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Monday, October 12, 2020

7:00 to 8:30 pm

PUBLIC MEETING ONLINE

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MEETING AGENDA

We invite all members to join us as we vote on proposed changes to DTNA's bylaws, meet with state senate candidates Scott Wiener and Jackie Felder, and dive into a discussion about CA Proposition 15 and SF Proposition H. It will be an educational meeting, don't miss out!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, October 5 and November 2, 7pm.
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting
If you'd like to attend, email landuse@dtna.org to receive Zoom invitation.

Thursday, October 22 and November 26,
7-8pm. Park Station Community Meeting
via Zoom. RSVP to community@sfsafe.org.
Information on how to join the call will be sent.

Every Wednesday, 2:30-3:30pm for seniors
and 3:30-7pm for all through November 18th.
Castro Farmers' Market, Noe St between
Market and Beaver St. Please wear a mask.

Save the date! The next DTNA General
Meeting will be held on December 14,
7pm. Find the Google Meet link on dtna.org.

President's Message: Happy Autumn!



Kimyn Braithwaite
DTNA President

We had some success in the neighborhood this past summer and DTNA is continuing to work hard to achieve more successes in the fall.

Noe Street Encampment:

As most of you know, shortly after the shelter-in-place announcement in March, a couple of people set up tents on Noe Street at 14th Street. Over the course of a few months, the number of tents grew to be many, and the residents of the growing encampment were increasingly engaging in dangerous activity. After tireless effort by many neighbors contacting the numerous city departments responsible for all things street behavior related, the encampment was cleared.

Unfortunately, it was not the only encampment to pop up in the neighborhood during COVID-19. However, thanks to the pressure by neighbors, the City has

been working hard to clear up encampments in the Upper Market area. We have been assured that there is a coordinated effort to monitor the area for any new encampments and at a meeting with representatives from neighborhood groups in mid-September, Mayor Breed assured everyone that nothing was more important than resolving the encampments and ensuring that there is no recidivism.

Resolving encampments is a large affair, requiring an orchestrated effort amongst numerous city departments. Jeff Kositsky of the Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC) said it took more than 12 hours to clear up the encampment on Noe Street, as well as an encampment just south of us on 16th Street at Market Street, and that these were the 2 most difficult encampment resolutions that he has worked on. Most people in the encampments accepted the City's offers of shelter and DTNA will continue to keep pressure on our elected officials to resolve encampments and provide shelter to people forced to live on the street.

Noe Street:

When SFMTA launched the first round of Slow Streets in response to shelter-in-place, DTNA suggested they consider Noe Street in their second round. Luckily, the idea caught on and SFMTA has included Noe Street from Duboce Avenue to 18th Street in its next phase.

The Slow Streets program is meant to limit car traffic on residential streets to facilitate a more pedestrian, bicycle, family, and residentially friendly street, a shared space for all. On Wednesdays, during

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Supervisor's Message



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Greetings Duboce Triangle Neighbors! More than half a year into the pandemic, with wildfires raging up and down the West Coast, orange skies in San Francisco, a national uprising against systemic racism and police violence, and the most consequential election of our lifetimes fast approaching, these are unsettled and unsettling times. I hope that you and your family are healthy and that we will all get the chance to visit in person again soon.

Investing in the Needs of District 8

The Board of Supervisors recently concluded our 2020-21 budget process that was delayed and constrained by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a member of the Budget Committee, I worked with my colleagues, the Mayor, advocates, and neighborhood leaders to make tough choices while prioritizing critical investments. Some of my top priorities for District 8 that we were able to fund include:

- Six new street crisis response teams to respond to people in mental health crisis on our streets and divert 21,000 calls for service that would otherwise go to SFPD;
- An expansion of the Safe Sleeping Village program to move unhoused people from our streets into safer & more appropriate places;
- The creation of a Castro Public Safety Ambassadors program to provide a non-police response to safety concerns in the neighborhood; and
- Support for District 8 small businesses doing outdoor dining and retail through the City's Shared Spaces program.

Addressing Homelessness in Duboce Triangle

Through the early months of the shelter-in-place order, my office heard from an increasing number of neighbors about the proliferation of tent encampments in Duboce Triangle. In response, I convened a meeting with neighbors and the City Departments responsible for addressing homelessness in late July where we got a commitment from the Department of Emergency Management to come up with a solution. In the weeks that followed I was glad to see the City finally begin to address these encampments. The resolution of the encampment on Noe Street near CPMC resulted in nine people moving to shelters, safe sleeping sites, and hotel rooms. While I am grateful for the progress that has been made, I know that encampments continue to pop up and I will keep working with neighbors and City agencies to resolve them.

Ultimately, we know the solution to encampments is to provide people with safe places to be that are not a sidewalk and to create ad-

ditional support resources for those in crisis. That is why I have championed expansion of safe sleeping sites and deployment of street crisis response teams. San Francisco also received welcome news earlier this month that the California Supreme Court had declined to hear a challenge to 2018's Proposition C. We can now make use of over \$300 million annually to fund mental health and substance use services, homelessness prevention, shelters, and housing to address our homelessness crisis.

Stay Connected

My office in City Hall remains closed to the public as we continue to shelter in place, but we are available by email at mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org.

Most Fridays we host an informal Zoom conversation and Q&A with a different special guest each week -- join us to share your questions or concerns and receive updates from my office. Email erin.mundy@sfgov.org for more information.



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Neighborhood Gem – L'Ardoise Bistro



Outdoor dining at L'Ardoise Bistro.

Despite the travel restrictions and without the hassle and high cost of air travel and hotels, the Duboce Triangle community can escape to "Paris" at our own L'Ardoise Bistro, and dine outdoors with French waitstaff among the trees and greenery tucked away at the corner of Noe Street and Henry Street.

Chef-Owner Thierry Clement was born in the French Alps and raised in Central France. His interest in fresh, simple food began at a young age with his mother's home cooking as he worked in his father's butcher shop. Starting at age 15 years he could be found in professional kitchens, learning the culinary arts in Bordeaux, the Pyrénées, and Paris.

Chef Clement spent six years in Paris at venues including Le Bistro du Peintre, La Cigale Recamier, a small restaurant specializing in soufflés, L'Escargot Montorgueil, and La Cantine Des Gourmets. He then moved to the United States, after a brief stop as executive chef at Fitzer's in Temple Bar, Ireland.

Prior to opening L'Ardoise Bistro in March 2008, Chef Clement spent three years at Le Charm, one year at Elizabeth and Daniel, and three years leading the kitchen at the Basque Bistro Fringale. While

many restaurants in San Francisco have closed, including those where Chef Clement began his San Francisco experience, L'Ardoise has adapted to the new COVID-19 era, beginning with pick-up and delivery. Now, with outdoor dining, L'Ardoise is able to make available to diners all but five of the former indoor tables.

The menu is full of classical French Bistro dishes with the Chef's magical touch and well selected wines to match. The L'Ardoise dining experience starts with an appetizer: Tiger Prawn Ravioles is a favorite or Brussel Sprout Salad with Goat Cheese or a classic Charcuterie.

For an entrée you cannot go wrong with a Bistro classic like Duck Confit in Roasted Garlic, Coq au Vin, or choose from a tender Black Angus Filet Mignon with Pommes Landaises, Pan-Roasted Rack

of Lamb, Alaskan Halibut, Petrale Sole, or for vegetarians, Risotto with Mixed Mushrooms, Parmesan Cheese and White Truffle Oil.

And then there is the last difficult choice: which dessert? A perfect Flourless Chocolate Cake or Floating Island or a Caramelized Apple Tarte Tatin.

You always leave L'Ardoise having enjoyed a scrumptious meal, planning your next visit. When will be yours?

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Vote!

You've probably heard the upcoming election on November 3rd described as the most consequential of our lifetime, and indeed it may be, not only because of the presidential race at the top of the ticket, but also because San Francisco and California voters are being asked to weigh in on a wide variety of legislation designed to help pull us out of our current economic and social crises.

By the time this newsletter arrives on your porch you may have already received your ballot in the mail, since they are sending them to all registered Californian voters this year. If you haven't received one, and you're not sure if you are registered, you can look it up at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>. If it turns out you're not registered, you can do that easily at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Then all it takes is a little research on the issues to be ready to fill out your ballot. We have early voting

in San Francisco, so as soon as you're done you can put it in the mail. Or, on Election Day you can take it to a dropbox at any of the 588 polling places throughout the City or in any other county in California between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Or, you can authorize another person to drop off the ballot for you, but be sure the person's name and signature are in the designated areas on the mail-in ballot envelope.

And there is also the City Hall Voting Center where one can drop off a vote-by-mail ballot, register to vote, or cast a ballot in person. The Center will be open starting October 5, 2020, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, through Election Day, November 3, 2020, and the two weekends prior to Election Day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. In view of COVID-19, the Center will be located outside in front of

the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium at 99 Grove Street to protect public health.

In our most recent election, the March 2020 "Super Tuesday" primary, 61% of registered voters in San Francisco voted, a big jump from the prior election in November of 2019, when only 42% did. Of course, even with that big improvement 39% of us still didn't vote, so we have room to grow.

Here in our local district we did even better. As has been our wont lately, our supervisorial district, District 8, had by far the best turnout of any in the city, with 73% of our registered voters casting ballots. So, all we need is that last 27% of you to get out to the polls (or send in your ballots), to make this the highest turnout election in San Francisco history.



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City and State November 3rd Propositions

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit DTNA cannot endorse candidates, and historically we have been cautious about endorsing ballot measures as well, knowing that the Duboce Triangle is a very diverse community with members having differing views. The DTNA Board met on September 14th and felt that City Propositions A, B, E, J, K, RR advanced DTNA initiatives for addressing homelessness, housing, safe policing, our teachers, and public transit and could be supported. Given the unprecedented series of crises facing our city and state, the Board hopes you will research each on your own, and come to your own conclusions before voting.

DTNA Board Endorsements

Proposition A is a bond issue that would address homelessness by funding facilities for Safe Sleeping Sites and temporary shelters for the homeless, and for mental health and drug dependency services, as well as funds for the Recreation and Parks department.

Proposition E would base SFPD staffing on demonstrated needs, not an arbitrary number in the charter, making City government more efficient.

Proposition J is a parcel tax to improve SFUSD teacher salaries and modernize San Francisco schools. It does not raise taxes.

Proposition K meets a state-mandated requirement that the voters authorize the City to create up to 10,000 affordable housing units before any units can be built.

Measure RR is a very small sales tax for Caltrain, to support public transit.

During the meeting, and up until the final layout of this newsletter, the DTNA Board has been discussing City Proposition H and State Proposition 15 at great length, in an attempt to come to a consensus about whether or not to endorse them. While both of these Propositions have the potential to have an impact on life in our neighborhood, ultimately we could not come to a firm recommendation. Because of this we have decided to further discuss these two propositions at our upcoming General Meeting.

City Proposition H addresses retail vacancies and supports small businesses by streamlining the City's permitting process for code-compliant new businesses and existing businesses wishing to make changes to their operations.

State Proposition 15 alters old Proposition 13 to tax commercial property based upon current assessed value calculated every three years. It would not affect taxes on residential or agricultural property.

Please join us at the DTNA General Meeting on Monday, October 12th at 7:00pm as we hear from both candidates for state senator, Scott Wiener and Jackie Fielder, and discuss the pros and cons of Proposition H and Proposition 15. We look forward to seeing you at what will be a very informative meeting.

And don't forget to vote!

Duboce Triangle Historic District Moving Forward

Thanks so much to everyone who generously donated toward our Duboce Triangle Historic District project. Thanks to you, we raised what we were hoping to raise, and with some additional money from the city (thank you, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman) the historic survey work has been under way since last Autumn.

Although there have been some delays due to COVID-19 and some issues with the city—many city workers were temporarily redeployed to assist with the response to our health emergency—a lot of progress has nevertheless been made: every single building in the proposed historic district (which encompasses most of our neighborhood) has now been surveyed or resurveyed, and the vast majority retain most or all of their historic character and thus would be "contributors" to a historic district.

Our historic consultant is now working on

the "historic context statement," which is basically the story of our neighborhood's development over time, and of the characteristics that make the neighborhood worthy of historic designation. Once this document is complete, DTNA will begin to work with the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission to gain their support for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources. This registration will provide some protection against the demolition of historic homes, but should not result in additional red tape or bureaucracy for property owners seeking to renovate or improve their properties.

We will keep neighbors and DTNA members informed as the process moves forward. At some point soon, we will be asking you for letters of support, so stay tuned!

President's Message, continued

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the farmers' market, many people can be seen walking on the portion of the street blocked off from traffic, and that was before we all started keeping six feet of social distance. Our few restaurants and bars along Noe St have expanded their outdoor dining in response to COVID-19. Having traffic slowed on the street would benefit both businesses and residents as everyone will have the opportunity to get out and enjoy our city while feeling comfortable maintaining a safe and healthy distance with the extra space allowed.

These are just two campaigns that DTNA has been working on in the last few months. We are also working with SFMTA on eastbound traffic calming measures along 14th from Castro to Noe, pushing Safeway to activate their long abandoned corner lot, and maintaining regular communication with DPW about the health of our street trees, among others. If any of these issues are of interest to you, or you would like to get involved with your neighborhood in some other way, please let us know.

The upcoming October General Meeting is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors, learn more about our efforts, and meet your California State Senate candidates. All the energy and passion we can muster only makes our asks and wants more powerful. The cliché is true – the squeaky wheel really does get the grease. Join us!



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A Taste of Fall at Rainbow Orchards

By Debra Morris, Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association

In the Bay Area, September and October are the months we get the end-of-summer produce and the beginning of fall's fruits and vegetables. To get a taste of autumn's bounty, visit Rainbow Orchards.

Yes, fall is here and the best way to get a taste of the season is to bite into a crisp, mountain-grown apple. Right now they are offering Gala, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, and Granny Smith apples. Later in the season look for Fuji, Pink Lady, Braeburn, Rome, Winesap, and Arkansas Black apples. They also bring to market their unfiltered, all natural, delicious cider blended from the perfect combination of apples.

Rainbow Orchards is a 3rd generation family farm based in Camino, California. Their Apple Hill farm has provided the finest mountain-grown fruit since 1977, over 40 years. Throughout the year they grow some of the best apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, and blueberries you've ever tasted. All of this delicious fruit, depending on the season, is available each week at the Castro Farmers' Market. If you decide to take a trip up to Camino where their farm is located at 2569 Larsen Drive, be sure to stop by their famous Bake Shop and Apple Barn.

Camino, in Gold Country east of Placerville, is a high altitude area. Farming at 3,500 feet gives them the cool mountain nights that really bring out the flavor of their fruit, which is hand-picked at the peak of ripeness and rushed to

your local farmers' market in their refrigerated truck. It's a little bit of extra work for them, but the taste makes it all worthwhile. We're sure you'll enjoy this farmers' market favorite – Rainbow Orchards.

Please remember that all your produce purchases are helping farmers continue to farm. With fewer outlets to sell their fruits and vegetables during this pandemic, your local farmers' market is the one place they can count on to sell their products.

Rainbow Orchards Apple Crisp

- 2 lbs. tart Rainbow Orchards golden delicious apples (5-5/12 cups)
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/3 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup butter

Peel and slice apples. Place in a shallow 1-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with the water. Set aside.

Combine dry ingredients. Cut the butter into the dry mixture until it

resembles small clumps. (Do NOT stir together.)

Sprinkle topping evenly over the apples. Do not mix the two. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour. Then uncover and bake for another 1/2 hour.

Topping should be "crisp" over the steaming hot apple layer. Serve hot with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. Enjoy!

Farmers' markets continue to be an essential part of our local food system and while safety guidelines remain in place we will continue to offer an outlet for farmers, customers, and the community to enjoy fresh local produce. We thank you for supporting your local farmers' market because you, the community, are an essential part of our local food system. Your support keeps our farmers' markets running and our farmers farming!

The Castro Farmers' Market is open every Wednesday, 2:30pm to 7pm, through November 18th, Noe at Market St. The first hour of the market is for seniors and those most at risk for coronavirus.



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FARMERS' MARKET

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Our Transforming Streets - A Reflection on our Changing Urban Environment

The past few months have been transformative, particularly for our city streets. We have seen San Francisco change in ways we never envisioned before COVID-19. Even the most minor traffic calming measure would have required months of planning and review - never mind entire streets closed to through traffic in a matter of weeks.

The ways our city has adapted to these unprecedented times may be the silver lining to this tragedy. Outdoor dining, sidewalk music, streets for the people. Hopefully our readers have been able to experience and enjoy some of the changes to our city streets during these uncertain times. It is important to reflect on why these changes came about, what impact they have had so far, and how we may want to continue this transformation moving forward.

Looking back to the start of "shelter-in-place", our streets seemingly lost their purpose overnight. Previously bustling streets became empty, void of people and cars. No rush hour on Market Street or busy shoppers on Powell Street. It was spooky yet also amazing to witness. While the streets became underutilized, many people were stuck inside with nowhere to go.

Then came Slow Streets with the goal of taking advantage of the underutilized streets to create new space for people to be outdoors. Safety is a critical element of the Slow Streets program - safety from the virus by being able to walk outside at a social distance but also pedestrian safety from automobiles.

Despite being a public utility drawing from tax funds construction and maintenance,

up until recently city streets were almost exclusively for automobiles, not people. With these changing times, we may consider our streets to be more than a utility but an amenity. Could we be re-establishing a mindset when children are empowered to play in the street and simply pause their games to let a car pass by? At a time when we - as a society - are discussing ways to make our cities more equitable and just, thinking of our streets as a public amenity for everyone could be a step in the right direction.

More recently, outdoor dining and the Shared Spaces program have made an impact on our streets. It's almost like a new Wild West era with Boomtown structures popping up on the thoroughfare. It has been amazing to see the creative ways local businesses have adapted to changing times. In some ways, our sidewalks are more active than ever with make-shift parklets transforming sidewalks into pedestrian malls. It is a great example of the entrepreneurial spirit that is alive and well in San Francisco.

While all these measures are considered temporary and under emergency actions, they have been impactful. The changes may not all be perfect and there are certainly ways they can be improved but hopefully they have made these times more bearable. It does seem that our mindset of how we want our city streets to be utilized moving forward has also been transformed.

Now is the time to advocate for these pedestrian safety measures and business expansion opportunities to remain part of the San Francisco landscape. Talk to your neighbors, come to a DTNA Land Use meeting, and let your elected officials know what you think. Add your voice to the many who don't want to go back to the way things were but rather embrace the resilient nature of our city.

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DTNA Revises By-laws to Update the Organization

At the October 12, 2020 DTNA General Meeting, the Board will present for approval by the members present a revision of the DTNA Bylaws that will make the Distribution Manager an appointive position and add a Director Position to the Board, bringing a total of five Directors on the Board, and maintaining a total Board membership of eleven.

The position of Distribution Manager has not been filled the last four years and that Board seat has remained empty. In that time the Distribution Manager's tasks have been managed by having the printer deliver the DTNA News copies to Zone Leaders, and the Board members keeping the Distributor List up to date and overseeing recruitment of new Distributors as needed.

The revision defines three managers: Distribution, Membership, and Advertising, together with their responsibilities.

The revision also moves the month by which Board elections must be held from January to February as DTNA stopped meeting in January when bimonthly meetings were changed to even numbered months.

The current Bylaws revised in 2014 can be viewed at dtna.org/about and the proposed revisions can be viewed online at dtna.org.

By approving the Bylaws Revisions in October 2020, the Board election this December will be for five Directors, four Officers, the Editor, and a sixth Director replacing the Past President Board position in 2021, as Kimyn Braithwaite, the 2020 DTNA President is looking to being elected the 2021 DTNA President.

The DTNA Board asks that you attend the virtual October General Meeting and approve the Bylaws Revisions.

The News Starts a New Page

Rose Linke, a writer, editor, and Noe Street neighbor, has accepted the appointment to be the *Duboce Triangle News* Editor, transitioning with this edition.

The *News* began on Noe Street in 1978 when Karen Apana, DTNA President, typed the first newsletter on her Underwood typewriter in her living room. The *News* was copied at Copy Central on Market Street and then passed door to door.

By 1984, the *News* was being delivered to 3,000 households in the Duboce Triangle. We met in Editor Evelyn Foreman's kitchen on Walter Street to fold the legal size copies and bunch them for Distributors. In 1987, Editor

Michael Flick was using Ready Set Go on his new Macintosh SE computer to layout the *News*, which was printed, cut up, attached to layout paper and taken to the printer who printed and collated the pages. The *News* was then picked up, bundled, and delivered to Distributors. Fast forward to 2020, and the *News*' layout is sent electronically to the printer who delivers boxes of counted copies to the Zone Leaders for distribution to the Distributors.

We welcome Rose and her passion for wanting neighbors to have a continued source of local news, as she takes the helm of the *Duboce Triangle News*. Learn more about our new Editor in the December-January *News* edition.

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September Land Use Meeting – J-Church and 14th Street

Steve Boland and Bryant Woo from SFMTA presented the new J-Church Streetcar Line Changes and 14th Street Traffic Calming.

When MUNI streetcar service resumes, the J-Church Streetcar Line will not continue into the underground subway at Duboce but will instead have a primary passenger termination at Market & Church for transfer to the subway service and a final end at Duboce for the switchback.

Under the current emergency status, Church Street has been closed to vehicular traffic except for commercial deliveries between 15th and Market Streets. Temporary ADA access ramps will be built at Church & Market, and at Church & Duboce. The Church Street closure creates the possibility of a Church Street mall that might help local merchants. When winter rains come, some sort of canopy to shelter passengers as they transfer between the surface J-Church and the underground service will be needed to keep everyone dry.

Long term closure of northbound Church Street at 15th Street is still under study, and may be reversed. Currently one must turn left at 17th Street to continue north on Sanchez, which then passes Sanchez Elementary School because there is no left turn from Church Street onto 15th Street. Allowing a left turn at 15th Street would allow northbound traffic to avoid the Sanchez School when in-class instruction begins if the northbound Church Street lane is not reopened at 15th Street.

The Church Street Safeway access north of Market Street will remain at Safeway's northern Church Street entrance. There is consideration of consolidating the Church Street southbound passenger access just north of Market & 14th Street to the south of Market access area. Concerns were raised regarding that impact on the 37 Bus passengers.

Street Calming changes are being implemented adjacent McKinley Elementary School on 14th Street west of Castro Street and on Castro Street. The request for altering 14th Street between Castro and Sanchez submitted by DTNA is on hold, as the SFMTA cannot have a valid analysis of long-term traffic implications because of the COVID-19 traffic changes and the proposal is not considered a high priority project. Those in attendance thought the pedestrian safety issues that the proposal addresses should qualify as a priority issue.

The request is to make 14th Street a two-lane street on those blocks like it is west of Castro and convert the outer eastbound lane to angled parking with dedicated curb space for the 37 Bus. Questions were raised as to why the SFMTA cannot model what traffic might be in assessing the proposal in order to move forward. SFMTA asked that a formal Traffic Calming Request be submitted in addition to what has already been submitted.

DTNA continues to lobby Safeway to activate the abandoned east corner of their lot where the Recycling Center was years ago with a food truck food court like others that have been set up in San Francisco. And Frank Tizedes who manages the Noe-Beaver Community Garden is looking to energize the Noe Street sidewalk by the CPMC parking lot.

Historic Photograph



Looking up Beaver Street from Noe Street, 1927.

DTNA General Meeting Focuses on Encampments

The August virtual meeting was well attended with more than 50 people joining in to address the Noe Street encampment resolution.

Guests included Jeff Kositsky, manager of the Healthy Streets Operations Center, Jaclyn LeSage from CPMC, Park Station Captain Christopher Pedrini, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, and Carolyn Kenady of RescueSF.

Jeff announced the encampment would be removed by Friday. SFMTA will close off the street and multiple City service representatives will assess the needs of

the tent dwellers and offer them appropriate medical care, placement in a hotel, City shelter, or safe sleeping site, or, if they refuse such placements, provide them with a tent encampment information handout as they leave Noe Street. DPW will remove any remaining trash and SFPD will be there to assist as needed.

Jaclyn LeSage related multiple CPMC 311 calls for tapping into their garden watering system, for trash and excrement on their property, all resulting from encampments not having a source of water, restrooms, or adequate trash removal.

As Captain Pedrini related, "This has been a very unique time with COVID...shelter-in-place...tents...encampments...demonstrations...and riots...that continue in other cities" and that his officers are often moved to other areas in the City to address immediate issues, leaving a much-reduced workforce at Park Station.

Supervisor Mandelman has been advocating for more safe sleeping sites, but he is only one voice on the 11-member Board of Supervisors.

Carolyn Kenady spoke of Res-

cueSF working to force the city to more aggressively address homelessness and tent encampments, and asked for people to join their effort.

Kimyn gave a brief update of DTNA activities including pursuing Noe Safe Streets, Shared Spaces, and Land Use.

(Editor's Note: The Noe Street tent encampment was removed the next day. See the President's column.)

DTNA Board Meeting Report

The Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association Board meets every other month. At the September 2020 meeting, the following was discussed:

Bylaws Revisions making the Distribution Manager an appointive position and replacing that Board seat with a new Director seat were approved for presentation at the October General Meeting for a membership vote. This change would be implemented for the December Board election.

Rose Linke, the newly appointed *Duboce Triangle News* Editor and DTNA Board member, was welcomed to the Board.

November 3rd Election Propositions were discussed and the Board felt that City Propositions A, B, E, J, K, RR advanced DTNA initiatives and could be supported by the Board. Although City Proposition H and State Proposition 15 appeared to advance DTNA goals, con-

cerns were raised regarding the details that might not be beneficial. (See November Propositions article.)

DTNA Website Updates have been made by Justin Donahue, a new DTNA member, who has volunteered to help with IT support since Brian Kemler has resigned from the Board and from overseeing the online presence of DTNA.

Land Use: 14th Street Traffic Calming and Noe Slow Streets initiatives are being pursued. The DTNA will send a letter of support for Slow Streets to the Board of Supervisors opposing the appeals to stop Slow Streets. (See Land Use Articles.)

Upcoming General Meeting Agendas: A Senate Candidate Conversation and possible Ballot Proposition discussion is planned for the October meeting. So far Jackie Fielder has confirmed and Senator Wiener is pending. Ideas were solic-

ited for the December meeting knowing that the COVID-19 restrictions preclude having an in-person fundraising party.

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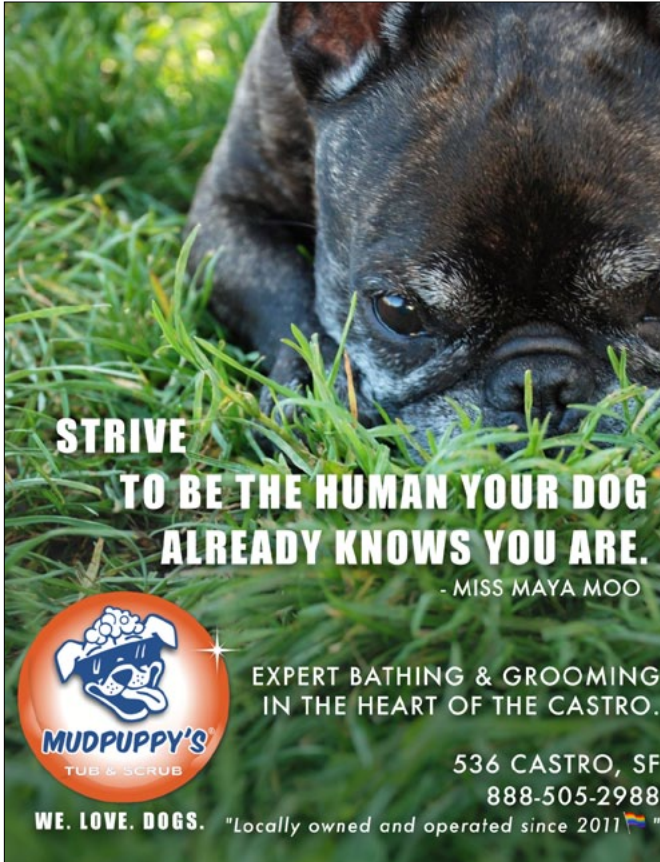
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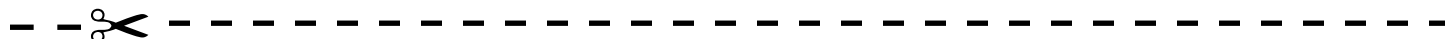
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