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MEETING AGENDA

The upcoming December General Meeting offers much to learn about and discuss! UC Berkeley graduate students have spent the semester researching Duboce Triangle as part of their Urban Design course and will be joining us to share their findings on three focus areas: walkability & mobility, sustainability, and activation. Join us as we create a vision for the future of our neighborhood!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Dec 1.
NEW DTNA WEBSITE at
www.dtna.org. See page 11 for
details.

Monday, Dec 6 and Jan 3, 7 pm.
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting.
If you'd like to attend, email landuse@dtna.org
to receive Zoom invitation.

Every Saturday, 11am to 5pm.
Upper Market COVID Vaccinations & Testing at the 18th Street Parking Lot
behind Walgreens. See back page.

The Slow Triangle Vision - UC Berkeley Students Conduct Research



San Francisco's experiment with slow streets led to a research project for graduate students.

As the pandemic paused commuter traffic, San Francisco rolled out a massive experiment: *Slow Streets*. Noe Street was selected as one such street, running right through the Triangle. In our Jun/Jul Newsletter, DTNA Land Use Chair Kevin Riley wrote about DTNA's exploration of a *Slow Triangle* "A Slow Triangle is a vision...not a policy, ballot measure, or SFMTA plan. It's an idea."

To research aspects of the *Vision: Slow Triangle*, DTNA has been working with the College of Environmental Design at

UC Berkeley. This was originally inspired by a conversation DTNA Board Member Hans Galland had with Hugo Errazuriz, resident on Beaver Street, who had conducted research on the Triangle in 2002 when he was a student at Cal (see page 6). With Hugo's help, Hans secured the support of Dr. Zachary Lamb, Assistant Professor of City and Regional Planning, who teaches "Urban Design Research Methods" and helped turn *Vision: Slow Triangle* into a research project for graduate students.

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A Push for More Greening and Affordable Housing in the Triangle



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor
Rafael Mandelman

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

The clocks have fallen back an hour, and winter is on the way. We are hoping to avoid another seasonal COVID surge so I encourage you to get your boosters when you are eligible so that everyone can safely gather with loved ones this holiday season.

As the year comes to a close, I wanted to share a few updates about work my office has been doing.

Stopping Safeway Shoplifting
Shoplifting at the Church and Market Safeway is out of control and has resulted in the store reducing its hours to a 9pm closing time. When I met with Safeway representatives last month, they informed me that this store had the worst six-month loss of inventory at any location in the history of the company.

This store is one of the few affordable grocery options for people living in and around Duboce Triangle. A reduction in their operating hours makes it harder for working people to get groceries for themselves and their families, and will have a huge impact on the lives of the store’s employees whose hours will be cut.

In response, I convened a meeting with the Police Chief, District Attorney, and Safe-

way to develop a framework for effective coordination between public safety departments, and I expressed to Safeway my desire to see 24-hour service resume.

To address the larger issue of organized retail theft, I am co-sponsoring Supervisor Safai’s legislation to allow off-duty sheriffs to serve as security at Safeway and other retail stores, and my office is exploring strategies to hold Amazon and other online operators accountable for their role in facilitating the sale of many of these stolen goods.

Protecting Housing Services for Long Time Tenants
On November 2, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed my legislation to strengthen protections for important tenant housing services like storage, laundry, and parking. The City’s Rent Ordinance already prohibits the removal or reduction of these services without a just cause, but

I learned of many cases in District 8 and around the City where tenants were being told they would have to lose these amenities to make way for new Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, in their building.

While ADUs are a good way to add housing to our neighborhoods, this should not come at the expense of existing tenants, especially longtime tenants and seniors in rent-controlled buildings who rely on these services and deserve to keep enjoying them as part of their home. My legislation adds notification requirements, provides tenants with a right to petition the Rent Board when an ADU project may reduce their housing services, and enhances the legal remedies for tenants whose services are wrongfully removed.

Allowing New Bars in the Castro
Many people would be surprised to learn

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Fall is Here



Kimyn Braithwaite
DTNA President

Hello neighbors! The days are getting shorter, the trees are dropping their leaves, and there’s a noticeable crispness in the air. It’s hard to believe that we’ve reached the holiday season, with its time for gathering together, reflecting on the year we’ve had, and the year to come. DTNA has been talking a lot about gathering together in the new year and our hope is to have in person community meetings again real soon. We will discuss it at our next gen-

eral meeting (read more about that later).

This year, like the one before it, has been eventful for our neighborhood, full of the twists and turns of pandemic life, which thankfully has included celebrating milestones like vaccinations. It is an incredible feat that we can now safely vaccinate our children five and older. Knowing that we will be starting the new year with the bulk of our population safeguarded against COVID-19 is something to be incredibly grateful for.

Our neighborhood block party in October was another highlight. It really was a wonderful event that was fun to prepare for and a blast to attend. We need to give a huge shout out to everyone who helped make the day so special, but most especially to the residents of Noe Street. They came out in force and helped to throw a really great event. The kids came out in force too as there were all sorts of activities for them to do: arts and crafts, sidewalk chalk, bubbles. But the biggest

draw had to be when the engine from our local SFFD, station house #6, and a cruiser from SFPD showed up. The vehicles were open for anyone to look at and investigate and the kids really enjoyed playing with all the buttons and sirens.

It was such a joy to see so many families and neighbors coming together, reminiscing with familiar faces and meeting new ones. Thank you to everyone who came out, and especially to those who contributed their time, energy, and enthusiasm to make it a fun and memorable event for all.

As the calendar turns over to 2022, we get a whole new year ahead, like a blank canvas full of hope and possibility for our neighborhood and our City. Maybe you’re new to Duboce Triangle and would like to learn more about the people and history of this place, maybe you’re just looking for an opportunity to feel connected to the future of San Francisco in a new way. We’re stronger when we come together, and we’d love for you to be involved.

You can do that by joining us at our next general meeting on Monday, December 13th starting at 7pm. We want to hear from our neighbors about what is important to them, what changes they’d like to see, and what things about the neighborhood are worth celebrating. Help DTNA set our goals for the new year!

DTNA Elections

Election of 2022 DTNA Officers and Board Directors will be held at the 2022 February Public Meeting. Anyone who has an interest in joining the Board and has been a member for three months is eligible to become a Board Member.

If you are interested in getting more involved with DTNA and working to enhance the neighborhood where we all live, work, and play, consider running for a Board position.

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Help the 'Hood Recover! Shop Local for the Holidays!

Last year our neighborhood businesses were largely shuttered as people battened down the hatches in anticipation of the darkest days of the global pandemic. This year, thanks to strong local leadership, San Francisco is a national trendsetter in vaccine uptake, and having persevered through the Delta variant, we're ready to party! (With appropriate safety measures, of course....)

Thanks to ongoing support from locals, who shopped and tipped generously over the last year to show our appreciation for front-line workers, most of the Triangle's businesses have survived, but all of them could use one last boost of spending and generosity from their neighbors to make it over the hump into long-term viability. It's the most wonderful time of the year to shop the Triangle!

A good place to start is on Waller Street, the newly invigorated border between the Triangle and the Lower Haight, where Cafe Réveille at Steiner and Tarragon Café at Fillmore are both offering full menus and outdoor tables. After munching, you can pick up some of the cutest possible outfits for your four-legged friends at The

Animal House Pet Mercantile at Fillmore and Waller, or get a gift certificate for bike repair at Wiggle Bicycles, or one-of-a-kind stoneware or other art object for the home at Earthen Ceramics and Housewares.

14th Street also has plenty to offer: you can get a gift certificate for aikido or jiu-jitsu training at Maru Dojo, or for dog grooming at the Little Ark. If you want to spice up your holiday gathering, Rebekah Northway of The Petaler is open for walk-in business. She can create something gorgeously seasonal and distinctive, using locally-sourced materials. You deserve it! At Books and Bookshelves at 14th and Sanchez, there are no supply-chain bottlenecks and if you pick up a book of poetry while you're there maybe that will keep you from your screen for a while, and safe from the lurid temptation of Amazon Prime. Or, if you're still walking, make a left off 14th on Noe to encounter another row of Triangle delights; pick up a gift certificate for a fine meal at the longtime stalwart French bistro L'Ardoise. If you want fancier homewares stop by Black and

Gold at 15th and Noe, or if you need some inexpensive flowers along with some genuine conversation and sparkling energy stop by Guy's Flowers across the street.

Of course the largest concentration of shopping destinations by far is on Market Street, hypotenuse of our Triangle. At Castro you'll find that Jane Warner Plaza has perked back up, with outdoor seating at Twin Peaks and Orphan Andy's, and the Brazilian restaurant Café de Casa. If you are gift or card shopping you should definitely stop at Local Take – there you'll not only be supporting a local business but also local artists, because everything in there was locally made.

Continuing down Market, if you want to enhance the look of a room or find the perfect gift for the person who has everything, the artfully curated Kenneth Wingard Designs or Stag & Manor are just the spots to find your one-of-a-kind houseware. Kenneth Wingard also carries fashion items, and if you trend that way Rolo on Market (two locations, including one devoted to sportswear), or the high-end vintage clothing store Sui Generis are both must-shop spaces for the “let's just try it on” crowd.

On the Triangle side of Market stop by Max Khusid's Art House SF. There is no sign, but the eye-catching art through the generous windows will let you know you're in the right spot. Continuing our walk to Noe, you should stop at Jeffrey's Natural Pet Foods for gifts for the canine set, and if you're feeling a need for natural foods for humans, an hour or so at La Méditerranée's lovely outdoor seating will do you well, too. Perhaps the most innovative business on Market is the delicious Spanish restaurant Canela, which sustained us through the pandemic with paella kits, and is a great gift-



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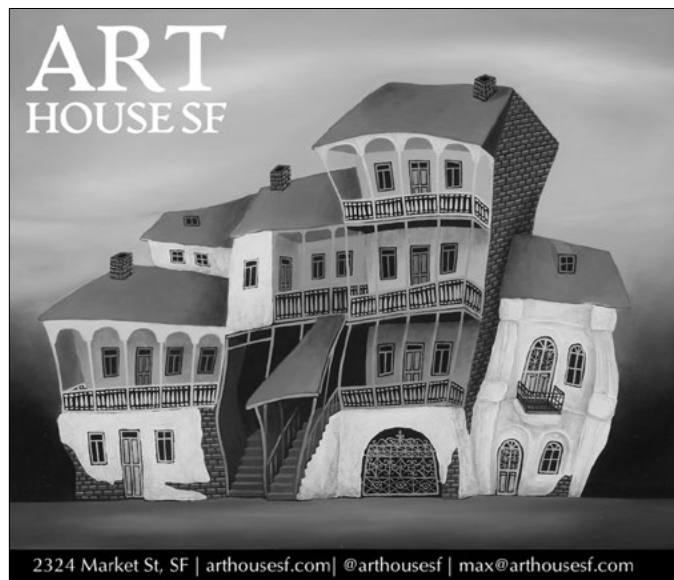
certificate prize as well.

Also on Market below Noe you can order a big print of a favorite photo and a nice frame at Photoworks SF or at Underglass Custom Framing. How about a tattoo for that special someone? Trudy's Tattoo parlor does stellar work.

On Market below Sanchez, Ampersand Flower Shop is owned by neighbors who live on Duboce Street. If you make it all the way to Church (by now you really deserve a treat), Millay is the bottle shop and bar with a delicious selection of wine and sake and plenty of outdoor seating. You can also pick up a lovely houseplant at Plant Therapy, or stop for a glass of wine (and perfect french fries) at Aquitaine Wine Bistro, or some lobster at Woodhouse Fish Co., or a pizza at Il Casaro Pizza & Mozzarella Bar. An embarrassment of riches, really!

At all of these businesses don't forget to dish out a super-size smile (“smize”) and an extra big tip, remembering that the folks who work there are essential workers, who last year were risking their lives to allow us to soldier on. And take a moment to celebrate that you have supported and connected in a real way with some real people, your neighbors!

Happy Holidays!



Construction Slows, but DTNA Moves Forward

2021 was, as we all know, an unconventional year. The Land Use committee continues to adapt to these unique times - hosting monthly committee meetings, reviewing developments that impact the Triangle, and empowering neighbors to advocate for the positive changes they would like to see.

It has been a slow year for new construction and housing development in the neighborhood. We are still in the midst of a housing affordability crisis, but it has become even harder to build. COVID-19 has slowed things down, there are labor shortages, market volatility, and increased construction costs. Several multi-family housing projects in Duboce Triangle have had little to no progress over the past year. Proposed projects such as 2135 & 2140 Market Street have not been submitted for Entitlements because developers struggle to make them financially feasible. Previously Entitled projects, such as 1965 Market, sit dormant - supposedly awaiting additional funding or a new developer. Housing slated to start

construction, such as 55 Belcher St, remains unbuilt. It is sad to see such stagnation in a neighborhood like Duboce Triangle that is within walking/transit distance to so many jobs and businesses.

There is some hope that 2022 will be a more active year for new housing. Increased Federal and State funding for affordable housing makes it a little easier for non-profit developers to pencil-out projects. New State laws, SB09 and SB10, will make it easier to add units to properties with only one unit and build small-scale apartment buildings. The Planning Department is currently reviewing both these provisions to determine precisely how they will impact San Francisco. The Land Use committee hopes these new laws and additional funding will result in more affordable homes in Duboce Triangle.

While building development has been slow, the Land Use Committee has focused on

public space and transportation. There has been discussion about how our streets are used and the balance between pedestrian and vehicular priorities. DTNA has issued letters of support for the Noe Slow Street and 14th Street Traffic Calming - both will strengthen pedestrian safety in our neighborhood.

The Land Use Committee has also issued letters of support for two murals - one at MaiTri (facing Duboce Ave) and the other at Flore Store (facing the Noe-Beaver Mini Park). Both will bring color to our streets, making a walk through our neighborhood even more enjoyable.

Following DTNA's efforts to improve our built environment, advocate for investment in public transportation, and increase accessibility, the Board issued a letter of support for the new and improved Harvey Milk Plaza at Castro MUNI station. We will continue to work with the Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza as their design is finalized to ensure the new Plaza will be an accessible and enjoyable space for our community.

Overall, 2021 has been filled with great discussion, debate, and action for the Land Use Committee. We have learned a lot and have tried to make our neighborhood a more enjoyable, accessible, and sustainable place to live and work. To do this, the committee needs neighbors to participate and share their opinion! If you would like to attend a meeting or share your thoughts on land use & transportation, please email landuse@dtna.org.

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How Street Design Affects Our Sense of Community: An Interview with Neighbor & Urban Designer Hugo Errazuriz



Hugo Errazuriz researched the Duboce Triangle in 2002 while a student at Cal.

As we cover on page 1, DTNA has the privilege of working with UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design on exploring the nuances of our vision for a Slow Triangle. Part of this work was inspired by a conversation with Hugo Errazuriz, who researched the Duboce Triangle himself in 2002 while a student at Cal. We had a conversation with Hugo about this work then, and here's what we learned.

DTNA: Hello Hugo. Tell us a bit about yourself.

Hugo: Well, I came to San Francisco in 2000 and after working for a couple of years as an architect, I went to UC Berkeley to get my masters degree in urban design. I went on to work in Asia for more than a decade in the development of complex urban projects, regions and even new cities, mostly in China. In 2019, I moved back to San Francisco and now live on Beaver Street. I work as an urban design principal at the San Francisco office of AECOM, a global engineering and design firm.

DTNA: What was your first impression of the Duboce Triangle?

Hugo: I had walked through the Duboce Triangle many times and found it a beautiful place, but I don't remember knowing it as its own neighborhood. It was not until I was studying the urban grid of San Francisco at Berkeley that I started to pay attention to it, mostly because of its very unique location where multiple urban grids and communities intersect.

DTNA: We heard you did a project on the Duboce Triangle when you were at Berkeley in 2002. What was it about?

Hugo: As part of our Urban Design Research Methods class, we studied the relationship between street design and resident satisfaction. We had selected the Duboce Triangle for the research. During that time, we literally went door-to-door to conduct questionnaire surveys and resident interviews. We wanted to see whether a street that was designed to accommodate more pedestrian activity contributed to a higher resident satisfaction and created a deeper sense of community.

DTNA: What were the key things you learnt at that time?

Hugo: We found evidence that streets planned for people rather than cars (wider sidewalks, seating areas, green bulbouts) contributed to a greater sense of satisfaction.

We learned, however, that other factors were also important. For instance, the cul-de-sac conditions, as you find them on Pierce Street or Carmelita Street, were critical for satisfaction and community. These streets did not have bulbouts or seating areas like Noe or Sanchez, yet they scored really high with residents:

the fact they did not have vehicular through-traffic created much bigger resident satisfaction and a deeper sense of community. These streets benefitted from pedestrians through traffic. So, unlike traditional dead-end streets that tend to be empty and may feel unsafe, the cul-de-sacs north of Duboce Park had pedestrians, who activated them and made them feel safe. We also witnessed a stronger sense of community in that neighbors on those cul-de-sacs knew their neighbors by name much more commonly than in other streets in the Duboce Triangle. Put differently, even though people on Noe Street were very happy, they didn't necessarily know the names of their neighbors. In sum, the absence of vehicular through-traffic combined with the presence of pedestrian through traffic created a stronger sense of community

DTNA: Any parting thoughts you would like to pass on to neighbors in the Duboce Triangle and DTNA while working on the Vision for a Slow Triangle?

Hugo: The Duboce Triangle is so interesting because it has a small scale and thus potential for a strong sense of community. Yet, one should not forget that it plays an important role in the larger city because of its central location, connecting many different neighborhoods. Therefore, any decisions you make within the Triangle affect a much larger area outside the Triangle.

It will therefore be important to balance the interests of Triangle residents with those of the larger community that may benefit from assets you find within or near the Duboce Triangle. You would want to be inclusive and not exclusive. Concretely, you can think of providing some areas that just cater primarily to the neighbors and others to visitors from neighboring areas.

DTNA: Thank you Hugo. These are very valuable insights.

Hugo: Thank you for having me.



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The Slow Triangle Vision, continued

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The goal of this research project was threefold. Firstly, for DTNA to use a participatory approach for residents to explore the complex nuances of a *Slow Triangle*. Secondly, to create an objective scientific basis for future design and implementation of a *Slow Triangle* from one of the world's most respected research institutions on this subject matter. Finally, it was our hope that this process could become the first chapter in a playbook that other neighborhoods in San Francisco and the world can use for community-driven assessments of *Slow Neighborhoods*.

DTNA Land Use Committee members kicked off the project on Sunday September 12,

2021 at Duboce Park touring three groups of three graduate students through the Triangle. DTNA emphasized the importance of exploring the relationship between a *Slow Triangle* and mobility, environmental sustainability, activation, and equity. Ultimately, the student groups decided to research the following three areas.

Walkability & Mobility. Researching the impact of parking configurations on traffic calming and the public realm. Field work focuses on Sanchez Street and three intersections considered high traffic zones (14th/Noe, Sanchez/Duboce, 14th/Sanchez). The findings can guide the design of future parking configurations.

Sustainability. Researching

how characteristics of streetside gathering spaces (vegetation, amenity, size and dimension, location) encourage resident use and contribute to resident satisfaction. The findings can help the neighborhood activate underutilized spaces, promote resident satisfaction, and build more pleasant new community gathering spaces.

Activation. Researching how physical characteristics and vehicular traffic influence the desire of pedestrians to use streets. Field work focuses on 14th Street. Findings can guide design of streets for a more pleasant pedestrian experience, as desired.

Since September 12, 2021, the student groups have conducted multiple visits to the Triangle,

attended DTNA Land Use and DTNA General Meetings, conducted observations, resident interviews, and archival research. You may have also met them as they participated at the Phoenix Day Street Fair to gather more comprehensive resident input.

We are very excited to learn about the findings the research has generated during our next General Meeting at 7 pm on Dec 13, 2021. We welcome your participation at the meeting and always appreciate your input and feedback. Please contact us at landuse@dtna.org.



Integrated Schools – A Great Resource for SFUSD Parents



Erik Honda, DTNA Secretary

Sad to say, in this extremely liberal city where “everyone” supports the concept of school integration first laid out in the Supreme Court decision Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, most white parents send their kids to private school. About 40% of the children in San Francisco are white, but only about 17% of K-12 public school students are. Well over half of white San Francisco parents choose an elitist, segregationist system over one where their kids would be in the minority. Many white parents spend beyond their means (private schools run from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per child annually) to preserve a system that erodes equity, over a tuition-free shared space that helps build the multiracial democracy of our future.

Thankfully, as in so many other ways, our neighborhood is better than the rest of San Francisco on this metric. There are no SFUSD schools in the Triangle, but McKinley Elementary just across the street at 14th and Castro serves many Triangle families, is refreshingly multiethnic, and the student body is 51% white. While the neighborhood as a whole is 64% white, students come from all around to attend McKinley, and it is reasonable to assume that a large majority of white Triangle families send their kids to the local public school; kudos to them.

Some white kids from the Triangle also attend Sanchez School across Market at Noe and 17th, a racially isolated school that is overwhelmingly Latinx (86%). When

McKinley and Sanchez students graduate, some will attend Everett Middle School at 16th and Church, which is also heavily (72%) Latinx, but which has a healthy population of white students (17%). Some will stay in the neighborhood for high school too, and go to Mission High, which is 58% Latinx and 11% white.

So what is it like to be a white or privileged student or parent in a global majority school? What is the best way to “show up” in these spaces in a spirit of connectiveness and collaboration, and to avoid the pitfalls of resource hoarding and entitlement that it is so easy to fall into, given our socialization as white or privileged people in a white supremacist, economically stratified society? These are not easy questions.

Luckily, there’s a great resource for parents who want to make a difference. It’s called

Integrated Schools, and in their own words they are a “growing grassroots movement of, by and for parents who are intentionally, joyfully, and humbly enrolling their children in integrating schools.” The organization originally started as a resource for white parents, but it has expanded its reach and serves other parents of privilege (in our neighborhood, that would be wealthy, nonwhite parents), who are also committed to the work. They have an amazingly powerful podcast, currently hosted by a white dad and a black mom, who have deep conversations with each other and with education experts about how to promote the cause of school integration on the grassroots level.

As a white dad whose kids attended global majority schools from K-12 in San Francisco I found this resource a bit late; my youngest child was already a senior in high school by the time I started listening to the podcast. But

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When Not to Call the Police on Your Neighbors

By Erik Honda

Guy Clark of Guy’s Flowers has been a fixture in the Triangle for nearly 40 years, helping neighbor kids grow up and lending a kind ear to everyone who stops by Noe and 15th Street, whether they want to buy flowers or not. He is also a guardian of our shared space on the sidewalk bulb-outs created almost as long ago, a place for people to sit, chat, and generally be good neighbors.

It was in that spirit of guardianship recently when Guy asked a neighbor who was allowing his dog to relieve itself in one of the planters installed by neighbors to do it somewhere else. The neighbor said it was “public space” so he could do what he wanted. When Guy attempted to reason with him, explaining that though the space is public it is also shared, and cared for, the neighbor threatened to call the police. Then he did.

This story has a happy ending. When the police arrived, they

bought flowers from Guy. Perhaps the neighbor wasn’t aware that Black people are disproportionately the victims of police violence, and that many Black people have recently died in our country at the hands of police, after the police received phone calls from people complaining about innocuous behaviors such as playing in parks and walking on sidewalks. Or more likely he was aware, but forgot to apply that knowledge during the situation.

So let’s all take a moment to realize that we all get upset when someone disagrees with us, and that it’s in the spirit of community and neighborliness to put the upset aside, and realize that a dispute over dog pee or anything of equivalent importance doesn’t need to escalate to the application of state power.

Please don’t call the police on your Black neighbors. Let’s all be kind to each other. As neighbors. As friends.



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Supervisor's Message, continued

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that the zoning rules for the Castro prohibit new bars. On October 19, I introduced an ordinance that would change that after hearing from a local lesbian entrepreneur who was unable to open a wine bar in the neighborhood due to the current zoning.

Under the ordinance, new bars would be allowed as a conditional use with approval from the Planning Commission. This would allow entrepreneurs a chance to open in the Castro on a case-by-case basis. The ordi-

nance is scheduled for a hearing at the Planning Commission on December 16 and would next go to the Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee in January.

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Historic Preservation Update

Long-time readers of the Duboce Triangle News will remember that in 2018, DTNA kicked off a fundraising effort with the goal of completing historic surveys of all properties in the triangle formed by Castro and Market Streets and Duboce Avenue, for which our neighborhood was named. Our neighborhood is one of the most historic in the City, with most buildings dating back to a period which began in the late 1800s and continued through the 1920s. Today, even those “newer” 1920s properties are nearly a century old!

Longtime residents of the Triangle will remember that DTNA began advocating for an understanding of the historic resources of our neighborhood more than a decade ago, during the rezoning and development of the Market and Octavia Area Plan (which was adopted by the City in 2009). Then, as now, DTNA advocated for new development on appropriate parcels while also balancing the need to recognize and preserve historic resources. Our balanced and thoughtful approach gained recognition from developers who had been asking for “certainty” in knowing which structures were considered historic and which were not. We also received kudos from then-Supervisor Scott Weiner, as well as other elected officials and the Planning Department, for our advocacy, which is why you see most of those proposed developments already built out, with only a few left in the permitting stages. Residents of the Triangle very much supported this approach, and now have come to appreciate how the old and the new work together to make our neighborhood much more livable and unique.

Our original stated goal was to gain listing of our historic neighborhood on the California Register of Historic Places. This state-level recognition would provide historic properties with some additional protection against demolition, without adding any significant new burden on property owners or making it more difficult to improve or renovate properties (the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) already applies to all structures over 50 years old). It is so much better to know in

advance, rather than after the fact, what historic resources exist! Instead of each development project needing to undergo a full historic resource evaluation report when a project is proposed, developers now know beforehand where to focus their efforts on new development thereby providing them the “certainty” that they would like, rather than sinking time and money into a proposal only to find out that there is a historic resource on the site after they propose their project. It also benefits residents and preservationists as it pretty much eliminates the conflicts that would arise when a historic resource becomes known after a project is deep into the entitlement process.

DTNA successfully raised about \$15,000, with another \$5,000 promised by Sterling Bank. In addition, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman secured \$24,000 in the City’s budget for the project. With funding for

the work thus secured, DTNA entered into an agreement in 2019 with VerPlanck Historic Preservation Consulting, a respected local firm, to begin the survey work.

The portion of the triangle east of Noe Street had already been surveyed as part of the Market and Octavia Area Plan, which was adopted in 2007. The consultant’s initial job was to survey the remaining parts of the neighborhood – DTNA expanded the initial footprint to include properties on both sides of Castro St – as well as updating the older survey with information on properties which had changed since 2007, as well as the addition of properties which have aged into historic status since 2007.

The work kicked off in mid-2019 and was proceeding well when 2020 happened — the pandemic threw a wrench into almost everything, and this project was not spared

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DTNA Has a New Website

By [Bob Bush](#), DTNA Vice President, Web Transition Manager and [Paige Rausser Grey](#), DTNA Board Member, Membership Manager

Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association has a new website! The new site at www.dtna.org will facilitate timely updates for members and our Duboce Triangle neighbors.

In order to access and manage your membership:

- If you paid dues in 2018 or later, your email address is likely in the system. Go to www.dtna.org, click on the “log in” button in the top right corner. Use your email address as your username. The first time you log in click “Forgot password.” You will then receive an email with instructions to create your own password. Once you are logged in, click on the symbol next to your name and click “View Profile.”
- Review your profile for accuracy and decide on the level of Privacy settings you want. Settings are currently “No Access.” You can decide how much

or how little information about you is shared.

- If your email address is not in the website database, or you are new to DTNA, go to www.dtna.org, click on the Join button at the bottom of the Home Page and follow the prompts.
- We never want the cost of our membership dues to get in the way of people joining our organization. If payment of dues would pose a hardship, we can help. Please contact membership@dtna.org.
- If you don’t have access to the internet and rely on USPS for contact, please confirm your information by completing the membership form on the last page of the News and mailing it to: DTNA Membership, 2261 Market Street, MMB#301, San Francisco, CA 94114

The new membership platform allows for single year membership payments and yearly automatic recurring payments. If you have any questions about membership or payment of dues, please contact membership@dtna.org.

We have two new types of membership:

- **Household Bundle** – two people in the same household can join as two voting members for one household membership fee. The “primary” person is the Bundle Administrator and will receive communications about renewing dues.
- **Associate Member** – a single non-voting membership for those who would like to support and participate in DTNA but do not live, work, or own property within the Triangle.

Please visit www.dtna.org to learn more about new and existing membership levels.

Our goal with the new website is to have better communication with our members, more timely news, updates, and event sharing, and generally to bring our community closer together. Here are a few highlights of what our new website will be able to share with members:

- News updates between our every other month Duboce Triangle News editions.
- Blogs – Minutes Blog where one can find synopses from DTNA General Meetings, Board Meetings, and Land Use Meetings; News/Update Blog that will share the latest DTNA/Neighborhood breaking news; and Land Use Blog for Land Use and Transportation news.

Please check out our new website and explore the navigation bar to see all the new information we look forward to sharing with you. The Links/Contact page has an updated list of important City resources. We look forward to bringing more updates as we continue to build out our new site.

The Board of DTNA thanks you for your support and hopes that you find the new website informative and useful. Please join if you aren’t already a member. We look forward to working with you to protect and improve our neighborhood’s quality of life. Come to our meetings and participate. Let us know what issues you would like DTNA to address. DTNA can be contacted using the website [Contact page](#) or by email to info@dtna.org or by mail to DTNA, 2261 Market Street, PMB#301, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Update your membership information and please stay up to date on your membership fees – we need your contributions to protect our flow of information and print the Duboce Triangle News.



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Political Bigwigs Descend on DTNA General Meeting

The October DTNA General Meeting was a nexus of state and local political power, as former Assemblymember and now San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu joined State Senator Scott Wiener and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman for a confab. Chiu, who started his political career as a neighborhood association president, has been bringing San Francisco values to the state assembly and intends to preserve those same values as City Attorney, working hard to see citizens' civil rights protected, and taking down corporate bad guys. He will continue to fight evictions, and to secure funding for affordable housing; this year the Assembly was able to pass \$10 billion for affordable housing, plus \$4 billion for tenant subsidies to prevent evictions.

Senator Wiener has had a recent run of legislative success. He has always been a legislative powerhouse, but this year he was able to get a ton of bills signed, including SB9 and SB10, which he has been pursuing since he arrived in Sacramento. Wiener pointed out that San Francisco has only a three-person delegation in Sacramento (compared to 30 for LA county), but they are strong – Ting, Chiu, and Wiener, and they get a lot done.

This session Wiener would like to give San Francisco more tools to address the 700 people who died of drug overdoses last year. He has spent six years pushing for safe consumption sites, he wants to get usage off the streets, and get folks into treatment. There have been decades of positive outcomes with these facilities in Europe, Canada, and Australia. A vehicle-miles-traveled fee instead of a gas tax is also moving forward.

Supervisor Mandelman sparred with Senator Wiener a bit on the housing issue, saying he is a little bit less hardcore than Wiener on housing, but that he agrees with Wiener that too much local discretion has definitely caused problems, and San Francisco is among the worst places (ironically, shortly after our meeting Mandelman was one of eight Supervisors who voted down a new building South of Market that would have included affordable housing).

Despite the controversy, we adjourned in concord, significantly more knowledgeable because the movers and shakers were engaged with their constituents.

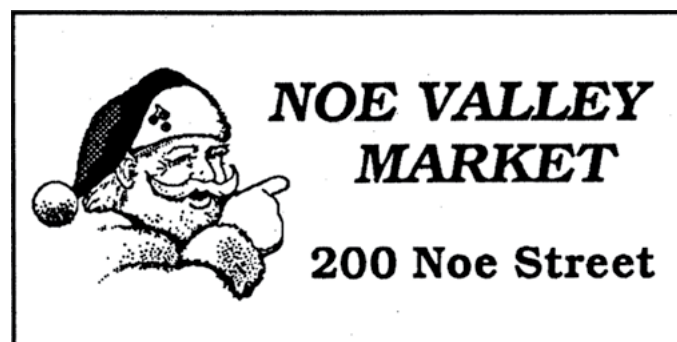
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I found it so refreshingly honest and thoughtful that I binge-listened all 60-some episodes, and I feel like I learned so much. I wish I had known much of it a bit earlier, so I could (as the podcast tag-line goes) “know better and do better” in terms of showing up as a white person in global majority spaces. If anyone reading this is near the beginning or even the middle of this process, I would be happy to recommend some episodes that hit at your particular concern (test scores, rigor, bullying, whatever). Shoot me an email at erikhonda@gmail.com and I will hook you up.

If you want to forge on alone, the website is <https://integrated-schools.org/> and the podcast is at <https://integratedschools.org/podcasts/>. Enjoy, and let's build this multiracial democracy from the ground up, one child at a time.

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some significant delays. But it did continue, and by the Spring of 2021 every property in the project area had been surveyed and the information entered into a database that will ultimately supplement historic records kept by the City. Next, the historic consultant began preparing the Historic Context Statement for our neighborhood. This fascinating document is basically the story of our neighborhood and how it came to be, beginning in its earliest days before western civilization, and proceeding through its development, particularly during the second half of the last millennium. Once this document is finalized, DTNA hopes to

make it available on our website for anyone to read.

The completed surveys will hopefully be accepted and adopted by the City. Once that happens, you'll be able to see the historic survey information for your property or others in the neighborhood on the City's Property Information website. We'll publish a follow-up article when that happens. We are also discussing additional steps we may consider to ensure that our neighborhood's many historic buildings will be here for future generations to enjoy while also welcoming in the development that our neighborhood needs for the future.

Thank You Duboce Triangle News Zone Leaders and Distributors

As we approach the New Year, DTNA wants to give special thanks and recognition to the people who have been distributing the News during 2021: Our Zone Leaders: Tim Weeg... Howard Mutz... Erik Honda... and Kathy Lavicka.

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DTNA Board Meeting

The Board of Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association meets every other month. At the November 2021 meeting, we discussed the following:

Board Function

Discussed how to improve the Board experience and functioning through more frequent in-person interactions that have been missing with COVID restrictions. Board members to meet in the Noe-Beaver Community Garden, Sunday November 21, 2021, at 02:00PM.

Website Migration

Migration of membership data onto the new website for DTNA members who paid dues 2018 though 2021 is complete and an email blast introducing the new website has

been sent to them. The website is still a work in process.

Land Use Updates

Summarized what is detailed in News Land Use Update article.

Phoenix Day Block Party: Sunday, October 17th, Noe Street between 14th and Henry Streets

Many neighbors helped set up the successful Block Party which was well attended.

Upcoming December Community Public Meeting Agenda

UC Berkeley master students who are researching various aspects of traffic calming in the Duboce Triangle as part of their course in Urban Design Research Methods will present their research findings.

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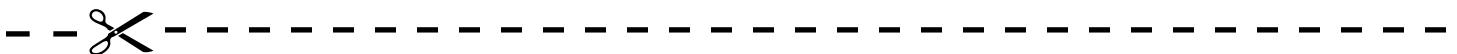
Free COVID-19 testing and vaccination—including boosters—are available on Saturdays from 11am to 5pm at the 18th Street parking lot behind Walgreens. They will be open every week through December 18, 2021 and then will resume on January 8, 2022 after the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Join your neighborhood association now!

- Show your Triangle pride
- Support our wonderful Duboce Park
- Support your neighborhood as we all live, work and shelter at home together
- Support the newsletter

Join online at www.dtna.org/join and become a member today!

"Touchless" is our preferred mode of receiving your payment, but we will still gladly take a check, see below:



☒ **Yes! I want to join DTNA.**

☐ I want to get involved/volunteer, too!

Please contact me. I'm interested in:

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