful incident underlines the work we need to do to improve pedestrian safety in Duboce Triangle. At my request, the MTA is conducting a full evaluation of 14th Street from Castro to Church. I've asked MTA to consider what steps could be appropriate to make the street safer, both at its intersections as well as the sections in be-

tween. One challenge is that eastbound 14th Street has two lanes, making it faster.

I've also been working with DTNA on moving forward pedestrian improvements to the 16th/Noe/Market intersection. That fix will be expensive, but I believe we can get it done.



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WEDNESDAYS

4 PM - 8PM

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9/7 Guess the weight of the tomatoes
9/14 Facebook secret word giveaway
9/28 Kid's Day

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On the positive side, pedestrian safety improvements are underway on Duboce and on Church.

I will be at the October 17 DTNA meeting with senior staff from MTA, so that we can discuss pedestrian and traffic issues in the neighborhood. I hope to see you there.

President's Message

Pedestrian Safety Measures Needed Now More Than Ever!
Historic District Moves Forward — The Time For Input is Now!



Dennis Richards
DTNA President

By now you probably have heard about the tragedy that happened on September 6, when a pedestrian was killed at the intersection of 14th and Noe Streets while crossing the street. (For more information please see the article on page 1).

The police are continuing their investigation into the accident. While we do not know the details of this accident, the issue of pedestrian safety measures needed in our neighborhood is of the utmost importance. During the last several years, DTNA has been advocating to little avail with the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) for an implementable pedestrian safety program at key intersections.

We have put forth requests for specific changes at the intersection where the accident occurred and were told that this intersection does not qualify. We were only able to get the “zebra stripe” crosswalk painted at both the Noe and 14th and Duboce and Noe intersections, but nothing else. I

am sure that many of you have crossed this intersection from whatever direction and felt unsafe due to the conditions that exist there.

The time has long since passed where substantial measures need to be taken to increase pedestrian safety in our neighborhood! Please come to the DTNA general meeting on Monday, October 17th, to express your opinion to the MTA, Department of Public Works, Supervisor Wiener, and the Police Department about the pedestrian safety issues that you experience in our neighborhood and what these city agencies should do about them.

The Planning Department has done an extraordinary level of outreach to the property owners and residents in the proposed Duboce Park Historic District. Recall that we have only 11 historic (landmark) districts in the entire city covering much less than 1% of the city's parcels, so the proposal to landmark the area bordered by Scott, Waller, Steiner Streets and Duboce Park is an extraordinary recognition for our neighborhood!

The original historic walking tour around the proposed district drew over 50 people but attendance has been declining at subsequent meetings where specifics of what landmark-

ing mean have been discussed. I was surprised that that the most recent meeting I attended that was held on Tuesday Sept. 20 was as light as it was because the Planning Department was seeking the input on the specific level of review required for various changes and alterations.

While there will be subsequent meetings throughout the designation process, the optimum time is now for your feedback to be heard while the specifics of the district are being codified. I urge you to please provide your feedback soon rather than wait until the end of the process.

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Mayoral Forum a Huge Success: 10–Make That 11–Candidates Face Off at Castro Theatre

On August 8, DTNA, in partnership with our friends at the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association, presented a Mayoral Candidates Forum at the historic Castro Theater. A large crowd heard the candidates answer pre-selected questions drawn from those submitted by neighborhood residents and DTNA/EVNA members.

As had been widely expected, Mayor Ed Lee joined the race for mayor, throwing his hat into the ring on the morning of DTNA's event. Thus, our event became Lee's first public event as a candidate. Joining Lee on stage were Former Supervisor Michaela Alioto-Pier, Supervisor John Avalos, Board President David Chiu, Former Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Former Supervisor Tony Hall, City Attorney Dennis Herrera, Entrepreneur Joanna Rees, Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting, and Senator Leland Yee.

A surprise addition to the roster was Green Party candidate, Terry Baum, who brought her own chair onto the stage. DTNA had invited the top 10 candidates, based on citywide polls, due to limitations of time and space. (With nearly 30 declared candidates in the race, inviting them all would make it impossible to hear more than once or twice from each candidate.)

After some lively debate (Mayor Lee had been add-

ed at the last minute, it was pointed out), it was decided to allow Baum to remain on the stage, and to give her time for a closing statement along with the other candidates. Rees and Dufty graciously gave up portions of their speaking time so that Baum could make her views known during the debate itself.

Mayor Lee's entrance into the race was controversial (he was appointed to office with the promise that he would not run for re-election) and his appearance on stage was greeted with boos, cat-calls, and even an air-horn by someone intent on drowning out his words. In the end, civility prevailed and all of the candidates were able to present their views.

The event was moderated by Liam Mayclem, host of CBS-5 TV's "Eye on the Bay." Mayclem did a masterful job of adapting to the unexpected changes to the event format, and he worked with the crowd with humor and grace.

DTNA's Mayoral Forum marked the first time the Castro Theatre has been used for a political event. The theatre runs a full program and is not typically in the business of renting their space. But it was the perfect venue for this event, and DTNA would like to thank the Castro Theatre for allowing us to be there.

More thanks go to Café du Nord and its managing partner, DTNA Board Member Guy Carson. Guy and the Café subsidized some of the costs of the event, and Guy was instrumental in pulling together all of the people, equipment, and venue to enable the event to take place. DTNA Board Member Mark Scheuer managed all of the hundreds of event details, big and small, and managed to think of and prepare for absolutely everything. DTNA Board Member David Troup pulled together the questions posed to the candidates and created

question cards for the moderator. Other DTNA and EVNA board members had important roles in a variety of areas.

The event received press coverage on every local TV station, in the newspapers and online press, and was still being discussed weeks later. DTNA board members and volunteers worked tirelessly for weeks to make this forum happen, and DTNA is proud of the successful event. We hope to do it again next time (which, thankfully is four years away!).

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Appointments recommended




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"Story of God" coming in October

DTNA Survey Results

The results of our two neighborhood surveys are in. We received about 80 replies to each survey. Our first survey asked readers to rank their concerns about neighborhood issues.

By far, quality of life was the number one concern, followed in order by neighborhood character, and pedestrian safety. The other issues in descending order were traffic, noise, streetscape, neighborhood amenities, transportation, historic preservation, formula retail, and parking.

Because quality of life means something different to every-

one, we ran a second survey in our Aug-Sept newsletter. The number one issue was homelessness, followed fairly closely by dirty streets.

The other concerns, in descending order, were petty crime, graffiti, unnecessary noise, Church Street between Market & Duboce, parties, and, finally, recycling theft.

Other issues mentioned were: Too many dogs in the neighborhood, the recycling center at Safeway, too much new development, the proposed AT&T boxes, and aggressive bicyclists along "the wiggle".

The Board discussed these results at our September meeting. We are drafting a letter to Supervisor Wiener regarding the top three issues of homelessness, streetscape/dirty streets/neighborhood character, and pedestrian safety to ask for his help in dealing with these issues.

Obviously homelessness is a much bigger city-wide issue that DTNA can only have limited influence on, but because of our location it seems to impact our neighborhood more than many.

Because of the most recent deadly accident at Noe and

14th, pedestrian safety is a top concern for the area. DTNA is working with the supervisor to improve the 14th Street intersections and the dangerous intersection of Market/Noe/16th.

DTNA has been very active in trying to advance concerns about neighborhood character and streetscape, from monitoring development in the area to working with the farmer's market. We will keep you posted on our progress in addressing these concerns. Thank you to all who participated in the survey!

September 2011 Board Meeting Notes

Survey Results, Response, Brainstorming:

Recent Survey Focus on "Quality of Life" - 80 Responses, half electronic, half on-line. Good response. Neighbors have spoken, now it's our job to act.

Exec Board broke it into 3 main areas of most concern. We want to brainstorm, a) What we have done/are doing on the issue, b) What more we can do.

Some issues, like homelessness, are clearly large, intractable and unsolvable by us. But Exec Board agreed we need to address what people are concerned with on a neighborhood level. So let's not throw

up our hands and let's figure out what we can do, however small.

1. Homelessness clearly #1 by a wide margin. Mark: Reported on our previous effort. Efforts to deal with it included one large community meeting and one small local meeting. We worked on a card "What to do when you encounter a homeless person on the street", but the project was not completed. Future efforts discussed.

2. Neighborhood Character, Neighborhood Amenities, Streetscape, Dirty Streets. What we have done - Dennis and Peter reported. Discussed talking with Andrea Aiello from the Castro CBD and

how they could help. We need to identify which streets are dirty and need attention, because anecdotally not all are.

3. Pedestrian Safety (From 1st Survey -Third issue)

What we have done/are doing - Pat: Recent death on 14th street discussed. Development at Castro and Market will pay into \$250,000 pot for upgrad-

ing 16th and Market intersection. New tenant at Market and Noe Center will also contribute and Angus (2299 Market) will when he gets financing. Gold's is paying the community benefits on their development.

Also: Petty Crime - 1st time crime has come up. Need a Board Member who will focus on this.



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Development Project Round-up

While the real estate economy continues to generally stumble along, and it looks quiet out there on the streets with no construction cranes, (except the one sitting idle next to LGBT Center), there is plenty of action in the development “entitlements” process.



ings could happen by the end of the year.

S & C Ford site (2001 Market x Dolores): status = Hot This 85 unit, 85 feet (8 stories) project plus ground floor Whole Foods was entitled in 2010. Building permits have been applied for and it could be early 2012 when construction begins. Currently, the sponsor is working on a site dedication for affordable housing and is working on a proposal for pedestrian safety improvements around the site.

76 Station site (Market x 15th): status = Hot This 60 unit 65 feet (6 stories) project is in the pre-development stages, and the sponsor is beginning meetings with DTNA and other community organizations.

CPMC Davies campus expansion (Noe x Duboce): status = Hot This 50,000 square foot 65 feet (5 stories) medical office building on Noe Street was earlier proposed in 2007, but did not receive entitlements. CPMC has resubmitted the proposal and approval hearings could happen by the end of the year. DTNA, LHMNA, EVNA, and CAPA are currently in active project review process, re-

viewing previous conditions of approval, and the community benefits program.

Hole-in-the-ground (2299 Market x Noe): status = Warm This 18 unit 50 feet (5 stories) project was entitled in 2010. Building permits are expected to be pulled very soon, so construction may begin this fall.

UC Extension site (55 Laguna x Market): status = Warm This 350 unit project (plus 110 senior affordable housing project for Open House) was entitled in 2008. DTNA, HVNA, and LHMNA recently succeeded in protecting the 50 on-site below-market-rate units that were part of the original approvals when there was talk by the sponsor and City of eliminating those units.

S & C Ford garage site (35 Dolores x Market: status = Warm This 35 unit 45 feet (4 stories) project was entitled in early 2011. Expect progress toward applying for building permits as soon as this year.

Gold's Gym site (2301 Market x Noe): status = Simmering This 16 unit 55 feet (5 stories) project is still in pre-development stages and the community is waiting for formal application to be filed with the city.

Blockbuster site (160 Church Street): status = Simmering This site is on the market after Blockbusters closed, and is a prime opportunity for housing development. Ideally DTNA

would like to see it become an affordable housing or mixed-income development opportunity.

76 Station site (1960 Market x Buchanan): status = Simmering This 118 unit 85 feet (8 stories) project was entitled in 2008. Progress toward applying for building permits is unknown.

“Thai House” site (2200 Market x Sanchez): status = Simmering This 22 unit 55 feet (5 stories) project was entitled in 2008. Progress toward applying for building permits is unknown.

Sullivan Funeral Home site (2254 Market): status = Simmering This site is on the market, and is a prime opportunity for housing development.

Pit site at LGBT Center (1844 Market): status = Simmering This 114 unit 85 feet (8 stories) project was entitled in 2007 and has been sold at least twice since then. There has been initial site work, but construction has been on hold.

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McKinley Corner: Notes from the Little School That Could

On September 17th, McKinley Elementary recently hosted its annual car wash, which became a showcase for mayoral candidates. The car wash and accompanying bake sale was a huge success in terms of money raised for

but turned into a media and political event for the neighborhood and entire City. The car wash and bake sale, a fall tradition at the school, exploded into a carnival-like atmosphere due to the addition of many mayoral candi-

dates demonstrate their commitment to public education. Once word got out, the event snowballed and nine candidates arrived on the scene, many with their staff, to wash cars.

The promise of mayoral candidates got the attention of the folks at Proposition A headquarters, a bond measure to help repair public schools in San Francisco. When the Prop A campaign heard that so many mayoral candidates would be on site, they asked for permission to host their campaign kick-off at McKinley.

To great fanfare and media attention, the Prop A campaign launched on the steps at McKinley on the morning of the event. SFUSD Superintendent Carlos Garcia, school board members, and several City supervisors came out in honor of the occasion. It was a fantastic day for the school, the surrounding neighborhood, and for those in our City who care about public education.

Thank you to all of the members of the Duboce Triangle and Castro neighborhoods who came out to get your cars washed and buy some tasty baked goods. The day was a great success thanks to you!



McKinley's annual car wash

the children of McKinley dates who came out to wash and for increased visibility cars. for public education.

John Perry, a McKinley parent, invited the candidates, The event not only raised over \$6,000 for the school, independent of the school



DTNA Joins Suit Demanding EIR for AT&T Boxes

In August, DTNA's Board of Directors voted to join a coalition of local organizations, led by San Francisco Beautiful, to file suit against the City to demand compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The lawsuit seeks compliance with CEQA by requiring the creation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the AT&T



"Lightspeed" network upgrade project.

AT&T's project involves the installation of 726 refrigerator-sized utility cabinets on our City sidewalks, and was recently granted exemption from environmental review by the Planning Department, a decision that was affirmed by the Board of Supervisors despite protests by DTNA and many other neighborhood groups.

DTNA strongly supports bringing new technologies and increased competition

for television and internet services to our neighborhoods. But, to date, there has been no analysis of AT&T's proposal and its impacts on our public realm, and no serious evaluation of alternative ways of implementing the project and reducing its impact. CEQA requires that an environmental review occur when a project is likely or has the possibility to cause an impact to its environment. Thus, by approving the project without review, we think the City is not in compliance with CEQA's requirements. The lawsuit asks the court to require the City conduct an EIR and to ensure that AT&T's project is evaluated objectively, including alternatives and mitigations to the proposed sidewalk

cabinets.

We live in a dense urban environment in which our sidewalks are our front yards. DTNA thinks that a private company like AT&T should not have the automatic right to maximize their profits at our expense.

In addition to being eyesores and graffiti magnets, the boxes impede access to parked cars (especially for those with mobility issues) and are an impediment to pedestrians. At a minimum, alternatives to the usurping

of our public space must be fairly examined. An EIR will ensure that the decisions that are made today will be viewed as wise decisions in the future.

DTNA has been involved in this issue since 2008 when AT&T first proposed the project. DTNA has presented information on the proposed project at several of our General Meetings, most recently in December, 2010. At that meeting, DTNA

members who were present expressed clear opposition to AT&T's project until there has been a thorough environmental review, including the exploration of alternatives to sidewalk placement.

The costs of taking this legal action have been generously borne by SF Beautiful and individual donors. None of your DTNA membership donations have been, or are contemplated to be, spent on this legal action.

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Duboce Park Youth Play Area Now Fully Funded! Construction to Begin Early 2012

The Duboce Park Youth Play Area project's construction documents received final complete sign-off on July 14th. So it has been shovel-ready for almost three months. The project also received an anticipated major funding award on September 7th, as well as completing a successful community donations campaign through the summer. It is fully funded.



The Youth Play Area project is ready and waiting after a long three-and-a-half-year process beginning in early

2008 when the initial series of community meetings and workshops began.

The community was required to fundraise for the entire cost of the project, as the Recreation & Parks Department had no funding to offer. Consequently, through blood, sweat and tears, the project was fully funded from a combination of sources: San

Duboce Triangle/Lower Haight community; and the Prop B Community Opportunity Fund.

Supervisor Wiener was also able to get a \$38,000 add-back in the General Fund for the Youth Play Area.

This new play area will transform what is now an unused and uninviting area of the park into a vital resource for the community. The currently "dead" space in the upper corner of the park has been notoriously unsafe and unkempt. Invasive weeds in that area have also been constantly spreading into the landscaped areas of the adjacent playground.

An empty Rec & Parks Dept equipment storage trailer located on the site for the last several years will be removed as part of the project. And the result: a kids' space to address the growing need for park amenities to serve youth

in our neighborhoods that will help keep families in the City.

When will Rec & Parks build it? What seems to be the answer so far, unfortunately, is that Rec & Parks is likely to keep the project on hold until the end of the year. Meaning that, realistically, construction won't be completed until the late spring next year after the rains. So, the community continues its wait.

The Duboce Park Youth Play Area project is sponsored by the Neighborhood Parks Council, and the Friends of Duboce Park, Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, Lower Haight Merchants and Neighborhood Association, and the McKinley After-School Enrichment Program are supporting organizations.

More information and donation forms are available at www.friendsofdubocepark.org.

Duboce Park Update

Tree Update

As we reported last issue, Supervisor Wiener asked Rec and Park General Manager Phil Ginsburg to investigate the cause of the May incidents in which trees fell in the park. The hazard inspection showed that the trees were healthy and that prolonged high winds were the probable cause.

The detailed report on the health of the all the park's trees shows most trees are healthy, although a few are scheduled for removal because they are dead and/or hazardous, including one just north of the basketball courts, another in front of the Recreation Center, and a few on the north side turf between Pierce Street and Potomac Street. A grove of

cherries is being considered as replacements for the fallen tree near Potomac Street.

Maintenance Updates

The damaged mosaic thrones in the playground were repaired in late August and now look the same as when they were installed in 2001. A concrete curb is being installed right above the

thrones to divert water and mud around the thrones when it rains.

The fence for the Pierce Street Planting Circle and the Playground Sandbox Barrier to keep sand inside the playground will be done by the same contractor who repaired the Carmelita Street Stairs. Plans have been final-

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Right-of-Way

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We live in a transit rich corridor with Muni Metro train cars and numerous buses and trolleys vying for space on our streets. People rush to the Metro stations. Bicycle traffic in our neighborhood is high. Skate boarders use the streets and sidewalks.

Creating safer intersections is an enormous challenge. And effort is not always rewarded.

The corner of Noe and 14th where Cox lost his life has “ladder” stripping on the crosswalk. It took an enormous amount of community time and work to get MTA to implement just this small safety measure.

The neighbors living near that intersection were well organized and knowledgeable about how to work with City agencies. They repeatedly requested not just ladder painted crosswalks, but also additional, stronger, pedestrian safety traffic calming improvements, but the bureaucratic process of

City government turned its energy to larger, broader studies.

Any MTA employee with an interest simply could have come to the site and seen the danger.

The same goes for the intersection of 16th/Market/Noe St. One such improvement for that intersection that has been advocated for by the community, but ignored, is “Daylighting”.

Daylighting creates greater visibility within an intersection by removing visual obstacles such as parked cars within 10 feet of the intersection. It creates a great line of site for both pedestrians and drivers.

Due to limited street parking and high demand, the City has been slow to require the 10-foot minimum clear space even though Daylighting would allow motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians to see each other. Taking out a parking space is not favored.

Every stop sign in the neighborhood is routinely ignored. Vehicle drivers, including bicyclists and skateboarders, use our crosswalks as a place to quick stop, slow down, or roll through instead of making a complete stop behind the crosswalk.

The City’s ignoring of this practice comes at a price to public safety. The law clearly states that vehicles must stop behind the crosswalk or stop line, but since we have essentially no traffic law enforcement, it’s everyone for themselves when it comes to pedestrians in crosswalks in our neighborhood.

Since traffic enforcement seems to be low priority in all of San Francisco, non-stop “stops” have become a cultural advantage of living here. No one seems to care how many cars are in the intersection as long as your car is one of them.

As a community we need to create a shift in our transportation structure, practices, and attitudes.

We need a reallocation of road space and new spending on safety in our neighborhood. Our goal should be to facilitate safe pedestrian mobility as a driving force of our community development.

We need a call to action for safe intersections.

Currently we have a network of streets that were designed long before many of us were born. As development expands, we

need to insure that the MTA, other planning agencies and our Supervisor pay attention to the needs of the community.

As the upper Market corridor braces for an explosion of development, we need to demand that City agencies use community development funds to improve pedestrian safety and not pay homage to development projects by turning sidewalks and roadways into vista points for the new development, making it pretty, not safe. The City needs to realize that large streets and boulevards have unpredictable consequences.

We as a community understand and possess an everyday living knowledge of the inherent safety risk of our street designs. As a community we need to organize and educate City agencies of the everyday working relationships and interactions that take place between various modes of transportation and we need to advocate for change.

Please join DTNA’s Transportation Committee’s initiative to “adopt a corner” and bring focus to a specific place, and work toward livable transportation solutions. Get more information or sign up at dtna.org/transportation.html.

We invite everyone concerned about pedestrian and street safety to come to our General Meeting on October 17th in the Auditorium at Davies/CPMC and hear more about how you can be a part of the pedestrian safety solution.

Crime Report: July-August

Within a half-mile radius of 100 Henry Street, there were 787 reported incidents to the SFPD alone between 07/01/2011 and 08/31/2011. This is an increase compared with 761 reported in the prior two-month reporting period. Of these 787 incidents:

- 230 (209) were noise-related,
- 96 (115) involved theft or larceny,
- 83 (94) were assault/battery reports,
- 74 (51) involved burglaries,
- 53 (35) involved thefts from a parked motor vehicle,
- 48 (53) involved sex crimes,
- 47 () involved drugs or alcohol related crimes,
- 37 (37) involved thefts of a motor vehicle,

- 32 (31) involved vandalism,
- 31 (26) involved fraud.
- 29 (15) involved robberies,
- 17 (16) involved driving under the influence,
- 10 (20) involved weapons,

Saturday was the most troubled day during the period with 21 assaults, 15 burglaries, 13 thefts or larcenies and 54 noise nuisance complaints. Sunday was the second busiest day overall for crime reported. With regard to assaults, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are the days with the greatest prevalence of such incidents.

Violent crime and hate motivated assault incidents have garnered considerable attention over the last few

months, with a number of well reported and documented crimes making the local newspapers.

The relatively new SFPD Chief’s LGBT Community Advisory Forum is hosting an important public information event on Hate Crimes at the LGBT Community Center on Thursday October 13, 2011 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The event will include presentations from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the San Francisco District Attorney’s office and the San

Francisco Police Department, and will also allow for an hour of moderated questions and answers with this expert panel.

Many people are confused by what defines a hate crime, how they are investigated and prosecuted, the difference between State and Federal hate crime statutes and so on. This event will hopefully answer all of those questions and many more besides. The event is free to the public but space will be limited by the capacity of the room.

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ized and approved and work orders have been placed, so that work should be completed soon.

Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-7:30 pm at the Harvey Milk Recreation Center.

A new railing has been installed on the stairs at the Pierce Street entrance. Speed bumps will be installed around the Recreation Center to deter skateboarding in the north alley next to the center, on plazas around the center, and on wheelchair access ramps.

Next Community Meeting

Get updates on all Duboce Park projects at the next Duboce Park Community

Rec and Park offers these Quarterly Community Meetings so that the public can become acquainted with and discuss issues with key Rec and Park staff members. Eric Anderson, Park Services Manager for Park Service Area 6, leads the meetings and reports on all of the maintenance and construction projects and issues in Duboce Park and at the Recreation Center. Please come!

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