



January Neighborhood News

Panos Place

The commemorative sign is now in place—a celebration is coming in the spring.



Ivan of SFMTA, January 5, 2024

Al's Park

Join the park clean-up volunteers on January 20, 2024 from 1 to 3 at Al's Park. See you there!

Upcoming General Meeting

Watch for our upcoming general meeting (Zoom). Flyers to be distributed and Zoom link will be provided on the website: www.CorbettNeighbors.com in February.

San Francisco Public Safety News

This online source provides information about crime in the city. If you have an interest in arrest logs, bail fail, crime, guns, SF Sheriff, SF Superior Court, U. S. District Court, and violence data—it's all here at [Public Safety News](#)

Red Zones

Red Zones: In December SFMTA posted notices proposing to create 97 feet of red no parking zones at Ord and Corbett, which would eliminate numerous parking spaces. A dozen or so residents of our neighborhood called in or emailed SFMTA in conjunction with the hearing (December 8).

At the hearing SFMTA explained the proposal was triggered by a citizen request for stops at all four corners, a suggestion SFMTA rejected as unnecessary. They stated they proposed the red zones instead. Concerns expressed by callers included that by having red zones at the intersection might do the opposite of providing safety, making it more likely for those to speed through. Another caller mentioned that in the last 18 years, online data showed that there were only two injury accidents at the intersection, one in 2013 and another in 2019—two in 18 years. Others cited loss of scarce parking. CHN also wondered when/if this affects Hattie, Danvers, and Merritt.

In response, SFMTA staff said they were now complying with AB413 (Lee-D), newly signed by Governor Newsom that prohibits the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of ANY unmarked or marked crosswalk. The bill would, prior to January 1, 2025, authorize jurisdictions to issue a warning for a violation. After that date, fine violations would be issued.

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Decision: On Friday, December 15, 2023, SFMTA/Engineering posted its decision. It approved red zones, with the exception of Corbett Avenue, north side, from Ord to 13 feet westerly, and Corbett Avenue, south side from Ord to 10 feet easterly, reducing the 97 feet of red zones to 74 feet because of public input. Evidently, they do have some discretion. Text of the ruling below:

Public Comments: Comment in support (December 8, 2023)

Decision: Approved by the City Traffic Engineer for implementation.

5. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE

A. Corbett Avenue, north side, from Ord Street to 13 feet westerly

B. Corbett Avenue, north side, from Ord Street to 20 feet easterly

C. Corbett Avenue, south side, from Ord Street to 20 feet westerly

D. Corbett Avenue, south side, from Ord Street to 10 feet easterly

E. Ord Street, west side, from Corbett Avenue to 20 feet northerly

F. Ord Street, east side, from Corbett Avenue to 14 feet southerly

(Supervisor District 8) (Approvable by the City Traffic Engineer) Jeffrey Tom, jeffrey.tom@sfmta.com

Proposal to add daylighting red zones to improve intersection visibility.

Public Comments: Received emails in support and opposition prior to public hearing. Received multiple comments in opposition received during public hearing, citing lack of existing issues with visibility, speeding or collisions. Concerns also raised regarding parking loss and potential higher speeds as a result of the proposed red zones.

Decision: Items 5B, 5C, 5E and 5F approved by the City Traffic Engineer for implementation, in light of recent passage of State Assembly Bill 413 which will prohibit parking on approaches to an intersection statewide beginning January 1, 2024. Items 5A and 5D disapproved based on public comments.

Flag Stops and Removal of Parking at Mars/Corbett

As you may recall, a poll was taken regarding the SFMTA-proposed creation of no parking zones at every Muni stop on Corbett Ave (“Flag Stop” issue) at our September election. The results indicated that 83% of the participating membership did not support the proposal. Between 1-399 Corbett/the 37 bus route, there are 14 stops, which translates into approximately 280’ of additional red (no parking) zones. At the corner of Mars and Corbett, a stop sign is to be added, which will include another 41 feet of red zone. The estimated total combined length of the red zones at Ord/Corbett, the Mars Stop sign and the Muni stops, totals 418’ or approximately 42 parking spaces.

The CHN board has written SFMTA and members recently met with Supervisor Mandelman to raise questions and express concerns. We will meet jointly with SFMTA and Supervisor Mandelman shortly.

Corona Heights Special Use District (CHSUD)

Sec. 249.77 of the Planning Code established the CHSUD for the purpose of protecting and enhancing existing neighborhood character, encouraging new infill housing at compatible densities and scale, and providing for thorough assessment of proposed large-scale residences that could adversely impact the area and affordable housing opportunities. It is sometimes referred to as “Monster Home Legislation.” The boundaries of the CHSUD are Market Street, Clayton Street, Ashbury Street, Clifford Terrace, Roosevelt Way, Museum Way, the eastern property line of parcel 2620/063, the eastern property line of parcel 2619/001A, and Douglass Street, and in addition all additional parcels fronting States Street, which includes, RH-1, RH-2, and RH-3.

Recent state legislation (SB434 Weiner) and legislation approved December 12, 2023 by the Board of Supervisors in response to new state mandates have resulted in major changes to the Planning Code.

The legislation sunsets the Conditional Use requirements established by the Corona Heights Large Residence Special Use Districts at the end of 2024, and thereafter limits the size of any Dwelling Units resulting from residential development in those Special Use Districts to 3,000 square feet of Gross Floor Area. In addition, it exempts, under certain conditions, specified housing projects from the notice and review procedures of Section 311 and the Conditional Use requirement of Section 317; and it reduces rear yard, front setback, lot frontage, minimum lot size, and residential open space requirements in specified districts.

Up-zoning

Here is a [link](#) to the map showing up-zoning and increased heights across the city.

State Housing Legislation and Preservation

On Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. there will be an online zoom webinar to discuss the new laws streamlining approvals, offering density incentives, and removing local review that took effect January 1, 2024. If you want to know what this means for the city’s local landmarks, conservation districts, and significant but undesignated historical buildings and landscapes, you may want to register for this event. Kate Conner, Manager of Housing Implementation Programs for the San Francisco Planning Department, will join SF

Heritage president and CEO Woody LaBounty in a discussion on state housing legislation and the potential impacts on historic buildings in San Francisco.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Three Recent Collisions on the 3000 Block of Market

Residents on the south side of Market are asking for the city's help with the multiple accidents on the narrow part of Market. The houses on the south side of the block, formerly Merritt Street, were all moved 20' back, to accommodate the first Market Street extension. Because it was once a quiet residential street turned into a "freeway" not by design, but by necessity, the block is far narrower than any other block of Market Street, making it quite dangerous. There have been dozens of injury accidents on that block and at least two deaths of which we are aware in the last couple of decades. In the past month or so, two houses have been hit by cars and a car totaled.



Taylor Takes Center Stage at Castro Theater

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour Film graced the historic Castro Theater on December 10. Fans and enthusiasts gathered for a mesmerizing journey through Taylor's iconic career. From the intimate settings of her early performances to the grandeur of her stadium tours, the film illuminated the evolution of her music and the captivating stories woven into each "era" or album. This wasn't just a

screening; it was a shared experience of joy, nostalgia, and the undeniable impact of Taylor's artistry. "Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé," are you next?

100 Years Ago

From a recently acquired negative—this shows Clayton in the center and a portion of Corbett on the lower right (beginning with 204) in the 1920s.



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Happy New Year!

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