



August Neighborhood News

City Planning & Zoning

There continues to be news about re-zoning parts of the City in order to accommodate the construction of 82,000 new homes within 8 years. We reported on some of this in our June newsletter. <https://www.corbettneighbors.com/uploads/1/2/7/5/127586326/junenews.pdf> Only highly paid lobbyists or P&Z addicts can stay on top of all this but here are a few bits of information for the rest of us:

Community Meetings. Planning Commission staff was holding community sessions on how the City Code can be modified to accommodate those additional units within the required time. The last meeting was in June at the LGBTQ Center on Market Street. There don't seem to be any more meetings posted, although this month of August much of officialdom is on holiday. <https://sfplanning.org/hearings-events?page=1>

Housing Element Updated Webpage. However, Planning now has a webpage devoted exclusively to "Housing Element" issues. It is here for those who want to dig in: <https://sfplanning.org/housing>

Planning's Housing Bill Tracker. Of course, Supervisors continue to drop bills to further the goals of the Housing Element. Helpfully, Planning now has a web page that tracks those bills, along with links to the legislative language. The Housing Legislation Tracker is here: <https://sfplanning.org/resource/housing-legislation-tracker>

Melgar Bill. To the latter point, the most recent such bill considered by the BOS Land Use Committee was Supervisor Melgar's Family Housing Opportunity Special Use District; it is likely to go to the full Board after the August recess. In brief, that bill would make it easier to construct 4 unit buildings in most parts of the City. At the moment, and thanks to an amendment offered by Supervisor Mandelman's office, the effect of the Melgar proposal would be limited in our neighborhood. (Much of the neighborhood is within the Corona Heights Special Use District.) And, if you go on the aforementioned Housing Legislation Tracker you will see that other bills have been introduced.

Want to Learn More? If you want to learn more about the Melgar bill and marinate in such issues, The San Francisco Standard is hosting a session on August 24 at Manny's with Supervisor Melgar and Sen. Weiner. Senator Weiner is Chair of the Senate Housing Committee. The event is not yet posted on the Manny's website, <https://welcometomannys.com/events> but check back there or The Standard as the date approaches.

Block Party, Anyone?

Thanks to Supervisor Mandelman, among others, residents of District 8 can apply to host a "Neighborfest Block Party" between August 5 and November 8 using the services and resources of Livable City in a program run by the SF Department of Emergency Management. Using this program, approved applicants have the benefit of liability insurance, outreach materials, street closure equipment, and other services. For more information, go here: <https://www.livablecity.org/neighborfest/> And, please email CHN if you live

within our boundaries and want us involved in any way.

Castro Community Planting Day

Supervisor Mandelman, Walgreens, and others have organized a Castro Community Planting Day for September 16 at 9:30 a.m, meeting at 438 Castro. To sign up, go to bit.ly/castroplanting; for questions email adam.thongsavat@sfgov.org. Adam is legislative aide in the Supervisor's office.

Car Break-Ins

As recently as six months ago, SFPD was not able to confirm to the Newsletter that break-in gangs were using devices that detect bluetooth signals emanating from automobiles. However, based upon reports we have read as well as internet searches for same, it appears that those devices do, in fact, exist. Therefore, those with automobiles should assume that it is not prudent to stash a blue tooth emitting device in a covert location of your automobile.

The Parks

Thanks to Francisco, who recently cleaned up the gravel at Merritt in addition to removing the blue can that oddly remained there. Leslie continues almost daily care at Ord; and Margaret, Andrea, and Charles, among others, continue to attend to Al's Park. And, CHN continues to pay for maintenance services provided by our contractor. Incidentally, Al's is quite stunning at night.

SF Politics 101

In an earlier newsletter we recommended Supervisor Joel Engardio's SF Politics 101, which is an engaging 45 minute presentation followed by Q and A. We criticized his only passing reference to the 100+ commissions and little if any mention of the two most powerful, Planning and Police. Still, the presentation is well worth your time. The next one is Thursday, September 21. The details are here: <https://www.mobilize.us/togethersf/event/545045/>

CHN Board of Directors

Last call for anyone interested in running for the CHN Board. We need your name by August 16. In connection with our September 11 Annual Meeting, a ballot will be sent no later than September 2 to those CHN members who were paid-up as of June 15.

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