



E pluribus Unum

Out of many, one

We are happy to announce our neighborhood is now represented by one community group and not two. Corbett Heights Neighbors (CHN) has come to an equitable agreement with our former president who has shut down the year-old Corbett Heights Neighborhood Association.

"We can now put all this behind us and focus on a host of issues, including homelessness, overdevelopment, the Corbett Slope and our on-going effort to improve the local community parks," according to CHN president, Bill Holtzman. "This is a win-win for all concerned and now we speak with one voice," he added.

Board Report

Dear friends and neighbors:

Obviously, this is a time when all of us must pull together and support family, friends and neighbors

Like many of you, our initiatives are delayed or stalled, particularly when government is involved. Our work on community parks, the Corbett Slope, traffic planning etc. are on hold.

The CHN quarterly meetings have been postponed hoping that this plague would lift and we could meet again, eye to eye. But with no end in sight, we are shifting strategies and moving forward.

Despite Covid constraints, we continue to move forward on a number of fronts, big and small:

The annual membership meeting is set for Monday September 14 at 7:00 pm and it will be a remote, Zoom meeting. The agenda includes Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. Additional details will be forthcoming; in the meantime, please mark your calendars!

Annual elections will be held, starting on September 14. Once again, all qualified membership will receive an electronic ballot.

Our board meetings, now held via videoconference, continues to be the forum where we establish priorities and report on our work and neighborhood matters during the preceding month.

At the July meeting Rescue SF asked to meet with the board. Carolyn Kenady presented on behalf of RescueSF (RescueSF.org) which is a coalition of residents from that is urging the city to address more aggressively our homeless problems. She asked to attend a CHN Board meeting in order to enlist CHN's support for the work of RescueSF.

According to Kenady, RescueSF has enlisted the support of more than 40 neighborhood organizations including Dolores Heights Neighbors which she currently leads.

According to Kenady, the three principal focus areas of RescueSF are: 1) improving the inadequate level of behavioral health support for homeless people; 2) ending sleeping on the streets through acceptable accommodations and law enforcement; and 3) enhancing the collection and availability of relevant data. Kenady will provide additional information to us on the work and plans for RescueSF, and that will be discussed at our August Board meeting.

Your comments to us are welcome, as always.

Second, also attending a part of the meeting was our new designee from San Francisco Parks, Sarah Katz-Hyman. She offered to help us with an inspection of and plans for our neighborhood parks, notably the three larger ones (Corbett Slope, Ord Triangle, and

Merritt/Danvers).

Accordingly, a walk through will be arranged once Covid restrictions are lifted.

On the matter of Merritt/Danvers, I want to call out two of our neighbors, Francisco Teixeira and Jeffrey Lais, who on their own performed miracles cleaning up that park. CHN was in the process of planning a clean-up when, over night, they did it all! Thanks to both!

Development at 253 States Street. We reported previously on this house, much of the work for which was not properly permitted. We have written to City Attorney Dennis Herrera regarding this matter. Our last two newsletters highlight this

Resolution of Association disputes. Per the above, I am happy to announce that our neighborhood is now represented by one community group, not two. CHN has come to an equitable agreement with our former president; his one year old organization has closed. Speaking personally as President, I am happy to put this behind us so that we can focus on a host of issues such as homelessness, overdevelopment, the Corbett Slope, and the on-going effort to improve our local community parks.

Future Word. It seems increasingly likely that in-person meetings will not be permitted, or at least advisable, for the foreseeable future. But that does not mean that our work and advocacy should stop; to the contrary, we might be called on to do more as we daily see our street conditions. We continue to solicit and welcome your comments, issues, concerns, and suggestions!

A historical anecdote from May 4, 1895 edition of the San Francisco Call: *Saving Corbett Road.* "

Behrens Joost and some other owners of property about the eastern slopes of Twin Peaks have begun an agitation to have Corbett Road widened and otherwise improved so as to afford an attractive driveway from the present terminus of Market Street at its junction with the Seventeenth and Castro over the divide to the region south of the park. Corbett road is now a macadamized highway meandering along the sides of Twin Peaks, crossing Stanford Heights and connecting with the Almshouse and Ocean House roads. It is the only thoroughfare reaching that region except from the park, and, as it is U route that affords magnificent views of city and bay, it is much traveled."

Kudos to any CHN member who can tell us about “Stanford Heights” or “the Almshouse.” We are always searching for such neighborhood insights.

Stay safe, stay active.

Sincerely,
Bill Holtzman
President
CHN

Mark your calendars: Annual meeting and yearly elections

After waiting months (and months) for the Covid constraints to lift, CHN has (reluctantly) decided to host for our first on-line meeting:

Who: You and your neighbors

What: CHN annual meeting

When: September 14, 7 pm

Where: Zoom

Agenda: Special guest: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and others

Details: To follow...

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