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CPMC Davies Medical Center,
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- Update on the state of our neighborhood
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Tue. Nov. 4, 7 a.m. to 8 pm

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Duboce Park Community Quarterly Meeting, CPMC Davies Campus, Lower Level B Auditorium. Contact Bob Palacio at bob.palacio@sfgov.org or 244-2370 for more information.

Sat. Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to Noon.

Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rosegillen@sbcglobal.net or 255-8370 for more info.

Thu. Nov. 13, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thu. Dec. 11, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Castro Community Benefits District Board Meeting.
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Mon. Dec. 1, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Holiday Tree Lighting. Bank of America Plaza (Castro & 18th St.)

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What?! Noise Relief for Duboce Triangle in the Works?

Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association gets a lot of requests to work on noise problems in the neighborhood. From bars to garbage trucks to trains to honking, residents have made it clear that noise is a major quality of life issue in the Triangle. DTNA has worked on reducing and/or preventing noise by speaking up about permits for new (or expanded hours for) bars and restaurants, addressing issues of noisy early morning deliveries and late night noise caused by patrons, particularly at closing time. We have also addressed the issue of transit noise through the Transportation Improvement Project (see page 9). There are some streets in the Triangle where residents have worked with Sunset Scavenger around the time of early morning trash pick ups. But DTNA has not had an easy mechanism for dealing with broad noise complaints because, as the city Department of Health acknowledges on its Web site, much of the existing law about noise in the city is not enforced or enforceable. This may be changing.

Supervisor Tom Ammiano has introduced a new noise ordinance for the city that calls for tighter noise controls and would make it easier for city officials to enforce the regulations. This includes setting new standards for allowable noise levels. Ammiano's legislation coincides with a new report by the city Department of Public Health (DPH) on the causes and impacts of noise in

San Francisco. As part of its study, the department has created a noise impact map of the city. Duboce Triangle as a whole is in the middle of the pack of the neighborhoods when it comes to noise. Though, not surprisingly, people living on or near the busier commercial streets like Market, Haight, and Castro experience much more noise.

The effects of excess noise on city residents should come as no surprise to people who deal with it every day: hearing loss, sleep deprivation, psychological stress and interference with communication and concentration. The report's analysis of the causes, however, may surprise you. Traffic is the single greatest contributor to ambient noise levels in San Francisco. The DPH particularly cites the city's glaring failure to follow the laws added to the city's General Plan in 1972 about not encouraging more and louder traffic. Beyond traffic, DPH notes that fixed mechanical noise and garbage collection noise, mixed use zoning, construction noise, traffic noise, entertainment noise, and unregulated noises such as car alarms are the main sources of excess noise in the city.

Those of you who have tried to address noise problems on your block, or even broader zoning or permitting problems, know first hand that enforcement is one of the main problems in San Francisco. The staff and resources dedicated to en-

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Upper Market Community Design Plan Adoption



Bevan Dufty
San Francisco Supervisor

On October 23, the San Francisco Planning Commission officially adopted the products of the Upper Market Workshop Series. The results of the neighborhoods' hard work over the past year include the Upper Market Community Vision and Recommendations, which outlines a vision for Upper Market and specifies ways to improve the public realm of the corridor, and the Upper Market Development Design Guidelines, which provide detailed shape, form, and design guidelines for private development in the area.

The Upper Market Community Workshop Series products are drawn directly from the ideas generated and confirmed throughout the workshop series. Their adoption will enable public works projects along the Upper Market corridor to be brought to the attention of City agencies, such as MTA (Muni) and the San Francisco County Transportation

Authority, where I serve as Vice Chair, and to be prioritized in years to come. The Series also make it a Commission policy that all projects in the Upper Market Study area be reviewed for conformance and recommended for approval based on their accordance with the recommendations of the community.

I initiated this project to ensure the community had a voice in its future, and you have my commitment to move the project forward. It is my goal to assist private development projects that have the largest amount of public support. Specifically, there is a chill in terms of banks investing in construction, but my belief is that our neighborhood housing stock has retained its value and that we should try and proceed with those projects that have the strongest neighborhood consensus. Ultimately, this investment will also help our local economy.

In 2009, Congress will reauthorize the federal transportation act. During the last reauthorization, I secured \$3.4 million for implementation of the Glen Park Neighborhood Plan. It is my goal to work with Speaker Pelosi to hopefully secure transportation funding for public realm improvements recommended in the plan to enhance pedestrian safety and improve transit and streetscape. I want to thank

everyone for their involvement in creating this plan.



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Don't We Ever Learn?



Dennis Richards
DTNA President

Today, as we are about to flip the calendar to November 1, the world is a vastly different place than when I last wrote this column 2 months ago.

The federal government is infusing vast amounts of money into insurance companies, purchasing stakes in banks, and buying \$700 billion in "toxic" assets just to keep the economy from collapsing. Many of us, including myself, have watched the value of our retirement nest egg lose a huge amount of value.

Locally even some planned real estate developments in our neighborhood have been cancelled, including the 56 units at the current 76 gas station at the corner of Market and 15th, and apparently the units planned for the "2140 Market" site, the Lucky 13 and the lots on either side, has been delayed; the empty lot to the west of the bar has been leased to a parking lot operator.

I knew that something was widely "amiss" in 2004 and perhaps should have called Alan Greenspan who was serving his 5th term as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. I was considering buying real estate and I realized that it was just going to be too much of a stretch for me financially; being a career commercial credit manager I realized that I probably wouldn't qualify for a mortgage, information which I relayed to my real estate agent.

He told me that a mortgage wouldn't be hard to get if I went with a "stated income" loan; I would declare whatever income the bank needed because with a "stated income" loan there was no income verification. I walked away from the deal shaking my head. Can you believe people were lending money and not even verifying if a person could pay it back? Don't we ever learn? The Savings and Loan crisis (under Reagan) should have clued us into what regulation was needed for these new financial products now under Bush we are faced with the biggest bailout of the greediest group of people on the planet!

Angry? You bet I am angry! I so look forward to a new president so that we can move on from the last 8 years of this failed administration.



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Too Much Retail Space?

This inquiry started with a question on the phone from a friend who lives in Oakland just off Piedmont Avenue: “Do you think there is too much retail?”

A short walk around the neighborhood takes any of us past vacant stores large – Tower Records – and small – Plant It Earth. Market Street, Castro, 18th, Church, wherever you walk, they are there, the empty storefronts. But what is the right question to ask?

In boom times, rents go up and some merchants can’t afford to renew their leases; new businesses come in. In hard times, companies go bankrupt, can’t make their rent, move to less expensive locations, proprietors choose to retire. Storefronts stand empty and the merchants around them suffer from the papered over windows and reduced traffic past their doors.

But vacancy comes from many places. Even in hard times some businesses boom and need bigger spaces; Jet

Bar is expanding to accommodate a thriving business. Some bust. The Internet and file sharing forced Tower Records’ corporate parent into bankruptcy. Some are forced out. No Name Sushi’s building burned on Church St. Who knows about some. Bjorn Eyewear abruptly closed their San Francisco stores and disappeared from sight.

Plant It Earth’s owner said that she just needed more space and couldn’t find it in the neighborhood. The addition of parking at the new site was a bonus for a business that sells heavy bags of planting mixes as well as plants.

Bjorn Eyewear disappeared so quickly their Church Street store posted a sign telling customers to pick up glasses on Union Street and that location said pick up your glasses on Church.

So how much retail do we need? Want? In his 10/26 column in the LA Times, David Lazarus points out that consumer spending now

constitutes 71% of the US gross domestic product. In Europe it is about 60%, in Japan 55%, and in China 35%. Our economy depends on us acting on the urge to spend. We have nearly \$2.6 trillion in nonmortgage consumer debt, much of it for things produced outside the US.

Traditionally, the “Eureka Valley” “Upper Market” corridor supported a diverse mix of businesses (the space of the Academy of Ballet at 2121 Market once housed a military band school), most of them small, around 1,500 square feet, almost all of them serving local customers. Banks, markets, and variety stores had the largest footprints. The majority of customers came from within walking distance. There were two drive-ins (remember those?) on Market and a small Safeway at 15th, Market, and Sanchez, where the new bank is going in.

The Market and Octavia Plan’s success depends, in large part, on a Market Street model of condominiums above street level and tens

of thousands of square feet of retail below. For example, the current Thai House plan posting has 5,000 square feet of ground floor retail divided into just two businesses. The S&C Ford rough plans have at least that much.

Large stores, formula retail, and large restaurants generally depend on a customer base that draws from beyond the immediate neighborhood. In bad economic times this is even more necessary. In a neighborhood that by plan will be a transit corridor with an emphasis on public transit, and in a time where fuel prices are unstable (to say the least) the survival of large businesses dependent on private transit may be, as Mom would say, “iffy.”

As the developments come up for review, perhaps one of the hard questions to ask is whether the viability of larger/formula retail space is even possible in today’s world.

- Betty Levin



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It's Been A Busy Fall

September Tag Sale Another Big Success

The 11th Annual Friends of Duboce Park Tag Sale held Saturday, September 13, was a big success. Hundreds of people shopped for bargains, schmoozed with their neighbors, and munched on hamburgers and hot dogs from our hamburger stand. About \$2,500 was raised for park improvements.

Donated merchandise reflected the changing demographics of the Duboce Triangle, specifically the noticeable increase in the amount of children's clothing and toys donated. Books, CDs, and clothing were once again very popular sections. Many people acknowledged the community spirit that is always present at the event and everybody seemed to have a great time.

Thanks to everyone who helped out by volunteering at the donation truck during the week, helping with set up and breakdown, and being enthusiastic salespeople. A special thanks to Doug Woo and Rosie Gillen for chairing the event, to Janet Scheuer for calling and organizing all of the volunteers, and to Bud and Molly Offerman for running the popular hamburger stand. Volunteers from other park groups came to observe the event to learn how to host a similar event in their neighborhood park.

NPC Gala Attracts Hundreds

Over 300 people attended the Neighborhood Park Council's Annual "Gala Under the Stars" in Duboce Park on Wednesday, September 17, from 6-9 p.m. Politicians, park advocates, and neighbors partied in a huge clear tent under clear skies and a full moon. Guests enjoyed great food and drink from local restaurants, upbeat live music from Edo Castro and E. "Doc" Smith, and bid on a tasteful and interesting selection of silent auction items. Many guests commented on what a beautiful setting Duboce Park provided, how well kept up the park and grass looked, and seemed fascinated with the number of dogs running around just outside the tent, which was located at the top of the Dog Play/Multi-Use Area of the park.

Every year NPC collaborates with a local park to produce the Gala as a fundraiser for NPC, which uses the funds to support programs for park development all across the City. This year's Gala raised about \$125,000, their second best year ever.

Since 1996, NPC has established itself as San Francisco's premier park advocacy organization, representing a coalition of more than 120 park groups, 67 strategic partner organizations, and 4,000 park volunteers. FDP Presi-

dent Doug Woo co-chaired this year's event.

Maintenance Updates

Harvey Milk Recreation Center renovations should be completed by March 2009. The pathway from the Muni stop at Duboce and Noe to the Rec Center will be replaced and the pathway near the basketball court will be graded with a switchback to be ADA compliant. Parts of the playground may be closed in stages for short periods while the pathway next to the playground is replaced. Specific dates will be posted on the park bulletin board as soon as that information is received.

The upper lawn area will be re-contoured during the pathway construction as a continuing part of the Dog Play Area/Multi Use Area project. This lawn will not be level but rather will be smoothed out to eliminate many of the ruts and depressions, making the area more useable. Existing benches will be replaced and new ones will be added in that area.

The few chipped photo tiles and the original donor sign at the Scott St. Labyrinth have been replaced. Additional plants and wood chips will be added around the labyrinth at a future volunteer day work party. The next Duboce Park Quarterly Community Meeting, sponsored by Rec & Park, will

be Wednesday, November 5, 7-8:30 p.m. at CPMC Davies Campus, Lower Level B Auditorium. Contact Bob Palacio at bob.palacio@sfgov.org or 244-2370 for more information.

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Noise Relief for Duboce Triangle in the Works?

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forcement of codes, permits, and laws are tiny and inadequate. The Duboce Triangle community would benefit if the city beefed up staff and streamlined enforcement of noise and other codes. So we will be paying close attention to this ordinance as it moves forward.

Meanwhile, if you are concerned about noise or have ideas for particular solution e-mail or call Supervisor Ammiano at: Tom.Ammiano@sfgov.org, 415-554-5144 and our own Supervisor Bevan Dufty at: 415-554-6968, Bevan.Dufty@sfgov.org.

Read more about the Department of Public Health's study at www.sfdph.org.

Rain!

The Pacific High, which gave us our usual foggy but dry summer and brilliant fall, has finally packed up and followed the sun to its proper wintering spot closer to the Equator. With the land now at its coolest, the ocean is relatively warm, inspiring the moody low-pressure centers that come marching over the coast, dressed in thick clouds and spilling lots of rain. Mornings are dark, even when the sun has been technically "up" for an hour; the streets and sidewalks are swept by hurrying rivers that whisk away (unfortunately, to the bay and the ocean) the summer's accumulation of motor oil, rubber, dust, leaf litter, and dog output; trees toss in the gusty winds; pigeons and raucous blackbirds huddle in grumpy rows on the rooftops and telephone wires, drying themselves between bands of showers. But behind each wave of weather comes sparkling air whose pollutants have been washed down by the driving rain to join the runoff.

A transplanted Midwesterner who never worried about water shortages before moving to San Francisco, I've become the kind of person who follows the winter rainfall totals in the newspaper every day, anxiously comparing their fits and starts with the steady creeping of the seasonal averages and adjusting the lengths of my showers accordingly. Snow depths in the mountains,

too, although I've never set a boot on a ski (we don't have hills where I come from). In my mind, the first couple of real storms are occasions for rejoicing, despite the up-tick in fender benders and worse on the freeways. Bored with the implacable summer stratus, I'm thrilled by the winter sun that beams and fades like stage lighting and the towers of cumulus stacked all around the horizon above hills that have perversely turned green for winter – the exact opposite of their behavior in colder climates. And after the parched summer, suddenly there's water everywhere – blessed moisture, streaming in the gutters, ponding over blocked drains, trailing down the windowpanes, and turning each opened umbrella into a little inverse shower stall. Hair curls and complexions soften; happy trees spatter droplets on our heads; puddles gleam everywhere, giving promise that we can flush our toilets for one more year. I say, Bring on the tempests! Break out the slickers and waders! It's all good! As long as April isn't too far behind.

- Charles Hibbard

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Real Estate Update Duboce Triangle

Duboce Triangle continues to be a HOT Real Estate market with homes still selling over asking prices. Single family homes are in demand, and rarely available in Duboce Triangle. For example # 9 Beaver Street was recently sold in just 8 days. It closed escrow for \$1,675,000, a premium of \$80,000.00 over the asking price.

If you are looking to buy or sell a property in Duboce Triangle or beyond, call me. I have a strong track record with both Buyers and Sellers in Duboce Triangle, and I would like to help you. I also want to help our community, so a portion of my sales will be donated to Maitri and Enterprise for Schools!

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Noe Street Traffic Calming

As reported in the May/June issue of the DTNA newsletter, the traffic calming plan for Noe Street between 14th and Duboce, proposed by DTNA in early 2007, is being initiated by the Municipal Transportation Agency.

The first phase will be done any day now on the west side of the street, which will have angled parking resulting in additional parking spaces and narrower, hopefully slower traffic lanes. Simultaneously, several streets in Duboce Triangle will be resurfaced over the next few months by PG&E as part of completing the gas system upgrade construction project underway since September. A later phase of the Noe Street traffic calming plan will include a mid-block bulb-out on the east side of the street similar to Sanchez Street between Duboce and 14th one block away.

This stretch of Noe Street between 14th and Duboce was passed over when the traffic calming and streetscape improvements were installed in the 1970s on the rest of Noe and Sanchez. This block of Noe, a connection to the Divisadero, Oak/Fell, and Market traffic corridors, with the Davies campus right in the middle, has a daily average of 5,620 vehicles, many of them speeding.

Noe Street is one part of the broader package of transportation improvements discussed in the Sept/Oct newsletter. Contact DTNA's Transportation Committee for information on any of these exciting improvements in the works.

- Peter Cohen

6-8 Beaver Street



This 2-unit building was remodeled by Craig Steely Architecture, with his studio located in the building and his living space above. Updated windows, cladding, and accent materials are visible from the street. A new third floor addition sits toward the back of the building, located behind a deck and roof garden. The third floor is a geometric expression that focuses on views, light, and family living. An array of solar panels

sits on the new roof. At the front wall below, warm ipe wood siding and the deep colors of the entry are offset by aluminum reglet reveals at the building's edges. Down to vertically oriented mail slots in the entry door grain and a planter of bright succulents, details and sharp lines are purposefully arranged throughout.

- Tom McElroy

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Interview With A Teacher

Teachers are a special kind of people, and we are fortunate at McKinley to have a terrific team. I asked one of our teachers, Doug Rich, for an insider's view as a McKinley staff member, parent, and neighbor. Excerpts from our interview follow.

Do you feel part of a community in Duboce Triangle?

Yes, I do. I think the little things like walking past Jake's corner market which usually means a Reese's peanut butter treat for my boys, or Guy giving my boys a flower to bring home are experiences that add to the daily living experience in this area, and in San Francisco in general. I certainly didn't have some of these experiences growing up in a suburban neighborhood in Los Angeles. I like that my boys get to see a host of characters as we simply walk down the street, and the boys certainly have introduced me to many things I used to pass by (like ants on a tree or moss on a fence) that make living in Duboce Triangle interesting.

What brought you to McKinley as an educator and a parent?

The co-parent of my kids kept telling me we should check it out. I had never had the experience of going to a neighborhood school. I was a private school kid. Since I had returned to finish up another degree myself, the thought of walking my boys to school, teaching there, getting lunch at Courtney's, and having a very short commute home just made sense. After visiting McKinley, it was easy to see that teachers were talking to each other and planning together. I liked the size (not too big) of McKinley, and I especially liked the diversity. I wish the district could truly diversify EVERY school in the way that McKinley is. I believe there is definitely something lost, to everyone, when everyone looks the same, and comes from the same types of families, homes, and backgrounds.

What are the biggest challenges faced by public school teachers today?

Lack of deep training in the structure of the English language in order to teach the language arts is a huge issue, but only one of many. Teachers are underpaid, overworked, and have additional jobs heaped onto them year after year (i.e., counselor, janitor, personal purchaser of needed materials, etc.). But I actually think that one challenge looming, and this may be unpopular to say, is that we may become irrelevant if we don't update our technological knowledge and the ways we teach kids. Texting, blogging, PDA's, and the many ways our kids use technology to communicate is changing, and many of our classrooms don't have computers that are being used appropriately to teach kids even the basics.

What relevance do public school issues have for people with no children?


All children are our children, and I've worked with so many people who don't have children but have a passion to help however they can. One of the huge silver linings in this line of work is that at a

grass roots level, so many wonderful people in this city have aided me in so many ways. I've received computers, supplies, donations, help with designing and painting, carpenter work, the list goes on and on. If it weren't for the support of all of these people, some with kids, and some without, I'd never be able to do what I do. While I've pointed out some of the issues I deal with on a day to day basis that might not be flattering to the profession, the good news is that there are a whole lot of ways to fix things that aren't working, and I'm working at a place where so many people are getting things done to support all of our children.

What would you like people aren't familiar with Duboce Triangle to know?

We are diverse, spirited, and want to keep the neighborhood feeling we have going in this community.

- Jennifer Baker



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Transportation Plan Moves Forward

In late September, the San Francisco MTA held an official meeting on the Church and Duboce Track Improvement Project for the Duboce Triangle community. The MTA project is the official city version of the community-created Duboce Triangle Transportation Improvement Plan. As regular newsletter readers know, we have been working with the MTA on incorporating as much of the community plan as possible into the official MTA rail replacement plan, meeting regularly with agency staff since early 2008. We are tracking our progress at dubocetriangle.wordpress.com.

The meeting with the MTA revealed the strong interest in the Duboce Triangle community to aggressively reduce the vibrations and noise created by the trains running along Duboce Ave. and Church St. DTNA's Transportation Committee will continue to press the MTA to adopt the best possible mitigation standards; we want everyone in the neighborhood to sleep well at night!

The other main outcome of the MTA meeting was a widespread community agreement that the design details of the plan need a great deal more attention. DTNA's Transportation Committee is currently working with the MTA on negotiating many of these crucial design deci-

sions, and will be looking for additional community input throughout the process. You can leave your comments about specific design elements on dubocetriangle.wordpress.com.

In related news, a few days after the MTA meeting, on October 1st, a J-Church train derailed at the intersection of Church and Duboce. The MTA is still investigating the reasons for the derailment. This dangerous incident has drawn even more city agency attention to the need to improve the transit streets in Duboce Triangle.

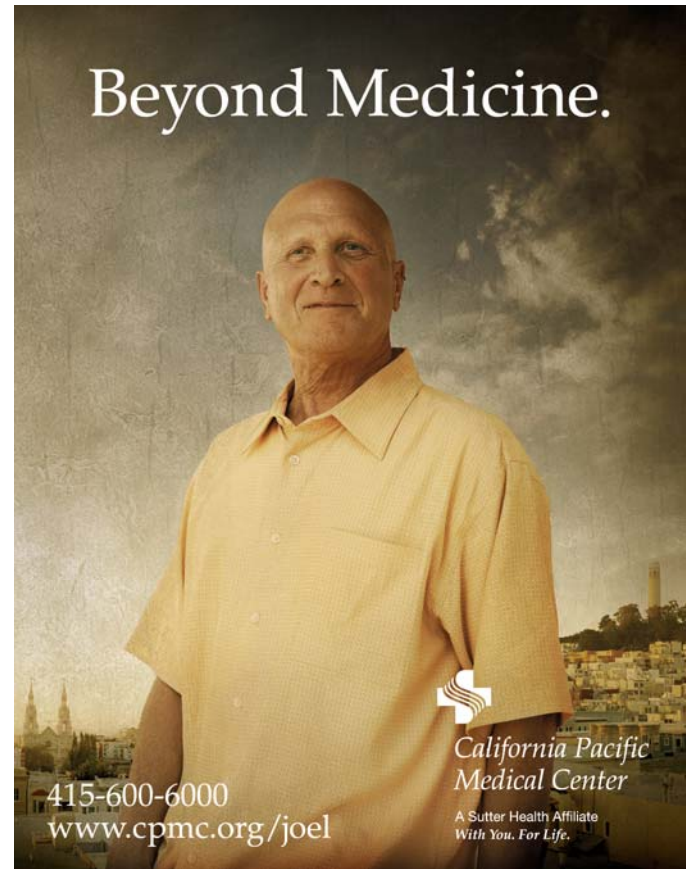
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- Kit Hodge

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Completing the Plan for Duboce Park Youth Play Area

A final community meeting will be held on November 18th to review the design plan for a Youth Play Area in Duboce Park. After unanimous approval for the idea at a June community meeting, a successful “Design Day” event was held in July at the site. More than 45 people came out to participate in a variety of activities to provide input on the design of the area’s physical features and play equipment. The project committee and a local pro bono design consultant then came up with three possible schemes. On September 25th another community meeting was held to present the design schemes and get direction on finalizing the plan for the Youth Play Area.

The three schemes presented included:

A. Play Equipment (aka Jungle Gym) – essentially a “big kids playground” with a major play structure.

B. Nature – emphasis on surface textures, use of rocks and trees for exploration, with minimal equipment.

C. Hybrid of Play Equipment and Nature (aka Activity Rooms) – alternating equipment with nature elements.

Linked to the Youth Play Area, one or two of the side baskets at the adjacent basketball court will be lowered to 8’ from the traditional 10’

height to make them more playable for smaller children. Several people have suggested that also lowering the height of the basketball court fence by 50% would make the area feel more open.

The MUNI wall exposed within the Youth Play Area

could be turned into a mosaic tile wall to make it more colorful, similar to the mosaic art works already on two thrones in the playground and at the tiles at the Labyrinth.

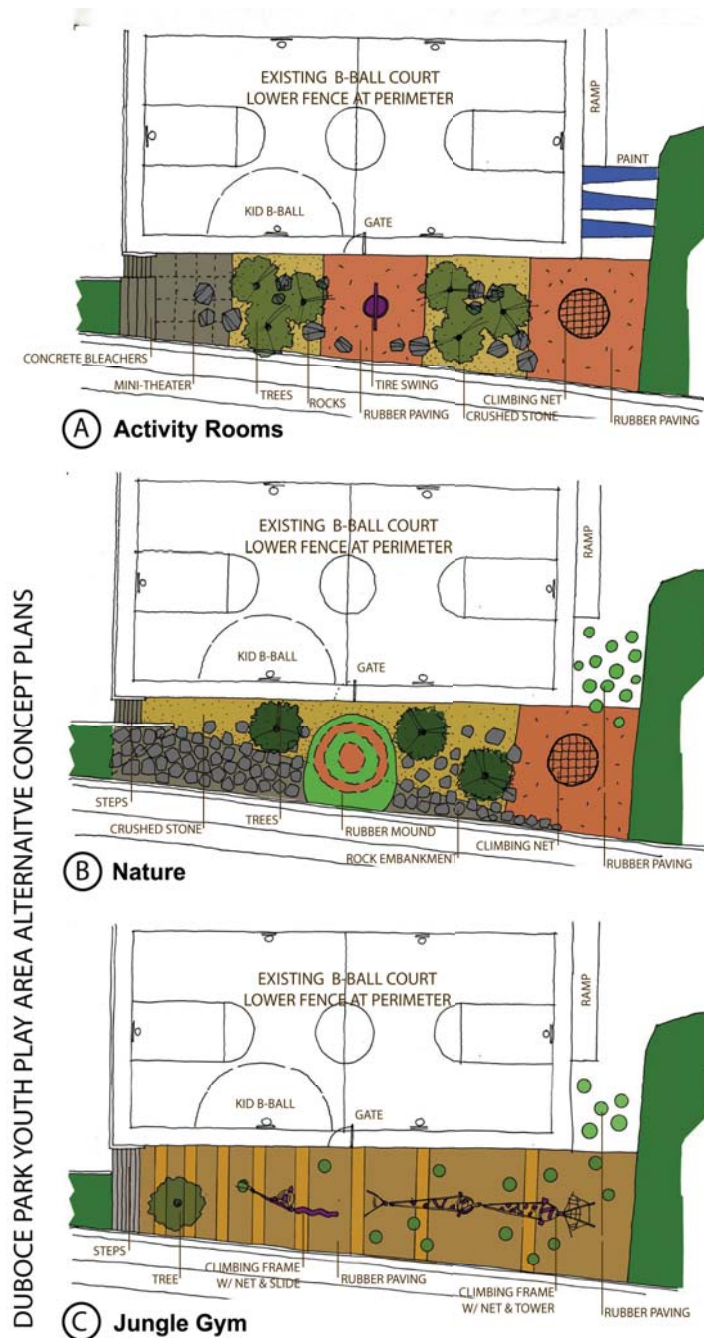
The response at the September community meeting was

overwhelmingly in favor of a hybrid design scheme that blended the best elements of a “nature-esque” environment punctuated by pieces of adventurous play equipment. At the November 18th community meeting, a final plan will be presented that captures this vision. Prior to the community meeting, the plan will be vetted with Recreation & Parks Dept. for technical feasibility.

DTNA, Friends of Duboce Park, the McKinley After-School Enrichment Program, Lower Haight Neighborhood Organization, and the Neighborhood Parks Council are sponsoring organizations for the Youth Play Area project. A core working committee of volunteers from the community are collaborating to move the project through the community outreach, design, and implementation process. After the upcoming November meeting, the committee will coordinate with Rec & Parks Dept. on a schedule for implementation and to launch a fund raising campaign. Please send an email to the address below for information on volunteering.

Tentative date for final community meeting is Tuesday November 18th 6:30pm at CPMC Davies. For more information, email: volunteers_duboce_playground@hotmail.com

- Peter Cohen



The Future of the Community Recycling Center

One curious proposal floated in the Upper Market Charette Plan is to construct a café or open space above the the San Francisco Community Recyclers' Center in the Safeway parking lot. While DTNA is sympathetic to the idea of adding uses that are more appropriate for this highly visible site while supporting the on-going operations of the center, DTNA wonders about the feasibility of this particular proposal and advocates that the redevelopment of the center be considered only in the context of a broader redevelopment of the entire Safeway site.

25 years at its current location, and it provides a valuable service to the neighborhood. While some argue that curbside recycling renders the center irrelevant, in fact, the center is set up to allow persons to get the redeemed value of the cans and bottles they purchase as they are entitled to by the original Bottle Bill of 1987. This is an important motivator both for persons who are not otherwise environmentally-driven and for persons with low-incomes. Whereas there were once 33 such centers in the city, today the number has been reduced to 18.

The recycling center has been in operation for about

- Tim Dunn

Historic Photo



Picture was taken June 13, 1964 at the corner of Church and 14th, the current site of the stairs into the Safeway parking lot.



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