Monday, December 14, 2015
7:00 to 9:30 pm
Annual Election and Holiday Party!

SPECIAL LOCATION:
Swedish-American Hall,
2174 Market Street

Our December general meeting will be a special one, and will combine our annual election of board members and officers with a Holiday Party. It's especially important for DTNA members to attend at 7 pm to vote!

Sparkly attire is encouraged! All Duboce Triangle neighbors are welcome to join the festivities.

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE
For those wishing to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at $20 or less. Something wacky, something useful, something unusual! It's your choice (but family-friendly, please.) We'll conduct the exchange at 9 pm.

Happy Holidays from all of us at DTNA!

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Saturday, December 12, 10 am - noon
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rose@friendsofdubocepark.org or 415-255-8370.

Saturday, January 9, 10 am - noon
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A Look Back…and Forward

As 2015 quickly winds down, it’s an appropriate time to look back at the events and accomplishments of the past year, as well as to look forward, and ask “what comes next?”

2015 will probably be long remembered in San Francisco as the year when the consequences of many decades of flawed housing policy, including the failure to add any meaningful quantity of new housing during that time, became painfully obvious to virtually everyone. Our undersupply of housing has resulted in many long-time residents (as well as recent arrivals) becoming priced out of the city, in some cases after being evicted from their rented homes. Housing prices continued their stratospheric climb and, increasingly, even well paid tech workers are finding San Francisco difficult to afford.

DTNA has long been concerned about maintaining income diversity in our neighborhood, and early in 2015 we adopted a policy requiring housing developers to make at least 20% of the units they build be “affordable”, a significant but still achievable increase from the 12% the law requires, or face strong opposition from DTNA and a coalition of other neighborhood groups we formed. 20% may seem low in light of well-publicized projects elsewhere which are providing up to 40% affordable units, but the development opportunities remaining in our neighborhood are not large enough projects to make such lofty goals realistic.

Predictably, developers are very unhappy about DTNA’s demands, and it’s not yet clear whether we will have to fight (at the Planning Commission and possibly Board of Supervisors) against project(s) which refuse to make their fair commitment to housing affordability, but we are prepared to hold the line.

2015 was also the year that the San Francisco Police Department took a fresh look at its district boundaries, which are adjusted once each decade to account for population and other changes. For the first time in memory, DTNA successfully lobbied to have our entire neighborhood contained in...
I recently introduced legislation to streamline the approval process for creating affordable housing in San Francisco. We need to do everything in our power to build more affordable housing quickly. The challenges are significant. While we have the political will to invest in affordable housing, as evidenced by the overwhelming support for the Housing Bond in November’s election, we need to find ways to deliver this critical housing more quickly.

One area that slows projects down dramatically is the entitlement process, specifically the requirement that affordable housing projects obtain a “conditional use” permit, also known as a “CU.” A CU is a permit we impose on projects where there is a question about the project’s value and potential downsides, for example, when a chain store tries to come into a neighborhood. The CU process requires extensive analysis about the phases and minuses of the project, with a required Planning Commission hearing. The process takes time – as long as a year or more – and isn’t cheap.

Too often, affordable housing projects get bogged down in this cumbersome process, adding significant cost and time delays. Under our current laws, pretty much all affordable housing projects have to go through the CU process, even if they have no opposition. Indeed, every affordable housing project that has been entitled over the last five years has required a conditional use authorization. This makes no sense, since we know that we need dramatically more affordable housing yesterday and that this housing is highly beneficial. The bottom line is that it takes way too long to build affordable housing projects, and the process needs to be expedited.

To address this problem, I introduced legislation to exempt all 100% affordable housing projects from conditional use. The legislation has the support of the non-profit affordable housing developers who are doing the hard work to build these units every day. They know what permit delays mean for their projects and their ability to create housing for low and middle income San Franciscans.

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Scott Wiener represents District 8, including Duboce Triangle, on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

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On November 18th, SFMTA held a community workshop to provide neighbors and local merchants an opportunity to provide input and propose solutions to better manage pedestrian traffic in the Upper Market project area. The area covers from Castro to Octavia. The overarching goal is to increase safety and comfort for all modes of transportation, but especially reducing the potential for conflict between pedestrians, cyclists, cars and Muni. SFMTA engineers are designing to make the corridor more intuitive and consistent, as well as planning stages of implementation for the changes.

As we have written about many times in this newsletter, the six point intersections along Market are a challenge to manage, with the multiple modes of transportation regarding circulation, signal timing, complex turn areas and overall congestion. In the summer of 2015 the first phase was implemented with new painted safety zones and striped crosswalks, no turn on red signs, and signal timing. Curb management is the next phase. The question is, since we can’t make more curbs, how can we more efficiently manage the existing curbs?

MTA mapped out every curb and categorized the usage of each space: Yellow curbs, green curbs, two-hour meters, white curbs, resident permitted parking, blue curbs, motorcycle parking, and bike racks. The workshop divided the corridor into three workstations with these area segments: Castro to Sanchez, Sanchez to Dolores and Buchanan to Octavia. Participants were invited to identify problems in an area and discuss options for considerations.

Double-parking at all times was identified as an overall problem, in addition to where trucks double-park when a yellow curb exists for their use. Where do new yellow zones need to be implemented, or are they large enough to service a given area? Is there a yellow zone that is not being utilized and can be converted to metered parking? Are the yellow curbs metered for commercial use for the correct duration during business hours? General parking typically has two-hour meters, should some of those meters be changed for shorter duration for greater turnover?

MTA suggested meters with demand-responsive pricing so cars pay more during high demand hours. Expanded enforcement hours for residential permit parking (hours would be expanded to include Saturday), was met with resistance. MTA also discussed flexible or lowered time limits, an example is one hour for non-permitted vehicles, as opposed to the current two hours. Bike racks could be installed in a parking lane to accommodate more bikes, as opposed to sidewalk parking. The idea is to find those spaces where on-street parking is too small for cars or doesn’t make sense for motorcycles. There was also discussion regarding the right number of

The overarching goal of the Upper Market Street Safety Project is to increase safety for all travel modes.

Healthy Nail Salons

Have you noticed that cafes and nail salons and似乎 are the only businesses that can continue to expand as shopping migrates on-line? We’ll have another article that handles fair-trade coffee at some point, but thanks to an initiative from the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFDE) DTNA is asking your help to help our neighbors treat their employees and the environment in a healthy way.

According to the SFDE, California accounts for 25% of all nail salon employees in the US, and in 2015, the amount of money spent on salon services grew 12%. The SFDE would like SF residents to know that the chemicals used in nail salons can affect health of the employees, customers and the environment. That familiar “stink” in nail salons is from toxic chemicals that are irritants, asthmagens, neurotoxins, reproductive toxicants, and carcinogens. But pretty shouldn’t stink. Pretty shouldn’t irritate or cause allergies. Pretty shouldn’t make it harder to breathe or have healthy children, and pretty shouldn’t give you cancer.

While salon employees working more than eight hours a day in a salon environment are the worst affected, these chemicals also affect customers. The SFDE says that there was a 10% increase in girls under the age of 16 getting their nails done in 2015, and that there was also a 40% increase in women of childbearing age getting their nails done at salons. These populations are very vulnerable to the toxins in salon products.

The SFDE certifies that these salons have polishes without the three most harmful chemicals in polishes: formaldehyde (which can cause cancer and reproductive problems), toluene, and dibutyl phthalate (which are irritants and cause reproductive problems). They have technicians wearing gloves to protect themselves from a range of harsh chemicals that are in nail treatments and after adopting the program shows significant improvement in salon services. So the next time you want to get your nails done, go to a Healthy Nail Salon. The SFDE suggests that you visit their website, www.SFEnvironment.org/healthynails to find a salon near you.

The SFDE believes that unless customers demand better products, practices and ventilation in salons or things will not change much. If you don’t see your salon on this list, ask them to join. They can call the Department at 415-355-3766 or call the Department’s Vietnamese hotline at 415-962-5516.

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Neighborhood Spotlight

Wildcraft Espresso Bar to Occupy Corner of 16th, Noe and Market Street

When Bank of the West was set to occupy the ground floor of the icon building, DTNA pushed for three small retail spaces to ensure small business owners would have viable space in the critical retail hub at the intersection of 16th Street, Noe Street and Market Street. Bank of the West has not made it easy for these retailers to move in, however we are thrilled to announce Wildcraft Espresso Bar, will occupy the third of three retail spaces (all lesbian-owned and operated) in the Bank of the West building. They are set to open the first week of December, just in time for the holidays, and the Wildcraft Espresso Bar experience promises to have been worth the wait.

A small, standing-only bar, Wildcraft’s inviting warmth comes through despite its 430 square-foot dimension, because it is beautifully designed. Wildcraft is a unique multi-roaster and lifestyle brand dedicated to building a coffee experience and community grounded in the love of artistry and coffee. Wildcraft highlights the Bay Area’s own Ritual Coffee Roasters as its anchor roaster, and later will rotate special selections of new coffee roasts not yet available in the Bay Area.

Wildcraft Espresso Bar will be opening in the Bank of the West building and will support them with their name. They are set to open the Bank of the West building and support them with their name. They are set to open the Bank of the West building and support them with their name. They are set to open the Bank of the West building and support them with their name. They are set to open the Bank of the West building and support them with their name.

The menu will enhance the coffee experience with healthy alternatives such as locally sourced Sheep Milk, Tea and Bone Broth. Great food is coming as well, with collaborations with local bakers and chefs.

Wildcraft supports artistic craft in all its forms, the most obvious being the care with which they bring coffee beans in from the wild to their roasting partners, and the most directly experiences the artistic craft in delivering the final expression in drink form. Wildcraft also attempts to speak to the wild of our imaginations, and all that can result from artistic expression, including painting, music composition, storytelling, farming, and creating new healthy alternatives for every aspect of one’s lifestyle. Wildcraft also believes in giving back and manifests this through its philosophy of donating 1% of its profits and 1% of its workers’ time to volunteer hours for artists and arts organizations.

So stop in at the Wildcraft Espresso Bar. It’s a device-down, heads-up, best ten minutes of your day kinda place. We hope you will help DTNA welcome Wildcraft to the neighborhood, and continue to support all of our neighborhood businesses.

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Crime and Safety Report: Neighbors and Police Work Together to Catch Bad Guy

Car Burglary Alert

The epidemic of thefts from vehicles continues. Capt. John Sanford announced at the Park Station Community Meeting on Nov ember 10 that there have been 1,083 auto break-ins so far this year in the Park District, a 46% increase over 2014. On average, Sanford said, auto burglars are able to complete a smash-and-grab in 8.5 to 14 seconds ... in some cases, even faster than that.” Property crimes are up 21% city-wide through July, including a 45% increase in thefts from vehicles, from 9,757 to 14,187. Auto thefts increased 17% between through June, from 3,175 to 3,712.

This year, Park Station officers responded to 440 stolen vehicle reports, 1,083 car break-ins, 87 robberies and over 70 “hot prowls” burglaries where a perpetrator took items from an occupied residence. “Many of these hot prowls burglaries are from people leaving their garage doors open,” said Sanford, “once they see the open garage and the valuables, they’ll simply walk in, take the bike off the rack or take anything of value and leave with that item.”

Park Station has also noticed a significant increase in reports of cars being broken into around the district. In addition to the cars being burglarized, the thieves are also stealing the garage door remotes, which are often left in the victim’s vehicle. The thieves then proceed to gain access to the victim’s residence, where they also commit a burglary of the home. The Park Station would like to remind community members to please refrain from keeping garage remotes in vehicles. Indeed, never leave anything of value in your vehicle. Leave nothing in the visible passenger compartment, and that includes loose change and cell phone chargers. Call 911 immediately to report anyone acting suspiciously.

During the holidays, the potential for thefts and robberies increases. More people are out and about, and they are carrying more gifts and money than during other times of the year. While there’s no need to be afraid, you should keep in mind the following holiday safety reminders:

- Carry your valuables wisely.
  Do not keep cash in your wallet. Instead, keep it in an inside pocket and only carry the credit cards you’ll need.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must leave packages in your car, put them in the trunk.
- Keep receipts with you.
- Carry a cell phone with you. If someone makes you suspicious or uncomfortable, notify security or call the police.
- Whenever possible, park and walk in well-lit areas. Be aware of your surroundings, especially the people around you.
- Carry your purse close to you, with the opening or flap towards your body. Never leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- Do not keep a wallet, credit cards or cash in a backpack. If you are in a crowd, consider carrying the backpack in front of you. Pickpockets can quickly and easily remove items from a backpack without being noticed by the owner.
- Protect your credit card numbers and other personal information. Carefully dispose of receipts that have a credit card number on them. Never provide credit card information in response to unsolicited calls.
- Don’t announce your new high-dollar purchases after the holidays. Break down the boxes of TVs, stereo, computers, etc., and cut them into small pieces or turn them inside out before putting them in the trash.
- If you are traveling for the holidays, make your home look “lived in”. Have a friend or neighbor collect your mail and newspapers or have your service suspended while you are away.

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Crime and Safety, continued

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Use timers to turn lights off and on.

Tag Team Catches the Bad Guy

Captain Sanford wanted the community to know about a great arrest that occurred recently, based on the community and police working together. Officers Ruetti and Tawfik responded to the 400 block of Duboce regarding a burglary. A member of the community had witnessed a suspect on the property and called a neighbor to please refrain from keeping garage remotes in vehicles. The police arrived, searched the area, and arrested the suspect for burglary.

Contrary to popular belief, most residential burglaries occur during the day, when most people are at work and fewer people are likely to spot the criminal. There are things you can do to deter being a victim. Install limiters on all windows to prevent them opening more than an inch or two for ventilation, and ensure that all of your access doors are solid and locks are in good working order. You can also form a Neighborhood Watch group to help the neighbors on your block look out for each other.

You’d be surprised just how effective these groups can be at spotting strangers and suspicious activity. To start a Neighborhood Watch group, call Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) at (415) 553-1984 or visit sfsafe.org/neighborhood-watch.

The next Park Station Community Meeting is on Monday, December 7 at the Public Library, located at 1833 Page Street.

Streetscape Improvements, continued

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motorcycle spaces in a given area, and how to determine the usage. SFMTA did an excellent job of identifying all the different scenarios, and the participants gave multiple suggestions based on the maps which were provided.

Neighbors can go to sfgov.org/Mobilis3/Upper-Market-Curb-Management to complete a survey regarding curb management. The next steps for Upper Market are to paint the bike lanes, and to implement lane guidance via signage and painting. In the upcoming months, a focus group will get underway to determine the traffic flow and to find ways to improve circulation. In the spring of 2016 there will be a Public outreach program to review what MTA perceives as the Permanent Design Concepts for the corridor. In the summer there will be an environmental review for permanent improvements, and then in the fall a public hearing. MTA expects a final design in late 2016, and implementation in 2017.

If you want further information, we suggest you take the survey and get involved. DTNA will continue to keep you informed, but as a member of this community we need your voice as well.

Kevin+Jonathan (and Raffi)

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Average Duboce Sale Price since May 2014:
- Single family homes: $3M (842M low, 84.4M high)
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Noe Street Heroes of the Public Realm II

What do we love about Noe Street? The tall swaying trees? The glimpse of Duboce park at the north end as you enter the neighborhood from the south? The clever array of psychotherapy stand? The Little Free Library? The brick-up therapy stand? The Little Free Library? The brick-up therapy stand? The Little Free Library? The brick-up therapy stand? The Little Free Library? The brick-up therapy stand?

Three more examples of the latter make evident that the neighbors of Noe Street are continuing their proud run of providing elegant amenities for the rest of us. Three more tree-encircling planters recently appeared on Noe Street just north of 15th Street and the ones that were put in this summer just south of 15th Street have been recently replanted. Thank you for your ongoing work neighbors—we appreciate you!

In and Around the Neighborhood

President’s Message, continued

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I joined DTNA’s Board of Directors in 2004, and served as its Treasurer from 2004-2014 and as President since then. For a lot of reasons, I’ve decided that it’s time to step down and reduce my level of involvement with the organization, and so I will not be running for DTNA office in 2016. I’ll continue on the board (as immediate past president, I’m automatically a board member) and look forward to smoothly transitioning to the new president who will be elected on December 14. If you’re a paid-up DTNA member, please come to the annual meeting on that date, party, and cast your vote.

Thank you for your support and confidence in me over the past twelve years. I’ll still be around and hope you’ll continue to say hello when you see me around the neighborhood. On behalf of DTNA, I wish you all the very happiest of holiday seasons and a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2016!”

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☐ Other ____________________________

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Treasurer
Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association
3673 16th St.
San Francisco, CA 94114

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
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