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# U-Turn!

## 17th & Ord project sent back to planning

After more than 18 months of debate and negotiations, the controversial development at 4300 17th Street remains an open question.

The developer was unable to resolve a handful of serious issues outlined by the SF Planning Department in April 2020. Without addressing these questions, the developer launched an unusual appeal to the Planning Commission.

Last week, the Planning Commission put this application on indefinite hold and the case was referred back to the Planning Department. These discussions will probably start with the Department's [Plan Check letter](#) which documents many of the problem areas.

In particular, numerous variances need to be addressed in addition to code compliance.

It appears the development will have to go through extensive redesign.

“This discussion is back where it should be-- the Planning Department,” according to CHN President Bill Holtzman. “Many zoning issues and community concerns were documented at the hearing. For us, the wholesale destruction of a side yard and the impact on neighbors was unacceptable,” he

added.

CHN supports the addition of two below-market housing units (ADUs) to the existing structure, as permitted by San Francisco code.

Many thanks to all of you who wrote letters, distributed flyers and testified via Zoom. *This made a significant difference!*

More details if/when they surface.

**Mark your calendars, Monday, December 14, 7 pm**

## **SF Finances: The road ahead**

CHN's next quarterly meeting focuses on the financial challenges that confront the city during the age of Covid. We have invited two speakers who are focused on this vexing challenge: Ted Eagan, San Francisco's Chief Economist and Rafael Mandelman who sits on the City's Budget and Finance committee. Their qualifications speak for themselves.

We will also be joined by Alex Lemberg, President of Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association, EVNA. Our neighboring community group dates back to 1881, making it the oldest neighborhood organization in San Francisco.

Please join us at this special Zoom event. Use [this link](#) when it's time to log in.

**Rafael Mandelman**  
**Supervisor, District 8**

**Ted Eagan**  
**SF Chief Economist**

### **Covid 19 update at your finger tips**

**At CHN's last quarterly meeting, we received an engaging Covid update from Dr. Susan Philip (left), Deputy Health Officer at SF Department of Public Health. Many attendees asked for**

additional information. She provided this [link](#) for up-to-date Covid-19 data.

## **Corbett Slope: CHN takes action, invests time/money to save trees ++**

More than a year ago, the Department of Public Works (DPW) repaired the sidewalk and fencing above the Slope. Unfortunately, the DPW contractors lassoed a number of trees and aggressively tore off a number of mature branches. The crew left behind tree trunks, branches and building materials. After many outreach attempts to the contractors and DPW, no corrective action was taken.

Several weeks ago, CHN hired an authorized arborist and spent more than \$3,000 to repair trees and haul off tons and tons of construction trash. CHN is now petitioning the city for repayment.

This is part of a three-phase effort to rejuvenate the Slope:

*Phase I:* About six weeks ago, volunteers cleaned up the northern boundary of the site and distributed a large amount of mulch.

*Phase II:* Tree pruning and large-scale removal of trunks and branches are completed.

*Phase III:* A "**clean and green**" day will be announced in early 2021 to remove the remaining trash. If you would like to sign up for this volunteer effort, [email CHN](#).

## **SAVING THE SLOPE IN PICTURES**

### **Damage**

*Construction crews roped tree limbs and tore them apart*

## **More damage**

*Large tree trunks are shattered*

## **The crew left behind**

*Tree limbs and building materials dumped by city contractor*

## **Saving the trees with some pruning**

*The chain saws were going for two full days*

## **Tons and tons of material was removed**

*Many truck loads will be transformed into mulch*

## **Bottom line: the Slope is getting better and better**

*One more community clean up and we are (almost) done*

## **Telephone, telegraph, tell CHN**

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