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**Monday, October 10, 2016
7:00 to 9:00 pm**

PUBLIC MEETING

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

MEETING AGENDA:

- Meet your neighbors (7:00 - 7:30)
- City Attorney Megan Cesare-Eastman explains how her office can help solve quality of life problems
- Review of November ballot propositions
- CPMC Davies perimeter improvements

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, October 8, 10 am - noon
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact
Rose at rose@friendsofdubocepark.org or 415-255-8370.

Saturday, October 8, 7:30pm
Free Outdoor Movie Night in Duboce Park:
Inside Out

Tuesday, October 11, 6-7 pm
Monthly Park Station Community Meeting.
Park Station Community Room.

Saturday, November 12, 10 am - noon
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact
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Tuesday, November 15, 6-7 pm
Monthly Park Station Community Meeting.
Park Station Community Room.

Save the Date! Monday December 12
DTNA Holiday Party

DTNA Receives Statistics on Homicides and Assaults

Homicides	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Citywide											
Number of incidents	NA	84	98	97	45	49	50	69	48	46	53
Number of clearances ⁽²⁾	NA	24	32	38	22	22	24	37	19	28	23
Clearance rate	NA	29%	33%	39%	49%	45%	48%	54%	40%	61%	43%
Park District											
Number of incidents	NA	2	3	3	3	5	2	2	1	1	2
Number of clearances ⁽²⁾	NA	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	1
Clearance rate	NA	0%	33%	0%	0%	60%	50%	50%	100%	0%	50%
Duboce Triangle											
Number of incidents	NA	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Number of clearances ⁽²⁾	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clearance rate	NA	0%	NA	NA	NA	0%	NA	NA	NA	0%	NA

⁽¹⁾ 2005 data are not available.

⁽²⁾ All clearance codes are included.

Statistics from the SFPD show homicide numbers citywide, for the Park District, and for Duboce Triangle

Starting with the two homicides that our neighborhood suffered in 2014, that of Brian Higgins (known to friends as Feather Lynn), a neighborhood resident who was beaten to death at Duboce and Church, and that of Michael Marquez, who was shot during a botched robbery at the corner of Noe and Henry, DTNA has been in contact with various departments in the SFPD to try to get a handle on how homicides are investigated in our neighborhood and in our city, and to what degree they are solved (or in police parlance, "cleared").

In 2016, after neighborhood residents Dean Ayers and Mary Artist were brutally assaulted on Sanchez Street, our scope expanded to include assaults as well.

In general, it has been difficult for DTNA to get information from the SFPD. Unlike many cities around the country San Francisco does not

publish homicide or assault clearance statistics on a regular basis. But with dogged persistence and the help of Supervisor Scott Wiener's office, we were able to complete a Request for Information that recently resulted in the release of the statistics printed on this page. Although the information does not seem to be entirely accurate (there is one homicide listed for Duboce Triangle in 2014, for example), it is quite helpful in terms of framing our conversations going forward. We asked for a ten-year window so that we could spot trends, and the department provided nine, which is sufficient.

One obvious concern is the 0% clearance rate for homicides in our neighborhood over the last ten years (a homicide or assault is considered "cleared" when an arrest is made, regardless of a conviction). While we hope that nobody takes the message that is it possible to murder with impunity in this

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City Hall Update: Supervisor Scott Wiener



Scott Wiener
San Francisco District 8
Supervisor

I'm proud to have worked on many environmental issues in my time at the Board of Supervisors, from passing legislation to mandate water recycling in new large developments to ensuring that we are using publicly owned, greenhouse-gas free power in new developments. This fall two measures I authored will be moving forward, one at the ballot and one

at City Hall. Both will make our City greener and our air cleaner.

Fixing Our Street Tree Problem

For years, we have seen what our lack of investment in maintaining our streets trees has meant for our neighborhoods. One of the features that makes Duboce Triangle so beautiful to live in and visit are its sidewalks lined with trees. However, recent City policy has been to transfer maintenance responsibility of these trees to adjacent property owners. This makes no sense, leads to inconsistent tree maintenance, and is unfair for our property owners.

For six years, I worked with Friends of the Urban Forest to solve our street tree problem, culminating in a measure I authored on this November's ballot to require the City to permanently take back maintenance of our City's trees and guarantee funding in the budget to do so. This means that if

voters approve this measure, we will finally have an urban forest that is taken care of by the City, with dedicated, lock box funding. This is great news for our neighborhoods, and for our environment.

Greener Roofs

In April of this year, the Board of Supervisors passed my legislation to require solar power on all new buildings of 10 or fewer stories in San Francisco. This groundbreaking legislation made San Francisco the first major city in the country with such a requirement. I was proud to work with the Department of the Environment and solar power advocates to pass that legislation, and now we are working on a new facet to make our City greener: green roof legislation.

I recently introduced a second piece of legislation to build upon the success of the solar ordinance – by allowing green roofs, also known as living roofs, as an alternative to the

solar requirement. This means that instead of installing solar, a project can include a green roof, or some combination of solar and green roof. Green roofs have amazing benefits for our City, including reducing stormwater runoff, improving the water quality of any runoff, making buildings more energy efficient, reducing noise, improving air quality, and promoting biodiversity.

Many people have seen green roofs in action at the California Academy of Sciences, but there's also a green roof right across the street from the Duboce Triangle, on top of the Whole Foods building at Market and Dolores. By passing this ordinance, we can encourage more projects to have these roofs, which will help us toward our goal of being a more sustainable City.

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

Neighbor Action Needed to Move SFMTA

In our previous newsletter we reported on the \$5.5 million dollars available for Upper Market Street Safety Improvements, resulting from city-imposed development impact fees on the seven recent residential development projects along Upper Market Street. Since then not much good news – the SFMTA has continued to negate neighborhood input. Despite a very large turnout (go neighbors!) at the DTNA General Meeting where the plan was discussed, the only significant movement to date has been to delay the circulation elements of the plan around Market Street.

DTNA encourages all neighbors to e-mail the MTA project lead Patrick Golier, patrick.golier@sfmta.com and to cc Supervisor Scott Wiener, scott.wiener@sfgov.org regarding your concerns regarding the proposed plan and process.

DTNA believes in neighborhood planning built around a shared understanding of our familiar places, and that your input is essential to developing that shared understanding.

SFMTA seems to be under the impression that DTNA is rejecting the plan as a whole, which is not at all the case – we are interested in modifying aspects of it in order to increase its positive effects on the neighborhood, and to reduce any negatives.

One example is DTNA's suggestion that two bulbouts at the corner of 15th/Sanchez St/ Market Street be removed from the changes, and the money that would have gone to those be spent on a traffic study to inform the circulation changes ahead. Community input has led DTNA to judge that these two bulbouts (one in

front of SF Pet Grooming and another between Hecho and Chase), are unnecessary for pedestrians, and will pinch bicycle traffic. We recommend leaving the painted safety zone. Cyclists who ride Sanchez Street every day also have concerns regarding the bulbout placement on the south side of Market Street.

It took two years and the death of a pedestrian to get day lighting and painted crosswalks at the corner of Noe and 14th Streets. DTNA continually reported on the dangers at this intersection, but our knowledge and recommendations were ignored as if we didn't understand our neighborhood. Once a death occurred it took about another year for crews to arrive.

DTNA has also requested that part of the money to be spent on walkway lighting to enhance pedestrian safety and nighttime security. This lighting would be smaller-scale and more frequently spaced than the current car-centric streetlights. MTA has avoided including pedestrian lighting by saying that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is responsible for maintaining and installing new street lighting in San Francisco. But DTNA believes that if we are really working toward "Upper Market Street Safety" then all options should be on the table for fund spending. Since according to its charter the Upper Market Street Safety Project is dedicated to improving safety for all roadway users on the Market Street corridor in order to support the City's Vision Zero goals, making safety improvements to streets, sidewalks, and signals in order to meet these goals is well within its scope.

As community members you know the safe and unsafe locations, so please write MTA and Supervisor Wiener to voice the corners of concern, and help to reinforce DTNA's message to our city officials. And meanwhile, be safe out there!

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Major Crime and Safety Measures on November Ballot

San Francisco propositions G, Q, and R could affect crime and safety in the entire city as well as in the Duboce Triangle. The summaries that follow have been condensed from the Controller's Statements on the propositions on the San Francisco Department of Elections' web page.

Proposition G - Police Oversight. Would rename the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC) to the Department of Police Accountability (DPA). Though the amendment does not change the existing authority granted to the OCC, it states that DPA shall conduct

a performance audit or review every two years on police officer use of force and how the Police Department has handled claims of officer misconduct. The proposed amendment also separates the DPA budget from the budget of the Police Department, and states that DPA will submit its budget directly to the Mayor.

Proposition Q - Prohibiting Tents on Public Sidewalks. Would prohibit tent encampments, or any structure with a top or roof that can fit a person sitting or lying down, on public sidewalks. The City would be required to offer housing or

shelter, though the proposed ordinance does not specify the number of days of housing that must be offered. The City would also be required to offer homeless services, defined as a program (Homeward Bound) that pays for transportation to reunite individuals with family or friends outside of San Francisco. The proposed ordinance requires the City to provide written notice 24 hours in advance to individuals and also to post the notices in the area of the encampment. The affected individuals' personal property, with certain exceptions, would be stored by the City for at least 90 days.

Proposition R - Neighborhood Crime Unit. This proposition, authored by our district Supervisor Scott Wiener, would require SFPD to assign no less than three percent of its sworn officers to a new Neighborhood Crime Unit should the total number of sworn SFPD officers meet or exceed the San Francisco City Charter-mandated level of 1,971. However, these officers would be reassigned, not hired specifically as a result of this ordinance, and thus would be a reallocation of existing costs, not a new cost.

Local Businesses Sought for Restaurant and Retail at Sanchez and Market Streets

DTNA has been extremely active in recent years to try to get more local businesses into our retail landscape along Market Street. As new buildings are built, we have negotiated for small spaces that local businesses can afford and helped to spearhead a retail study that drew attention to the very well-heeled customer base that walks our neighborhood. Among our recent successes are the tiny café and candy stores (Wildcraft and Giddy) at Noe and Market Streets. Unfortunately, despite our ongoing efforts, some larger retail spaces have gone unoccupied for a long time, including the corner restaurant space in the 2175 Market Street building at Sanchez Street that is operated by Forest City.

Across the street at 2198 Market Street, the Greystar developer and property management company is completing work on "The Duboce", a condo project that includes three new retail spaces along Market Street: a corner restaurant space of 2,700 square feet and two smaller spaces of 1,400 and 1,100 square feet, respectively. DTNA reached out to Greystar to compliment them on their pro-active effort to get the retail spaces preleased, and engaged with their representatives around rental prices.

Good news; since Greystar will be operating The Duboce as rental apartments, and that is their main income stream, they are not reliant on high-end rents for the retail spaces, and can probably make them

affordable to local businesses. Their primary impulse is to see the spaces occupied with businesses that will contribute positively to the neighborhood, for obvious self-interested, as well as community-benefitting motivations. The Upper Market retail study suggests that local businesses could generally afford in the range of four to five dollars per square foot per month, or \$4,400 per month for the 1,100 square foot space.

Company representatives are open to rents in that range given other positives about the prospective tenant.

So, if you know a small business that wants to open in central, transit-served, already vibrant and walkable neighborhood that is set to become even more so, have them contact DTNA via our website at dtna.org, and we'll help get you started.



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Prop 55 Will Keep School Funding Stable

One of the easier choices on the very long and complicated upcoming November ballot is a vote for Proposition 55, which will prevent a drop in statewide school funding by continuing the taxes on individuals making more than \$250,000 per year and couples making more than \$500,000 a year that otherwise will expire starting in 2018.

The taxes were improved as

Proposition 30 in 2012 in order to reverse the precipitous decline in school funding that happened as a result of the 2008 recession. Proposition 30 also included a sales tax increase, but Proposition 55 does not propose extending that, and it will expire at the end of 2016.

The destructive impact of the tax-limiting Proposition 13 of 1978 has left Californian schools poorly funded.

In 2014, California ranked 50th in the nation in terms of per-pupil funding. But given the state's demographics, with large numbers of poor students and English language learners, California schools still perform remarkably well on achievement measures like standardized tests. This is especially true of San Francisco, which is one of the top-performing urban school districts in the country. Our lo-

cal schools do a lot with very little money.

The DTNA Board has endorsed Proposition 55, and we hope you will join us in voting to maintain school funding at a level that will at least keep our students' heads above water. Let's do it for the kids at McKinley Elementary, Sanchez Elementary and Everett Middle School and for all the schools in California.

DTNA Endorses

Out of the sea of state and local ballot initiatives, the DTNA Board has voted to endorse the following three initiatives which will have a direct impact on our neighborhood:

Local Initiatives

Prop A – School Bonds. Build the infrastructure for the next generation of San Franciscans

Prop C – Affordable Housing. Keep our city diverse by allowing folks of all income levels to live here

Prop E – Street Trees. Maintain and improve the green canopy of our lovely city

State Propositions

Prop 55 – School Funding. Extends Prop 30 tax on

high incomes to keep school funding steady

We will have more information on these and other ballot initiatives (including local crime and safety proposals) at our October meeting. Please come for a lively discussion!

State Senate

As a 501c3 non-profit organization DTNA cannot endorse a candidate for a particular office, but we gave the State Senate candidates (one of whom is our District 8 Supervisor) the opportunity to answer some neighborhood-specific questions in our June-July newsletter, which you can access here: <http://www.dtna.org/2016.html>

Check it out, and please vote!



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Crime and Safety

Big Police Presence in Triangle

San Francisco Police Department's Park Station had a big presence in the Duboce Triangle in August. First, on Tuesday, August 2, from 5-8 p.m., hundreds of neighbors, kids and parents attended National Night Out held for the Duboce Triangle and the Park Station Police District at the Harvey Milk Photo Center Exhibition Room and the upper lawn area.

Officers from Park Station ran the BBQ grill and served hamburgers and hot dogs. There were four tables of arts and crafts for children, Chinese dance performances and dance lessons by the Fei Tian Academy of the Arts, hula hoop lessons and demonstrations by the Bay Area Hoopers, free drawing lessons, a roving magician, and a police motorcycle and SUV that the kids climbed on and turned on the flashing red and blue lights. The U.S. Park Police brought their police horse, Park Rangers displayed their All Terrain Vehicle, and SFPD brought a police dog.

This was the first time in 20 years that National Night Out in the Park District was held in Duboce Park. After many years at the Boys and Girls Club on Page Street. Capt. Sanford said, "This was the most successful National Night Out that Park Station has ever held." A week later, on August 9, about 60 residents attended the monthly community meeting that was held at 45 Church



Some photos from National Night Out

Street. The meeting was held in our neighborhood instead of at Park Station, to make it more convenient for Duboce Triangle residents to attend. Presentations were made and questions were answered by: Sandra Zuniga, Director of Fix-It; Sarah Burton, Executive Director of SAFE; Commander Ann Mannix, head

of SFPD's Golden Gate Division, and Capt. John Sanford, commander at Park Station.

Statistics

Statistics show that crime is down almost in all categories in the Park Station district for the first seven months of the year as compared to the same period in 2015. There were still 928 thefts from vehicles through July 31, but that number is down 16% from last year's total of 1100. Many of these thefts continue to be from autos parked in popular tourist spots, like Golden Gate Park and Twin Peaks. Auto thefts were down 26%, 272 to 200; robberies were down 40%, 86 to 52; burglaries were down 11%, from 264 to 234; and, hot prowls were down 21%, 43 to 34.

Violent crimes and property crimes, excluding homicides, continued their citywide downward trend during the first half of this year compared with the same period last year. Auto break-ins were down 27%, 31,605 to 26,759 and robberies were down 21%, 1911 to 1506.

250 body cameras were given to Bayview and Ingleside station officers and trainings are

scheduled at Northern, Mission, and Tenderloin stations. The goal is to roll out 1,800 cameras by mid-January 2017 while officers and the public are adjust to their interactions being recorded.

Speeding Tickets

SFPD's traffic division is ramping up the issuing of speeding tickets in the name of safety. Commander Robert O'Sullilvan said that speeding enforcement has targeted high-injury corridors since the end of June. Capt. Sanford announced that Park Station now has a radar gun that officers will be using to measure the speed of cars. These efforts are part of San Francisco's Vision Zero's goal of eliminating traffic deaths on city streets to zero by 2024. SFPD's 'Focus on the Five' concentrates enforcing the five traffic violations that are most frequently cited in collisions with people walking: red light and stop sign violations, pedestrian right of way and failure to yield while turning violations, and speeding.

Statistics on Homicides and Assaults, continued

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area, the broader statistics for Park Station and the city as a whole suggest that if you kill someone, you do in fact have a decent chance of getting caught. As discussed in a previous article in this newsletter, the clearance rate for homicides in San Francisco is lower than the national average (in 2013 that was 64%), and we are not sure why that is.

Another concern is that the clearance rate for homicides has remained basically flat over the last ten years. Since 2008 there has been a large increase in SFPD funding and officers, but not in outcomes in these areas. One possible answer is a lack of community policing – most SFPD officers don't live in the city, and foot patrols are rare. On the bright side Park Station has recently added two foot patrols, one in the Haight and one in

Assaults ⁽¹⁾	2005 ⁽²⁾	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Citywide											
Number of incidents	NA	12680	12739	12910	12547	11031	10348	9966	10481	10447	10803
Number of clearances ⁽²⁾	NA	4701	4934	5260	5672	4870	4558	3880	5023	4282	4172
Clearance rate	NA	37%	39%	41%	45%	44%	44%	39%	48%	41%	39%
Park District											
Number of incidents	NA	486	386	461	462	371	340	342	330	336	372
Number of clearances ⁽²⁾	NA	194	135	172	217	154	151	121	171	151	130
Clearance rate	NA	40%	35%	37%	47%	42%	44%	35%	52%	45%	35%
Duboce Triangle											
Number of incidents	NA	84	51	64	44	54	52	59	46	44	52
Number of clearances ⁽²⁾	NA	34	19	22	23	19	17	20	20	18	14
Clearance rate	NA	40%	37%	34%	52%	35%	33%	34%	43%	41%	27%

⁽¹⁾ 2005 data are not available.
⁽²⁾ All clearance codes are included.
⁽³⁾ Assaults include simple and aggravated assaults.

Statistics from the SFPD show assault numbers citywide, for the Park District, and for Duboce Triangle

our neighborhood. Supervisor Wiener's proposal for neighborhood officer staffing discussed in another article in this newsletter might be part of the solution.

The final area of concern is the 2015 clearance rate for assaults in both Park Station and Duboce Triangle was the lowest in many years, with three-quarters of assaults going unsolved, and at odds with city-wide trends. Perhaps this is just a statisti-

cal blip, but it certainly bears watching.

DTNA is currently in discussion with SFPD about having a presentation on these issues at one of our upcoming meetings. We are also continuing to pursue an effort to get these statistics published by SFPD on a regular basis, in a public forum.


Stay tuned.

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Duboce Park

Duboce Park Tag Sale Big Success

Friends of Duboce Park's 19th Annual Tag Sale in Duboce Park was another huge success with lots of bargains at unbelievably low prices. Many of the 75 volunteers helping at the Tag Sale on September 10 weren't even born when Friends of Duboce Park had their first sale in 1997 and attended Tag Sales with their parents as small children. They are now teenagers and are an important part of our tag sale volunteer team.

The merchandise at the tag sale reflected the change in

demographics of the Duboce Triangle. There was no children's department or toy department at our first tag sale in 1997 but now those two categories are now two of the largest there were lots of neighborhood kids picking through the mountain of colorful toys. Pictures of the event are on the Duboce Park Facebook page. Proceeds from this year's tag sale will be used to repaint the playground equipment.

Duboce Park Outdoor Movie Night October 8

Outdoor Movie Night returns to Duboce Park on Saturday,

October 8 with the family-friendly animated film Inside Out (2015, rated PG). Inside Out was named one of the best films of 2015 by over 100 critics and won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

Here's a brief summary. Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, who is uprooted from her Midwest life at the age of 11 when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. Like all of us, Riley is guided by her emotions – Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness, who live in Headquarters, the control center inside Riley's

mind, where they help advise her through everyday life.

The movie begins around 7:30 p.m. The event is free and is sponsored by Friends of Duboce Park and San Francisco Recreation & Parks. Dress warm and in layers and be sure to stop by our refreshment stand for some popcorn or hot chocolate.

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Who's Got the Greenest Block in the Triangle?

The DTNA leadership is always inspired by the efforts of all our local volunteer gardeners who keep the public realm in our neighborhood looking great, from the artfully crafted ring of ivy around a sycamore tree on Henry Street to the island of calm complete with palm trees and brick ramparts just outside the farmer's market on Noe Street and Beaver Street. We always try to celebrate these efforts through our occasional "Heroes of the Public Realm" articles, but why not throw a healthy spirit of competition into the mix?

So: Who has got the greenest block in the Triangle? Noe

Street between 14th Street and 15th Street? Castro Street between 16th Street and Beaver Street? Southside or Northside? Eastside or Westside? The battle is on.

Send us your nomination for the Greenest Block in the Triangle via our website at dtna.org. Submit a short (150 word) description of the block with a couple of photos to illustrate what you mean. The winning entrant will receive a large planting pot to add to your collection, hand-delivered by a DTNA Board Member.

Game on Triangle! In this game, everyone's a winner.

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Neighborhood Pride

Our neighborhood is where we live, where celebrations are held, where social and economic exchanges occur, where friends run into each other and where we maintain a mix of cultures. We should respect, foster and engage with our neighborhood character. In the Duboce Triangle there's a sense of pride of place that belongs to the community.

We are fortunate to have excellent restaurants, a historical park and a farmers' market where people engage with each other. We have a good image as a sociable place, and we are proud to stroll through the neighborhood with visitors or just on our own on the way to a nearby restaurant. We have an engaged community that cares about responsible growth, support-

ing small businesses, and maintaining a clean and justifiably prized neighborhood character.

Upper Market is currently experiencing one of the most explosive growth patterns of new residential units in years. The wedge created between dislocation and million-dollar-plus condos has created anger for some and bliss for others. The fight to maintain diversity and hold onto long time residents can be won if we all work together to fight for important issues like on-site affordable housing. Developments like 2175 Market Street and 2198 Market Street offer a healthy mix of diverse incomes. Other developments like the upcoming 2201 Market just want to build high-end units with-

out offering any affordable options. We need to stand united as a community to maintain our character.

Sadly in the last year we have seen the theft of mail, of packages, of groceries and even of our free library (which was thankfully returned). Car break-ins are rampant citywide. These acts of willful destruction feel like they will take heroic efforts to overcome. However, people in the Triangle have become proactive versus reactive, and positive versus negative. Neighbors are motivated to make change, to reclaim our streets through community crime watch groups, to share information about security cameras, and to advocate for changes like the foot patrols recently instituted by Park Station

Police at the request of the community.

Meanwhile, taking care of and maintaining ownership of your space is important. Take pride in your home and the surrounding environment. We deal with urine and worse in the Muni and BART corridors, but don't let that extend to your street. Clean your building and your walkways, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. The beauty of our tree-lined streets is complimented by the unique architecture, and we should all be contributors to the cleanliness and beauty of the streets we love to stroll. Foster a sense of pride and belonging that starts with individuals, and that extends to the entire community.

Victorian Alliance of San Francisco House Tour in Duboce Park

The Victorian Alliance of San Francisco Duboce Park Neighborhood House Tour
October 16, 2016, 1-5 PM

The Victorian Alliance of San Francisco provides a self-guided walking tour featuring charming homes surrounding historic Duboce Park and nearby residences of the Duboce Triangle. Added to this year's tour is a

beautifully preserved church, whose sanctuary reveals brilliant stained glass and artistic woodwork. At the church, participants may enjoy complimentary refreshment and the Victorian Alliance's gift shop for some early holiday shopping.

There is much to see while strolling the historic tour route with an illustrated program as a guide. Comfort-

able shoes and layered clothing are always desirable; stair climbing to view upper floors should be anticipated.

Proceeds of this annual fundraiser benefit The Victorian Alliance Grant Program, which has awarded more than \$350,000 to worthy

historic preservation projects since its founding in 1973.

DTNA members will have a chance to win a free ticket to the tour during the October 10th general membership meeting at Davies Hospital in the Gazebo room.

Get involved in your neighborhood!
Visit dtna.org and volunteer.

General Meeting Focus on Traffic, Homeless, and Personal Safety

Upper Market Street Safety Project

Treasurer Pat Tura reported on the Upper Market Street Safety Project, an effort to increase safety and comfort on Upper Market Street between Octavia and Castro. As reported elsewhere in this newsletter there is a \$5.5 million fund from developer fees that will be used for community improvements and DTNA and the community would like more of a say in the improvements. After numerous meetings with neighborhood groups for two years, the original plan remains basically the same. Tura and DTNA Board member Gary Weiss went to Supervisor Wiener's office to meet with SFMTA to discuss DTNA's frustration with some parts of the proposal.

Two of the two major areas of change are bulb outs and circulation charges, mainly banning left turns on Market at 16th, Noe, and Sanchez (but allowing a left turn from eastbound Market to northbound Castro). MTA wants to proceed with the first phase, of bulb outs, but will wait for further study of circulation changes.

Neighbors at the meeting expressed concern that MTA spending just one day studying the traffic patterns was not enough. Traffic patterns have changed with all of the additional building and development in our area. Under the plan Market Street's grade on traffic circulation went from a C to a D, meaning automobile traffic flow will be worse. There are also concerns that taking traffic off of Market Street will result in more traffic in neighborhood streets.

Other problems brought up by neighbors: The bus stop near Pottery Barn takes up two spaces that busses often don't pull into, blocking traffic on Castro; a concern that some bulbouts will pinch intersections and make it more dangerous for bicyclists; and not feeling safe in the painted tan zones (people standing too close to passing cars in those painted zones).

Some opined that too much emphasis has been put on Market Street and not enough of the side streets that intersect with Market. Neighbors are encouraged to send emails to Supervisor Wiener's office advocating for a proper study and reasonable changes.

Homeless Outreach Team Efforts

A representative from the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) was scheduled to make a presentation about their work in the Triangle but when she wasn't able to attend, Mark Scheuer, a member of the Castro Cares Leadership Committee, summarized HOT's outreach efforts done with Castro Cares funding in our area, using statistics shown in HOT's June 2016 Outreach Overview.

During June 2016, 125 outreach contacts were made throughout the Castro Community Benefit District, which includes Market Street from Octavia to Castro, the first two blocks of Castro, Jane Warner Plaza, and the area around Safeway.

The majority of outreach efforts were concentrated at Market and Castro

streets, at the Eureka Valley Library, and near Safeway. Safeway and the surrounding area accounted for 16% of June 2016 outreaches. 78.4% (98) resulted in positive engagements and 21.6% (27) refused to engage and discuss services.

74.4% of the encounters were with males. 27.7% were 20-29 years old, 36.6% were 30-39, 22.3% were 40-49, and 10.7% were 50-59. 71.2% were White, 19.8% were African American, and 7.2% were Latino/a. The number of outreach encounters made from January to June, were 170, 135,184, 141, 104, and 125. The engagement rate (percentage willing to engage with outreach workers and discuss services) increased to 78.4% from 69.2% in May. 50% were for homeless issues, 40% were benefits related.

Lighting Improvements

President Dennis Roybal reported that the DPW is modernizing street lights throughout city, by replacing high pressure sodium lights with LED lighting. The Duboce Triangle will be done first, starting on Sanchez at the end of September.

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California Pacific Medical Center Plans to Move Forward with Campus Improvements

On July 19, DTNA leadership (President Dennis Roybal, Vice-President Erik Honda, and Treasurer Mark Scheuer) met with California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) Chief Administrator Officer Mary Lanier to discuss DTNA's ongoing efforts to encourage CPMC to improve the aesthetics of their campus's perimeter. DTNA's main goals are to integrate the campus more thoroughly into the neighborhood. Suggestions by DTNA include improving pedestrian access by connecting the campus to neighborhood open space, and upgrading the physical look of the campus by removing the chain link fence, updating the street trees and applying other softening exterior elements. The conversation was promising as Ms. Lanier was forthright and forthcoming. DTNA established a series of priority items to work on in the following areas:

I. Basic Maintenance.

This includes addressing bare landscaping, broken fences, litter and the general state of contractor debris and other items.

II. Minor Upgrades. These include the completion of street tree planting in all available spaces, a replacement of the 14th Street gate with quality fencing, the daylighting of pedestrian exits on Castro Street, the improvement of corner locations, and upgrades to tree islands on Noe Street.

III. Lighting Projects. The first priority is to complete the lighting project along 14th Street (2/3 of the block has been done), then to extend that lighting along the sidewalk from the 14th Street gate to the CPMC garage. The next priority would be to add more pedestrian-scale lighting at other areas around the campus perimeter.

IV. Long Term Projects. DTNA has long hoped to in-



CPMC attempts to beautify the perimeter

corporate a stairway to connect the public plaza above Duboce Street to Duboce Park. We also would like to see a cleanup of the jumble of equipment on the CPMC roofline, and landscaping along the roofline.

While Ms. Lanier was receptive to all the ideas, she stressed that she did not have the budget to do it all at once. DTNA understands budget constraints; however, given that the construction on the long-delayed Neuroscience Medical

Office building, with its attendant landscaping improvements, was to start in 2011 and finish by 2013, we feel the neighborhood is overdue for some improvements. In the meantime, DTNA leadership hopes to receive a presentation by CPMC about possible upgrades in some of these areas at our September or December community meetings.

Please offer any ideas you have for the campus via our website at dtna.org, and stay tuned.

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Those parts are on their way and a larger parts order for the rest of the neighborhood is currently going through San Francisco's purchasing process and are expected in December.

The replacement project will encompass poles owned and maintained by the city. The wooden utility poles on Belcher and other Triangle streets are the responsibility of PG&E and are not in

included within the scope of this project. LED lights last 50,000 hours compared to 10-20,000 using sodium lights. Low color temperature now, makes things look orange. LEDs produce a daylight color, more natural than the orange look of the sodium lights. The better color rendering is a better deterrent to loitering.

Noe Street resident Stephanie Tang was thanked for being instrumental in setting up a neighborhood watch group on

her block and getting an accelerated schedule for the light replacement.

We adjourned in concord shortly before 9 p.m.

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