



Problems and Proposed Solutions at the Corbett Slope

Dated: April 26, 2021

Summary of The Current Problems at the Slope

Over the years, the Corbett side of the Slope (Block 2659, Lot 59, as seen on the plat attached at the end of this document) has been substantially upgraded and improved through the support of the City, CHN, and neighbors. Earlier this year CHN spent several thousand dollars repairing tree damage caused by a city contractor as well as hauling off debris left by that contractor. And just two weeks prior to the date of this document, CHN volunteers spent hours removing debris from the Market Street and Corbett Street sides of the Slope. The Corbett side of the Slope is frequently used by neighbors, and usage significantly increased during the pandemic. Please see the photos on page 3 that show this easily accessible and attractive public space.

However, despite CHN's frequent clean-up efforts, there remains a persistent problem with the accumulation of trash and debris at the Slope occasioned by (a) homelessness and long term vehicle parking on Market Street, usually by unregistered vehicles; as well as (b) access (from both Corbett Street and Market Street) through a dangerous ravine to a camp site that is immediately adjacent to an apartment building (311 Corbett). The latter is the site of camping, drug use, debris accumulation, and apparently a campfire within 2 feet of the side of the apartment building. Items (1) and (2), below, address the Market Street issues; item (3) below addresses the Corbett Street issue.

There are 3 specific physical areas that are responsible for these problems, all of which would be ameliorated by fencing. The Problems and Solutions are illustrated in the photographs that follow. In short, we ask for additional fencing as follows:

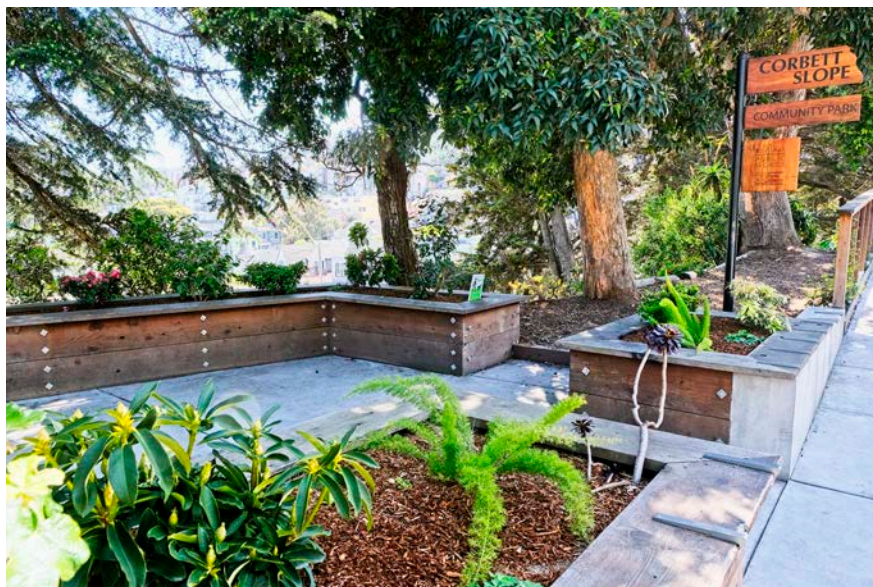
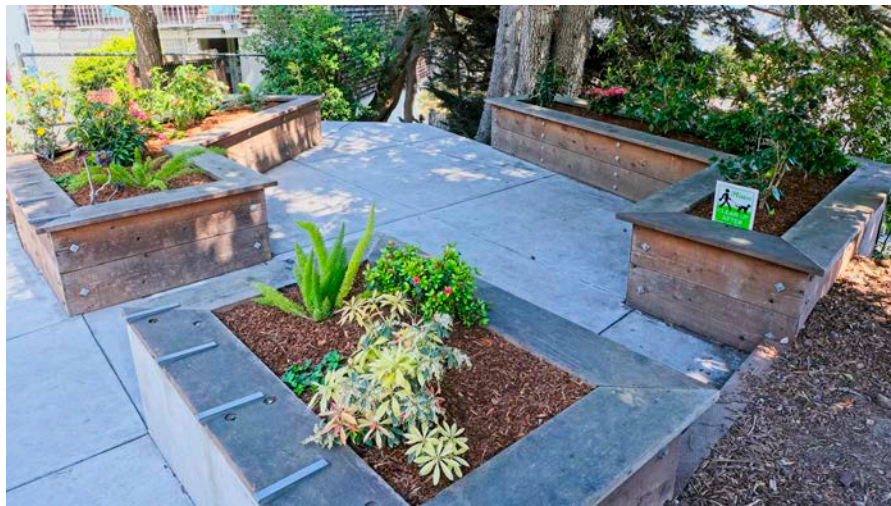
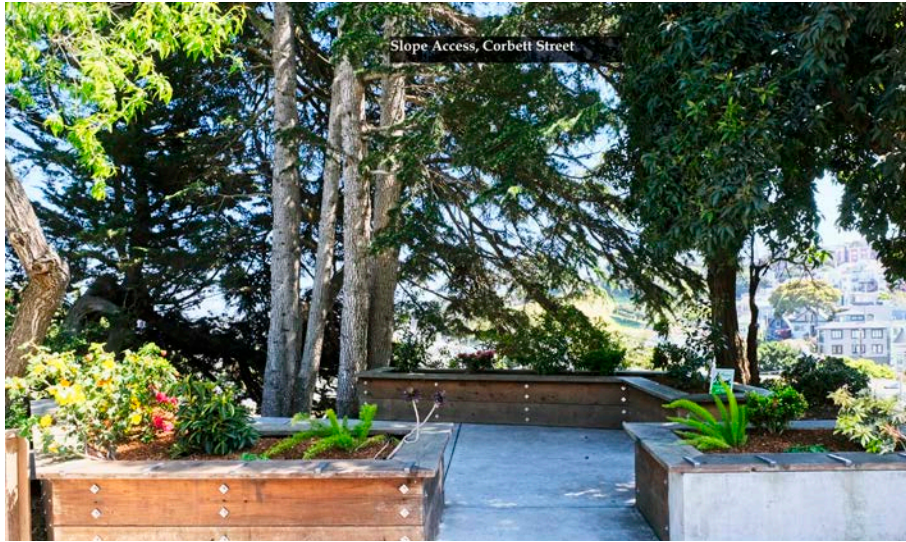
(1) On the upper part (western) of Market Street that abuts the Slope, the addition of fencing that would raise in height a small linear section of the current fence so that it is less easily accessible for the tossing of trash into that part of the Slope from vehicles essentially resident at that spot.

(2) On the lower part (eastern) of Market Street that abuts the Slope, the installation of fencing where none currently exists at all. The fencing should be sufficiently high to prevent access to the Slope.

(3) On the Corbett side of the Slope, the installation of a short section of new fence that would deter dangerous camping as well as trash accumulation adjacent to the apartment building at 311 Corbett.

See the Next Page for Photos of the Corbett Street Entrance to the Slope, and its Attractive, Usable Public Space.

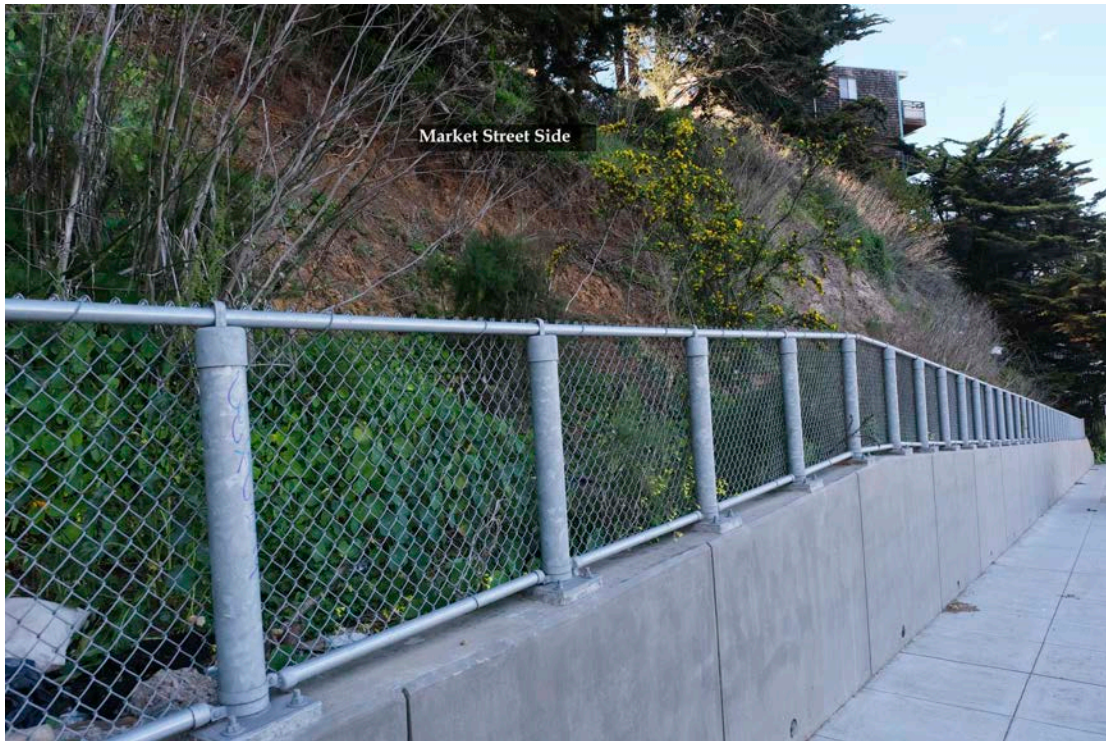
Entrance to Corbett Slope, Corbett Street Entrance



The Problems and Solutions Explained

Market Street Side of Corbett Slope

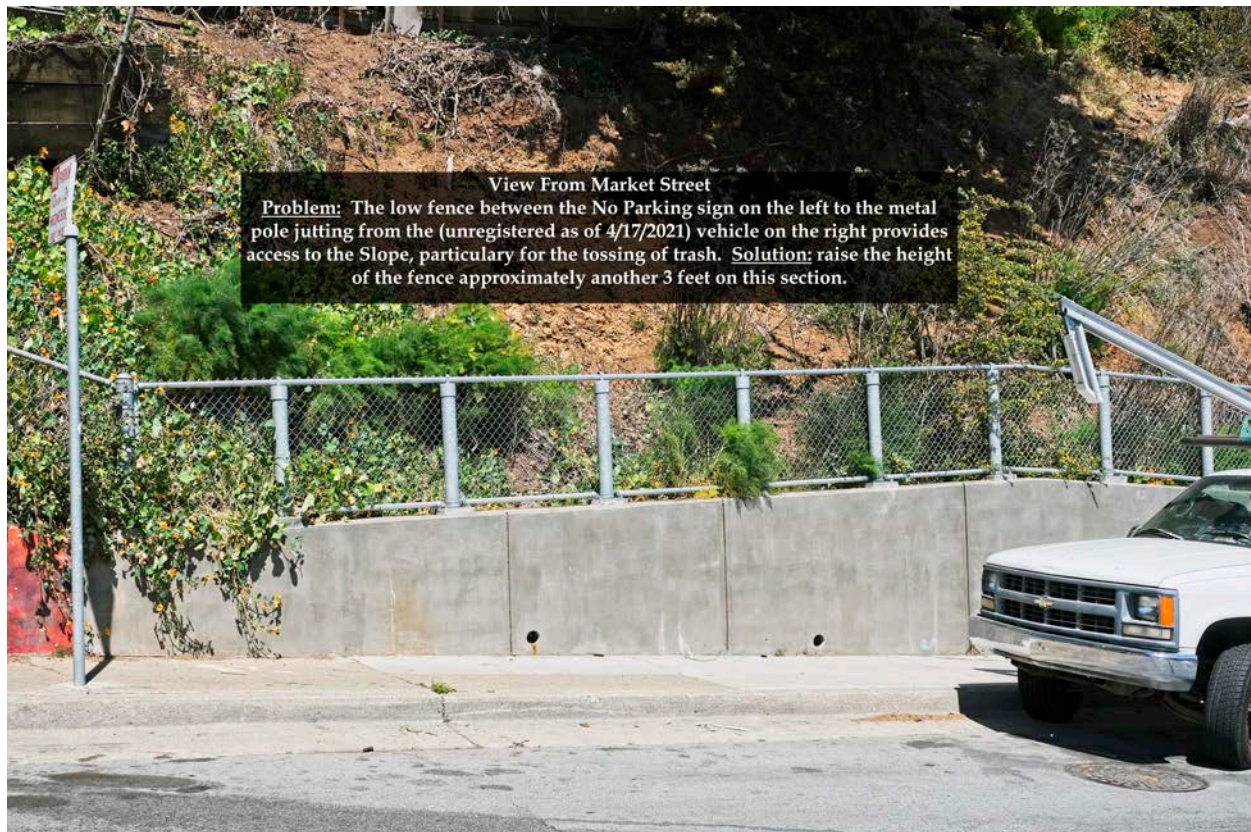
A cursory look at the Market Street side of the Slope reveals a tall and lengthy fence that appears to deny access to the Slope.



However, the next photographs illustrates that this is misleading because part of the fence is too low on the upper (western) Market Street portion; and there is no fence at all on the lower (eastern) Market Street portion. The former means that trash is regularly tossed over the fence from vehicles often resident on this part of Market Street (vehicles usually without valid registrations); and the latter permits access to a dangerous camping area — and site of abundant amounts of debris — immediately adjacent to an apartment building. The next photo shows an all too common scene that contributes to the problem on the upper (western) part of the Market Street side.



1. **Problem One:** A section of the fence on the Upper (western) Market Street side of the Slope is too low, thereby permitting access for the occasional camper as well as, more often, the tossing of debris and trash, particularly by persons sleeping nearby in their vehicles. **Solution:** Increase the height of this part of the existing fence.



2. **Problem Two:** As can be seen in the photo immediately below, the lower (eastern) Market Street side of the Slope has no fence at all. This permits individuals to take a steep footpath to a small camping spot immediately adjacent to an apartment building. The camping spot (also accessible from Corbett Street) is rife with camping, drug use, trash, and apparently even fires. See *Item 3 below for photos of the campsite*. **Solution:** Extend the Fence from where it currently ends and make it high enough to deny access to this part of the Slope.



3. **Problem Three:** The aforementioned dangerous camping and debris site that is accessible from Market Street can also be accessed via a steep trail after entering the Slope from Corbett Street. **Solution:** install a fence from the corner of the building at 311 Corbett Street for a short distance down the slope in order to deny access.



The Camp Site - A Retrospective



Conclusion - Solutions

In Summary:

(1) On the upper (western) Market Street portion of the Slope, increase the height of a section of the current fence in order to deny access to that part of the Slope.

(2) On the lower (eastern) Market Street portion of the Slope where no fence exists at all, install fencing on the remaining, currently fenceless section, of sufficient height to deny access to the Slope.

(3) On the Corbett Street side of the Slope, add a small section of fence to deny access to a dangerous ravine, presently the site of persistent camping, drug use, trash accumulation, and apparently even fires.

(See next page for Plat)

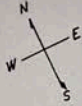
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lot 40 into lots 61 & 62 for 2008 roll
lot 44 into lots 63 & 64 for 2009 roll
Lot 60 into lots 74 & 75 for 2017 roll

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MARKET ST. HO. ASSN. BLK. 4
PARK LANE TR. BLK. D

REVISED 1957
1 1958
2 1959
" '62
" '64
" '65
" '84
Revised 2008
Revised 2009
REVISED 2017



LOTS MERGED

Lot	into lot	19-
37	6	'21
29, 10, 13, 14, 14A, 15, 16, 17, 18A, 19A, 20A, 22A	9T.	'44
22B, 30 & 31	18	'55
29	60	'84
11 & 47		

285-287 CORBETT AVE.

LOT	UNIT
61	285
62	287

