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Monday, June 9, 2014 7:00 to 9:00 pm PUBLIC MEETING

CPMC/Davies Hospital, Gazebo Room (outside, ground-level entrance from plaza between North and South Towers)

MEETING AGENDA:

- Meet your neighbors (7:00 7:30)
- Report on Formula Retail guideline recommendations from the planning department
- SF Walk new pedestrian safety program
- Noe St bulbout update
- Jay Lu of SFMTA to report on the Sunset Tunnel project plans, including staging area on Duboce Ave.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, June 14, 10 am-noon Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at <u>rosegillen@sbcglobal.net</u> or 255-8370.

Saturday, July 12, 10 am-noon Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at <u>rosegillen@sbcglobal.net</u> or 255-8370.

Saturday July 26th, 8:30 pm Outdoor Movie Night in Duboce Park. Contact doug@friendsofdubocepark.org.

Every Wednesday, 4-8 pm Castro Farmers Market, Noe St. between Market and Beaver

Every Saturday, Noon - 3 pm
Family Dog Rescue. Dogs for adoption. 18th and Castro Streets

Popping Up Like Tulips in the Spring



Illy on a Saturday afternoon

The 'hood is awash in coffee – from the free urn coffee in the Chase Bank lobby to the \$2 cup at Reveille on 18th Street. From new-to-SF international brand Illy to long time local bean purveyor Castro Coffee, from Jumpin' Java to Peet's it seems as if someone flying over the neighborhood would look down and see a giant neon sign that said "Open a coffee shop right here."

What makes some neighborhoods in the City so attractive to coffee houses, particularly boutique coffee houses with their own selected coffees and \$5 toast?

Part of what makes us attractive is location - views of Twin Peaks, active street life, 1950's Streetcars - part of it is a concentration of income and lifestyle – higher income and a lot of people who "work from home" (workaholics and the unemployed) – part of it is the promise of culture and separating yourself from the Joneses – talking art and politics with friends, reading blogs on your iPad. For younger people, part of the attraction of Fourbarrel or Café UB is being different from their parents who went where? To Starbucks? No!

The atmosphere is relaxed, the people are special, the conversation good, and the coffee profuse. If there's wifi, it's free. And, for the boutique cof-

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City Hall Update: Supervisor Scott Wiener



Scott Wiener San Francisco District 8 Supervisor

Budget Update - Keeping our City Green, Safe & Clean, Backfilling HIV

In recent years, San Francisco's parks and other public spaces haven't received the attention they deserve. Our parks are regularly trashed with graffiti, vandalism, and dumping, and our park trees are in poor shape. Our plazas, transit stations, and other public spaces are often filthy, and our public landscaping isn't maintained as frequently as we all would like. Over the past number of years, the City has systematically depleted staffing for park patrol, park tree maintenance, and public space cleaning crews and gardeners.

I recently announced a budget proposal to address these issues by reversing these staffing cuts. Working closely with community organizations San Francisco Parks Alliance, Friends of the Urban Forest, and San Francisco Beautiful, I'm proposing to double the size of the park patrol. Currently, park patrol is so understaffed that there are typically just two park patrol officers on duty at any given time for our 220 park properties. I am also proposing to increase Rec & Park's tree maintenance team (Rec & Park currently has enough staffing to perform routine maintenance on each park tree every 75 years); and to restore the Department of Public Works' cleaning crew

and landscaping staffing to what it was in borhoods, require utilities to allow art-

the potentially devastating federal cuts to HIV services in San Francisco, the Mayintent to fully backfill in his budget prosupport for those living with and at risk for HIV. Lives depend on this funding.

Utility Box Legislation

I'm happy to report that the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed my legislation to improve the process and standards the AT&T U-verse boxes, on our sidewalks. The legislation, for the first time, will put binding procedures in place to require early and robust outreach to neigh-

work on their boxes and to plant/maintain greening near boxes, and make meaningful In other budget news, at a hearing I called efforts to place these boxes on private propat the Budget and Finance Committee on erty rather than on the public right of way.

While state law precludes us from prohibitor's budget staff announced Mayor Lee's ing these boxes from being placed on our sidewalks, we have significant leeway in posal the full amount of the \$2.7 million establishing process and siting standards. in federal cuts. I applaud the Mayor for his These rules will give neighbors a stronger voice in the process and will lessen the impact on our sidewalks. I want to thank all the neighbors who have come out in support of this legislation, including those in Duboce Triangle.

Scott Wiener represents District 8, infor the placement of utility boxes, such as cluding Duboce Triangle, on the Board of Supervisors. More information at www. scottwiener.com



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Planning Dept Considers Relaxing Policy Regarding Formula Retail



Pat Tura DTNA President

As mentioned in my column earlier this year, the Planning Department has embarked on a city-wide study, in which DTNA took part, focused on analyzing economic and land use impacts of formula retail establishments on San Francisco's neighborhoods, and reviewing the existing controls on those establishments.

It seems that Planning is leaning towards relaxing policy and regulations regarding for- formula retail is 11 or more a strong coalition of neighbormula retail, making it more outlets in the U.S. If that hood organizations. difficult for communities to number goes up to 20 or 30, as decide the character of their suggested, it's a clear sign that Another sticking point could neighborhoods.

commercial brokers, multina- als. tional companies, City staff, ticipate.

The findings are not yet avail- which had been awarded a through letters and email to able. It appears, however, that the Planning Department will Jack Spade is not technically stating that you oppose a polrecommend a policy change "formula retail" since it has icy change which would loosto the Planning Commission less than eleven stores under en formula retail guidelines. that will ease the current ap- that name, it is a subsidiary of Neighborhoods throughout proval criteria for formula re- Kate Spade, the \$1.2 billion the City need to retain their tail. The current definition of dollar publically traded com- right to weigh in on which

business owners, and neigh- Another idea being discussed process. How easy do we have borhood leaders. Commercial would allow subsidiaries of to make it for formula retail to developers, realtors, and mul- formula retailers to be treated define our neighborhood? tinational corporations made as independent and potenup the largest percentage of tially not be subjected to the Don't let City officials give participants followed by City same permitting process as our city away to multinational staff. Neighborhood merchant their larger parent company. If developers and retailers. With organizations were well repre- Planning allows subsidiaries the power of collaboration sented while DTNA was one to bypass formula retail con- within our neighborhood and of only three neighborhood trols, Jack Spade may be com- adjacent neighborhoods we organizations invited to paring to a shop near you soon. can influence the final deci-Last year, there was a huge sion. I believe it's critical for outcry against Jack Spade, the community to speak out permit under the radar. While the Planning Commissioners pany. The Jack Spade decision businesses are necessary or dewas eventually overturned, sirable in their community. but only after a huge fight by

this study is biased in favor of be allowing previously percorporate business interests. mitted land use by similar Stakeholders participated in Local community groups will formula retail. If Subway was focus group panels and in- need to spend time and re- to move out, KFC could easterviews. Interests included sources fighting multi-nation- ily occupy that space regardless of community sentiment under the proposed amended



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Development Roundup

taurant Site

two months is that develop- that the entire retail space that the success of the design September 2015 to file for a ment plans are firming up for not be eligible to be con- will rest in the materials they building permit. DTNA will the old Home Restaurant site verted to a giant restaurant choose, and the Commission be monitoring this proposal. at Church, 14th, and Mar- if the retail concept changed. asked them to continue to http://bit.ly/liRyXgo Spiers has leased the corner and approved unanimously, consensus on the specific 2280 Market Street - CVS lot and proposed a 7-story, language all agreed upon. materials they select. DTNA CVS opened a few weeks 64 unit apartment building DTNA rep David Troup will continue to work with ago in the long empty Marfor the site, with primarily read the entire resolution as Greystar's architecture team ket Noe Center site. At press 2 bedroom units, 500-1,000 he was sitting there and disample and Planning staff to achieve time, we hear that discusbuilding. Preliminary plans restaurant would have been on Socketsite: http://bit.local_realty_company that Department show a design operation. We brought it up by Arquitectonica, the firm to the commission and stated 2201 Market Street - The updated. opment, Linea, the develoption to seven-day operation if The site of a denied Star- 2301 Market - Bank of the ment at Buchanan and Mar- they were to request it. The bucks application, and cur- West ket. Preliminary building planner said that the six-day rently occupied by Catarra All three of the small retail renderings look very similar language was a mistake and Real Estate, the owner pro- spaces on Noe are said to to that development. The it was corrected. The composes a six-story, nine condo have been leased, but only proposal has 4,700 sq. ft. of mission praised the coop- development with 2,500 sq. one has opened – a skin care retail, one bicycle parking eration between the project ft. of ground floor commer-salon, Skin on Market. The space per unit, and, it ap- sponsor and the community. cial space. The initial propos- planted areas on the bulbpears, just a few "at grade" parking spaces. No mention 2198 Market Street - Linea a roof deck proposed as the been replanted with hardier is made in the initial release Sales Trailer of on-site affordable hous- A Planning Commission The Planning Department's the heavy pedestrian traffic. ing. Spiers, amongst other hearing was held on 4/24 "Preliminary Project As- We are hoping that larger property, owns the Lucky 13 to consider approval of the sessment" lists seven park- and sturdier rocks will be and the parking lot next to it development. The Greystar ing spaces (above the Market added to the landscape to on the same block. DTNA apartment development at Octavia Plan limit of 2:1), improve and hold the design. looks forward to working 2199 Market was unani- ten bicycle spaces, and a new with the developer on this mously approved. Greystar curb cut on Sanchez to access

Walgreens)

the developer Forest City opted national LGBT non-

2100 Market - Home Res- around the language for the discrimination policies for an underground garage. The hall. DTNA was concerned LGBT tenants and employ- owner, unidentified in any of The biggest news in the last that the language be clear ees. We still have concern the documents, has until late ket. Local developer Brian The commission voted on, work with DTNA to reach sq.ft. Spiers will keep the covered that, as written, the this. Renderings from 4/18 submitted to the Planning limited to six-day-per-week <u>ly/1nVePPC</u> that designed Spiers' devel- that DTNA had no objec- Industrialist Site

project. http://bit.ly/1jOoibk made major revisions to their original plans, moving 2175 Market Street (next to from their original proposal to one that the community A Planning Commission could support, particularly in hearing was held on 4/24 the area of affordable houson the proposal for the re- ing (10 Below Market Rate tail space, particularly the units on site) and design that proposal for a Market Hall better adhered to the design concept and a restaurant on guidelines for Upper Marthe corner. DTNA had ex- ket and the character of the tensive conversations with neighborhood. They also ad-

development's "open space."

sions are underway with a would occupy most of the upstairs. We will keep you

al occupies the entire lot with outs at 16th and at Noe have plants after suffering under

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Coffee, continued

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fee house devotee, you don't come coffee brands. have to worry about the homeless, the poor, or run- Worldwide, coffee is the 2nd ning into your grandma.

Coffee houses have a long hands down winner is...Neand rich history. From scafé. Yes, instant coffee. It Lloyd's Coffee House in is so dominant in the instant London to the Café de Flore coffee category in every rein Paris, intellectual, politigion that no brand of brewed cal, and business life in Eu- coffee can come close to its rope has flourished in coffee worldwide market share. houses. In the US, the Bos- Little pods are creeping up, ton Tea Party was planned in however. Keurig leads in rea coffee house and the Dec- tail coffee sales in the US. laration of Independence was first read to the public With the advent and spread beans for sale, many for more interests. And for coffee that House in Philadelphia.

different is branding. Coffee houses are striving to be-

most traded commodity, after petroleum. By brand, the

at the Merchant's Coffee of Starbucks, the coffee house than a few years. world began to change. Peet's and other local coffee chains But Starbucks exploded out of the coffee is known down But what is emerging that is had their branded coffee of Pike's Market in Seattle to the name of the creek it



Folks enjoying the outdoor seating at Reveille

able, but tasty. As it grew, as But a brand. it became aggressive towards local shops, as it became What about Illy? Isn't it a more Frappuccino and less huge international brand? It's cup of coffee, as it became European. That's nichey, too. a ubiquitous brand, a good many of its original fans be- So it seems that much of where.

cities, have enjoyed a renais- predictability, being special finer points of food and drink for authenticity. - the best way to brew coffee and make preserves.

As San Francisco has grown richer and younger, some of the money has chased those

has meant opening coffee houses where the provenance with a national vision for was grown next to, where what was in its day carefully you can learn how to make it "curated" coffee that was re- at home, where you can buy liably "good" wherever you a bag of it and take it home. bought it. Not just predict- It is about the brand. Nichey.

gan to criticize and look else- what we see sprouting up in the neighborhood owes its heart and success to what As a result, local coffee goes on in a coffee house, to houses, particularly in larger that very American need for sance, as has interest in the but part of a community, and

> Doppio and the toast with jam. For here.

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Duboce Park Update

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Save the Dates!

in a supporting role. Previous installed in early May. shows included Mrs. Doubtfire, Invasion of the Body A number of park users have Acting Park Services Manager the west end of the YPA is

The 17th Annual Friends One person reported that hibited. of Duboce Park Tag Sale is a bicyclist entered Duboce and before the actual event.

Maintenance

Happyness. The event is free. trian paths in Duboce Park.

scheduled for Saturday, Sep- Park using the ramp on Car- Neighbors have complained trees. A light on the east side were at risk...."

vandalized twice in April. Duboce Park has turned into those areas remain dark.

A few days after Rec & Park a bike path. The number of bi- Field said, "I would like to use replaced the old plastic door cyclists riding through here is the lamp at the east end of the Outdoor Movie Night returns that was scratched and cloudy, growing... My 78 year old hus- YPA and make that more of a to Duboce Park on Saturday, it was smashed. Rec & Park band has been hit twice... Rid- security light directed toward July 26. The movie has not replaced it right away but it ing bikes through this section the west side of the YPA. been selected yet, but will once was broken again within a few of the park is not allowed, but it The correct fitting here could again feature San Francisco days. The third new door was has become a highly used bike double as pedestrian/play

Snatchers. The Incredibles, complained on 311 about bicy- Adrian Field has requested ad- that it was never designed to The Rock, and Pursuit of cles illegally riding on pedes- ditional stencils. Stencils on cover the YPA and even unmany paths in the park already der the best of circumstances warn that bicycle riding is pro- won't do a great job unless we

tember 6. Last year's event was melita and rode through the about inadequate lighting at the would do a much better job." interrupted by four hours of park traveling between 20-30 west end of the Youth Play Area torrential rain, the only rain MPH on both the pedestrian and the nearby south stairs next Skateboard stops were re-San Francisco had seen in paths and all three lawn ar- to the Rec Center. These areas cently installed on curbs on months. Even with the rain, eas and exited onto Duboce are dark at night and are used the plaza outside the Photo over \$2000 was raised, largely Street just past Walter St. to party, use drugs, and sleep. Studio and in front of the because of sales early in the day "At the time there were many Used needles were found in Rec Center to deter skatechildren, dogs and people who these areas during a recent vol- boarders from damaging unteer day. There currently is a them. Skateboard stops for very tall pole with three lights the new round planters at Another person reported, "The on top at the west end, but trees the Noe and Duboce MUNI The bulletin board was been pedestrian pathway through block some of the light and stop have also been requested

lighting and security lighting. The problem with the light on pretty much remove all of the tree canopies or take out the

from MTA.

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Neighborhood Safety

Crime and Safety Report

was down through March destination. 2014.

rapes are up, 73 vs. 67; rob- Triangle in April. beries are down 25 percent, 842 vs. 865.

the same, with theft from ment officials. vehicles accounting for 3897 121 a day.

Compared to last year, vio- bags and packages in your California moved one step eas and can be tracked when lent crime in San Francisco trunk before reaching your closer to requiring all smart- stolen.

There were just 5 homicides, burglaries, robberies, and State Sen. Mark Leno's bill, Park Station set up a Twitter compared to 10 in 2013; auto thefts in the Duboce SB962, was approved by the account, @SFPDBikeTheft,

assaults are down slightly, pant in the city, making up \$69-billion-a-year industry crimes in progress. 67 percent of all robberies in in the U.S., according to the first few months of 2014, District Attorney George SAFE Bikes now offers a Property crimes are about according to law enforce- Gascon. Almost half the to- free bicycle registration pro-

announced on May 6 that report. Some critics point bikes.org and register onshe will write legislation out that the industry reaps line. Remember to remove or requiring any phone sold in billions of dollars by selling hide from sight small items San Francisco to have a kill insurance for smartphone A report prepared for the like phones, GPS devices, switch that would provide loss or theft. and cameras, and lock all a disincentive to robbers.

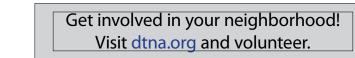
phones sold in California to come equipped with an- Social media is also be used. There were very few auto titheft technology when Officer Matt Friedman from State Senate on May 8.

tal, about \$30 billion, comes gram to help reunite recovfrom replacing lost or stolen ered stolen bikes with their of the total of 10944, about Supervisor London Breed devices, according to a 2012 owners. You can go to safe-

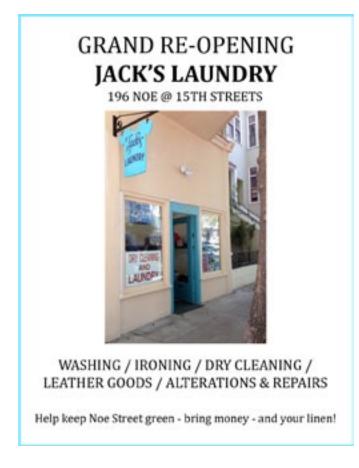
> with GPS transmitters are of \$4.6 million. being placed in high-risk ar-

which is not only a place to log stolen bikes, but also a 735 vs. 979; and, aggravated Smartphone theft is ram- Smartphones represent a public spot to post photos of

Board of Supervisors last year found that bike theft Technology is also being has increased 70 percent in used by SFPD to get sto- the past five years, resulting len bicycles back. Bait bikes in an estimated financial loss







In and Around the Triangle

Neighborhood Planning

DogFest 2014

On April 26th, McKinley School hosted another great DogFest - the biggest As always, after the Best had been fundraiser of the year for our local pub- crowned, a herd of children descended lic elementary school.

Duboce Park was packed with dogs and gling, and dancing mat. kids, and grown-ups, too, enjoying the nice weather. Facepainted kids and costumed dogs (and owners) basked in the cord breaking \$106,000 for activities festive spirit of the day.

morning). Dogfest t-shirts, balloon ny/Big Dogs!, donated the DogFest tdogs, dogs needing adoption, hot dogs, dog themed goods to buy, dogs watch- for the Fest. The myriad of other woning dogs, dog contestants with happy humans, silent auction dog items, dogs serving as anchors on picnic blankets, doggie-ness.

Local SF dance troupe The Devil-Ettes performed for the crowd, and even got some audience members to get up and dance with them.

Dog Show judges included Supervisors Scott Wiener and London Breed, members of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Chronicle columnist Leah Garchik, author Mac Burnett, local Chef Chris Cosentino, Channel 2 Anchor Eric Rasmussen, KOIT morning DJ Charly Kayle, Mckinley Principal Michelle Sousa, retired teacher Jean Micheli, and Deep.

Master-of-Ceremonies Daniel Handler once again thrilled the Dog Show crowd with his hilarious commentary and deft handling of the unexpected.

The Best in Show contest was appropriately corrupt (as always) as a fine assortment of entrants vied for the favor of the crowd which bestowed its favor by stuffing money in buckets circulated by minions spurred on by Handler's rousing patter.

on the Show Red Carpet, immediately converting it into a tumbling, gig-

The DogFest fundraiser made a reat McKinley! This year's Dogfest had more sponsors than ever before. The It was a true dog-day afternoon (and main sponsor, The Walking Compashirts for the event, a major fund raiser derful sponsors can be found at http:// mckinleyschool.org/dogfest/.

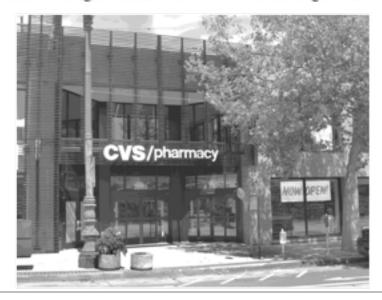


neighbors around Duboce Park! "We for the 8th Annual DogFest!

endless dog treats, and Dogfest hats McKinley School asked us to extend really appreciate all of the support from coated the park with overall happy a super big "thank you" to all of the neighborhood!" See you next April

Please Welcome CVS

After losing Tower Records seven years ago in 2006, the Market & Noe Center, an 85-year-old family-owned property, is pleased to announce its new anchor tenant, CVS Pharmacy. We hope you will support the new CVS, which we feel will be a real positive for the surrounding businesses and for the neighborhood.



Legislative Proposals for "Secondary Housing Units" Take Effect

units and to create new accessory tion is a citywide, voluntary program certain light and air requirements, and dwelling units both passed the SF Board of Supervisors in early April.

Board President David Chiu's legisla- 1, 2013. tion was approved April 1 on an 8-2

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Proposals to legalize in-law rental and Katy Tang opposed. The legisla- must be met except for open space and that grants legal status to existing "il- a rear yard variance is not required; SF legal in-law units" constructed with- Building Code exceptions may also be out required permits prior to January provided. Legalized units may not be sold as condos or separately financed (no TIC financing), an anti-speculavote, with Supervisors Norman Yee The Planning Code requirements tion provision not included in Supervisor Wiener's legislation.

> Supervisor Scott Wiener's legislation was unanimously approved April 8.

> Construction of new accessory dwelling units between 220 and 750 square feet will now be allowed solely in District 8 - in a wide area around the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District encompassing Duboce Triangle, the Castro, Corbett Heights, Corona Heights, Mission Dolores, and portions of Noe Valley.

Second units must be built within the existing envelope of residential buildings and will be allowed in garages, storage spaces, laundry rooms, enclosed patios and garden structures, among other existing building spaces. The City's Zoning Administrator can waive density limits and parking requirements, as well as rear yard and open space standards of the Planning Code, to allow renovations; SF Building Code exceptions are also offered in order to create the new rental units.

Mayor Ed Lee signed both measures on April 17.

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DTNA General Meeting Notes - April 2014

Candidates Forum

President Pat Tura introduced Supertions and differences.

two terms on the Board. Their his- old technology. tories, philosophies, and viewpoints are available on their respective web Crispin Hollings, Director of Fisites: VoteDavidChiu.com and Da- nancial Planning, said his departvidCamposSF.com.

PUC Presentation on Water Rate Increase

Charles from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) explained that the PUC is the municipal agency responsible for providing water, power, and sewer services in San Francisco. The PUC needs to raise rates to cover their operating costs and capital costs in order to keep their services reliable and infrastructure in a state of good repair.

\$4.5 billion has been spent in the past 10-12 years to upgrade infrastructure and improve the water quality in California. 84% of that work has been completed, but there are three main projects remaining, including a tunnel for transporting water under the Bay, and replacement of the Calaveras Dam that will improve water quality in the East Bay. Most projects are typically paid for with 30-year

visor David Chiu and Supervisor Da- Preventive maintenance is imporvid Campos, who are running against tant: Over 220 miles of SF's water each other for State Assembly in the pipelines are more than 100 years November election. She explained old; more than 60% of our sewer that this would not be a formal depipelines are more than 80 years old. bate but rather an opportunity for The PUC will be replacing 15 miles both candidates to explain their posi- of water and sewer pipelines every year.

Both candidates are current Super- The Southeast Wastewater Treatvisors — Chiu represents District 3, ment Plant was built in the 1950s. It Campos represents District 9 — and treats 80% of the storm, waste, and each will be termed out after serving sewer water in San Francisco with

ment is going to the Commission on

April 22 for review of their books and rate structure. Under the proposed increase, the average family that now pays \$46 a month will be paying \$121 by 2018 after four years of rate increases. It now costs about one penny per gallon to get or flush water and that will increase to about 2.5 cents

The City's rates are neither the cheapest nor most expensive in California. The PUC only gets money from rate payers and water money and sewer money must be kept separate. PUC's power is cheaper and cleaner than PG&E's, which has also had significant rate increases since Proposition E passed in 2002.

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General Meeting Notes, continued

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Noe Street Traffic Calming

Discussions about Noe Street Traffic Calming began in 2008. Peter Cohen the west side of Noe Street in 2010. was instrumental in helping to generate a plan that included a bulb out in The volume of traffic on that block reducing traffic volume and speeds. established, supported and approved, 2400 by June 2012. but has never been implemented and now there are some Noe Street resi- About 1900 additional cars are exmake sure it is the best one for calm- medical official building on Noe. ing traffic on that street.

started in 2009.

A total of 16 spaces were gained from direction per day. the installation of angled parking on

the middle of Noe between Duboce has been reduced from 2931 cars per Avenue and 14th Street. The plan was day in each direction in 2007 to about A pinch point like a bulb out nor-

dents who want to review the plan to pected after the completion of the

SFMTA obtained a grant for the on Noe were reduced from 30 mph in

same time that the recent recession speeds went from 31 to 28 mph.

Sanchez has about 1800 cars in each

Neighbors want to ensure that the bulb out achieves its goal of further

mally does calm traffic, but there is a question of whether the bulb out on this block will even be noticed since angled parking would block the view of a mid-block bulb out. A vertical visual element may help. Landscaping By comparison, northbound speeds could also provide a visual cue.

project from the state at about the 2007 to 28 mph in 2012. Southbound Other remedies were discussed. Stop signs may be ignored. Speed bumps are now out of favor because they cause problems for ambulances and fire engines. Adding an island in the middle of the street creates a loss of two parking spaces and narrows the street even further for emergency vehicles.

> A small sub-group will be organized to further discuss the options and get additional community feedback.

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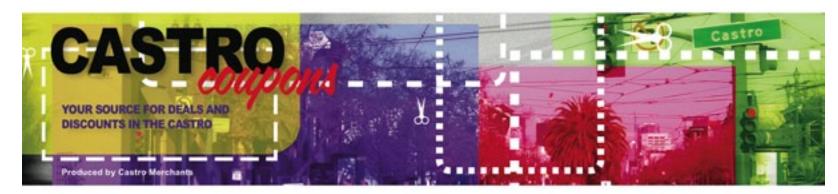
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