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Monday, August 9, 2021
7:00 to 8:30 pm
PUBLIC MEETING
ONLINE

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MEETING AGENDA

- Join us for two conversations about the future of our city: **The Harvey Milk Plaza/Castro MUNI Transit Center** and the **Port of San Francisco** preparations for rising sea levels. Come learn what is new and be part of the discussion with your questions and ideas.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Aug 2 and Sept 6, 7 pm.
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting.
If you'd like to attend, email landuse@dtna.org to receive Zoom invitation.

Thursday, Aug 26 and Sept 23, 7-8 pm.
Park Station Community Meeting via Zoom. RSVP to community@sfsafe.org. Information on how to join the virtual call will be sent.

Saturday, Sept 18, 11:30 am to 4 pm.
Dolores Park History Day.
Includes Native Tribes, Spanish/Mexican era, Jewish history.

Save the date! The next DTNA General Meeting will be held on October 11 at 7 pm. Find the Google Meet link on dtna.org.

Visions of the Future on a Walk with Supervisor Mandelman



Brick work, bollards and benches installed by the city have fallen into disrepair.

On a lovely day in June, DTNA President Kimyn Braithwaite and three DTNA Board members showed up at 14th and Noe to meet Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and his aide Tom Temprano (also a new Duboce Triangle resident at 16th and Castro), to start a neighborhood walk focused on envisioning the Triangle's future.

We did a full circuit around the CPMC Sutter Davies campus, noting ways in which this large institution could be better integrated with the fabric of the neighborhood, and then proceeded down the Noe Slow Street

toward Market. Along the way Supervisor Mandelman met some new neighbors and chatted with some old friends, like Guy of Guy's Flowers at 15th and Noe.

We discussed the positive feedback we've received from DTNA Land Use Chair Kevin Riley's recent Op-Ed in Duboce Triangle News, which envisioned a Slow Triangle where the streetscape of our neighborhood returned to its original multi-use design, rather than its current car-

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A Push for More Greening and Affordable Housing in the Triangle



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

San Francisco is emerging from the pandemic and re-opening just in time for summer, albeit with some uncertainty about the impacts of the Delta variant. I have a few updates from my office that I hope will be of interest to Duboce Triangle neighbors.

Investing in the Needs of District 8

The Board of Supervisors recently reached agreement with Mayor Breed on the City's \$13 billion FY 2021-2022 budget. This budget isn't perfect, and there were important priorities that I advocated for that were not fully funded, but it makes meaningful investments in mental health, homelessness, and public safety that will help address our city's biggest challenges. My office was also able to use the Board's addback process to fund \$1 million worth of District 8 neighborhood priorities, including funds to support the popular shared spaces program on Noe Street

in Duboce Triangle and additional funding to green our District 8 neighborhoods with sidewalk gardens.

Increasing Affordable Housing

In 2019 I secured funding for a study of the unique housing affordability challenges facing District 8 and potential strategies to preserve existing affordable housing and produce new affordable housing units in neighborhoods like Duboce Triangle.

The report, which was issued in June, found that District 8 has had the second highest rate of evictions in the City, but has not seen its fair share of new affordable housing development in recent years. The report's recommendations include new partnerships with local non-profits to acquire existing apartment buildings for preservation as permanently affordable housing, a new program to subsidize the construction of affordable homeownership units by groups like Habitat for Humanity, and an in-depth survey to identify the next round of affordable housing development sites in the district.

You can read the full report at sfbos.org/supervisor-mandelman-reports-and-publications.

Upper Market Safety Project

Last year, I secured fund-

ing for the Upper Market Safety Project, a set of safety and streetscape investments along Market from Castro to Octavia. The project includes safer crosswalks and bike lanes and other safety improvements, and a number of streetscape enhancements like new lighting, tree planting in the medians on Market and new trashcans and pit stops. I made sure the project also included improvements at dangerous intersections like Castro and Market, where the project will include signal improvements for pedestrians crossing Castro, and at Sanchez and Market where new high-visibility crosswalks will be installed.

Phase one of the project – Market from Octavia to Church – will begin construction this July and phase two – from Market and Church to Castro and 17th – is set to begin in early 2022. My office worked with Public Works and the SFMTA to minimize construction-related disruption to Upper Market businesses and residents.

Stay Connected

City Hall, and my office, re-opened on June 7th so stop by and say hello! We are also accessible every day by email and voicemail: mandelman-staff@sfgov.org or (415) 554-6968.

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Ways to Help Your Triangle Neighbors



Kimyn Braithwaite
DTNA President

Happy Summer, neighbors! While the pandemic is not over and there are still challenges present on all our minds, things are possible again that haven't felt possible in awhile. This is an exciting season for Duboce Triangle, and there's no better time to get involved.

Refuse Refuse

At a recent Land Use meeting, we were introduced to Vincent Yuen who started a community organization cleaning up trash on his local streets. His organization, Refuse Refuse, has expanded and now conducts regular trash audits and street cleaning to many neighborhoods. Refuse Refuse conducted two audits in the triangle in late June and early July. The results, however rudimentary, showed that there was less trash after the first

cleaning and that cigarette butts account for about 40% of the trash on our streets. Two more cleanup audits and cleanups are taking place with a larger weekend event scheduled for the end of August. If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to Refuse Refuse or to DTNA.

Upcoming meeting

Join us at our August meeting! The Port of San Francisco will be joining to share an update on its Waterfront Resilience Program (WRP) which addresses threats to our City including seismic and flood risks as well as sea level rise. The Port is conducting a series of meetings with groups throughout San Francisco to ensure residents are well informed about the program, its progress, and how it will impact the City. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for Q&A.

Seeking newsletter distributors

We are lucky that we live in a neighborhood that still has newsletters and if you're reading this that means that you enjoy receiving and reading the newsletter. Wouldn't it be fun to deliver the newsletter, too? DTNA is in need of more friends and neighbors to help distribute Duboce Triangle News. Depending on your exact paper route, it takes an hour at most, every 2 months,

and it's a wonderful way to walk around the neighborhood, see familiar faces, and get some fresh air. Send us a message via our website to sign up.

Volunteer opportunities to water trees

One of the many reasons we all love the Triangle is because of the numerous large trees that line our streets. But sadly, over time and possibly neglect, some trees have had to be removed and nothing has been planted in their place. DTNA has always worked hard to maintain our greenery. With pressure from our organization, Supervisor Mandelman was successful in getting trees planted along 14th Street and we worked with CPMC to

plant trees along Noe Street, but we were surprised to learn recently that part of the backlog for new tree plantings was due to not having a resident volunteer. You know those little green water bags that are attached to young trees? According to the Bureau of Urban Forestry (BUF), they will plant trees if they have a nearby resident commit to filling those bags or until the tree gets established. If you are interested in volunteering, because you love our tree canopy too, reach out to Stephen Keller (Stephen.Keller@sfdpw.org) or Carla Short (Carla.Short@sfdpw.org) at the DPW-BUF.

Hope to see you at our next meeting! Or around the neighborhood.

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Historic Photograph



In 1964, the development of a new Franklin Hospital (now CPMC) was a big project for the City that was much reported on in local news outlets. Duboce Triangle residents worked in tandem with folks from adjacent neighborhoods to create an open dialogue with the institution and a shared vision for the role of the hospital in our neighborhood. An architectural model from that same time period shows the design of the building before construction.

Photograph courtesy of San Francisco Public Library.



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Local Students Rally Against Racism

Students from Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy in the Castro took to the streets in early May to protest an incident involving one of their classmates at Safeway. The school showed that despite pandemic closures, its community was active and not going to let the store mistreat an African American student who had made a purchase there.

According to the San Francisco Examiner, 5th grader Ja’Mari Oliver purchased a sandwich at Safeway but was stopped by security workers who questioned whether he had paid. After showing his receipt, the 11-year old was still prevented from leaving the store until a manager told him he could go. Ja’Mari reported to the Examiner, “I felt scared, like something could happen. I was just crying.”

Kudos to Harvey Milk staff for engaging students in activism that lets the store know that racist targeting and mistreatment of their customers will not be tolerated. After principal Emmanuel Stewart, Reverend Amos Brown, and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman spoke at the rally, students stepped up for turns on the bullhorn leading chants of “Black Lives Matter” and waving personally created signs expressing their steadfast support for their classmate and demands for Safeway to do better.

You can support our local public elementary schools by participating in the Cliff’s Variety annual fundraiser for Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy or Dogfest at Duboce Park for McKinley School or by volunteering or donating to either of these or Sanchez Elementary, Everett Middle, or Mission High schools on the SFUSD website or donorschoose.org.



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DTNA and Castro Merchants Celebrate New Businesses and Collaborate on Reopening Challenges

DTNA Representatives, neighbors, merchants, and representatives of the Castro Merchants Association and the Castro Community Benefits District gathered together at DTNA’s virtual General Meeting on June 14 to discuss the challenges the COVID pandemic has presented to area merchants, to celebrate the joy of the June 15 statewide reopening, and to welcome the brave businesses that had the courage to open during the pandemic.

DTNA President Kimyn Braithwaite referenced recent articles in the San Francisco Chronicle celebrating SF residents who’d taken it upon themselves to shop at a different neighborhood business each day of a given month. One enterprising family managed to do it in alphabetical order, circling back to A on the 27th day and finishing strong. If you’d like to challenge yourself, start here, and add to the list as you go:

A - Ampersand Flower Shop + Design Studio, L’Ardoise Bistro, Academy of Ballet
B - Books & Bookshelves, Beit Rima, Blackbird Bar, Bangin Hair
C - Cliff’s Variety, Canela Bistro and Wine Bar
D - Dinosaurs Vietnamese Sandwiches, Dog Eared Books, Duboce Park Café, Detour Arcade Bar
E - Earthen Ceramic Studio

Gee – do you think we should keep going? We should!

Masood Samerie of the Castro Merchants waxed poetic about riding the F line on the first day it opened, and about

the way folks were coming out for the shared spaces on 18th and Noe Streets. He also celebrated the happy vibe that is in the air about new businesses that have recently opened and are ready to go.

Local merchant Diane Ramirez, who bravely opened her business Bangin Hair on Market just below Noe during the pandemic, explained her motivations and the way she was able to “bend and twist” her way through the first-year struggles. Andrea Aiello of the Castro Community Benefits District (castrocbd.org) talked about the Castro CBD’s new public safety initiatives. Local business owners and siblings Shawn Vergara and Tiffany Chung of Detour and Blackbird also explained their deep connections to the neighborhood and their desire to keep adding more businesses (their latest plan is for a specialty bottle service and retail liquor store near Blackbird).

DTNA encourages all (fully vaccinated, mobile) residents to stop the online shopping, get off the couch, get out the door, and patronize your neighborhood businesses. Both they and you will be glad you did!



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DTNA Land Use Takes on Trash, Pedestrian Safety

For the past couple of months, the DTNA Land Use committee has been discussing a variety of issues that impact our neighborhood beyond the usual topics of development projects and street conditions. We always welcome new topics, conversations, and perspectives presented by our neighbors - such as a presentation from Refuse Refuse SF at our June meeting which resulted in some trash clean-up days scheduled for the neighborhood. If you want to learn more about the Land Use Committee or join our next meeting (Monday, August 2nd at 7pm), please email landuse@dtna.org.

There are several developments in our neighborhood at various stages of being proposed or permitted for construction that have stalled during the pandemic. We continue to support additional housing in our community, especially affordable hous-

ing, and we advocate for positive and equitable growth in our neighborhood.

The use of our streets is another recurring topic of conversation at Land Use meetings. While we wait on SFMTA to issue the results of their Noe Slow Street survey, we continue to work with City officials and agencies to explore how we can make our public rights-of-way safer for pedestrians, cyclists, commuters, and drivers. In particular, we want to support our local businesses and restaurants as they rebound from pandemic losses. We have heard that the parklets and Shared Streets opportunities (like the Queer Art Market Sundays on Noe Street) have brought vitality and opportunity to the neighborhood. We support keeping these new features that came about in the pandemic and which help small businesses.

DTNA continues to explore traffic calming on 14th Street, with the primary goals to make our neighborhood safer while maintaining access and accessibility to and through Duboce Triangle. We have worked with 14th Street Neighbors, Supervisor Mandelman, SFMTA, and MUNI to contemplate an experimental road diet on the eastbound side of 14th Street (heading towards Market Street) that will temporarily reduce the number of lanes from two to one between Castro Street to Sanchez Street. The resulting lane sizes and layout will be similar to conditions on 15th and 16th Streets, since intersections there are much safer than they are in the two-lane sections of 14th Street. A recent gathering of 14th Street neighbors, hosted by DTNA Board Member Frank Tizedes, expressed support for safety improvements but raised concerns about perpendicular or angle parking on the hill. While the Land Use Committee has reviewed various parking options for 14th Street, DTNA is not advocating for any changes to the existing parking layout. SFMTA is still studying the proposal to determine if this temporary change should be implemented, and we'll keep you updated as things move along.

Refuse Refuse SF is a group founded by San Franciscans who wanted to clean up their neighborhood and are spreading their message across the City. An all-volunteer group, they promote the responsibility of all to help make our city cleaner and more enjoyable. They are working with DTNA and Friends of Duboce Park to set up a trash pick-up day in Duboce Triangle. The first one happened in late June with another scheduled for late July or early August. An interesting statistic from the June cleanup is that 40% of the street trash in our neighborhood is from cigarette butts! Email info@refuserefusesf.org to learn more.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of every month, with our next meeting on August 2nd. Please email landuse@dtna.org for a Zoom invitation to the August meeting or to ask questions regarding Land Use.

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Duboce Triangle Green Belt Cherished and Appreciated: Needs Your Help

By Frank Tizedes

There is no better time to be reminded of the fragility of the beautiful Green Belt that graces the Duboce Triangle neighborhood than now. From the incredible Ash trees on Noe Street, the gardens that grace your home and fill our streets, or our very own Duboce Park; each impacts our environment, cleaning the air, quieting the streets, providing shade and privacy, feeding and sheltering wildlife, and helping calm us all.

Just recently at a meeting of our upper 14th Street neighbors, they shared how valuable and appreciative they were for the living wall of ivy that coddles the campus fencing at CPMC. They reflected on how that ivy-covered fencing created a respite from light, noise and air pollu-

tion generated by the traffic and building. Not only practical, the living walls create our very own "nectar and pollen market" for bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects in our urban setting. According to the University of Sussex, ivy produces flowers high in nectar and pollen that supports the biodiversity required in our urban environment.

The continued health and expansion of the Green Belt is a priority of ours at DTNA. For the past year, I've been working to gain support and clarity from DPW on how best to add planter boxes (similar to those placed last year at the corner of 15th and Market) throughout the neighborhood. These boxes would be planted with low maintenance and low water needs of succulents. We are looking for neighbors and areas to help main-

tain the plants and the planters. Greening does not have to be water intensive, nor difficult to maintain. At the corner of 14th and Noe, there are a few beautiful succulent gardens; full of color, texture, all low maintenance and low water.

Trees make Duboce Triangle the neighborhood that it is, hence the need to be proactive in protecting them. I spoke with Steve Keller of the Bureau of Urban Forestry (BUF) and tree maintenance for Duboce Triangle is behind by a year. According to Keller, prior to pruning contracts, an inspector from BUF will look for trees to be removed, though only dead or hazardous trees will be removed. If you have an empty tree well, he said priority will be given for replanting if a resident will commit to a three year watering schedule.

BUF has been active throughout the neighborhood watering the trees they replaced. We have had five new trees planted by BUF in the past 4-5 yrs and their watering trucks are out nearly every week. If you see the watering truck, thank the driver for helping keep our Green Belt healthy and happy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: According to Steve Keller from the Bureau of Urban Forestry - SF, Duboce Triangle tree maintenance, pruning, and health checks are scheduled for 2021-2022. On schedule for 2021 is: Duboce from Castro to Church to Market (that includes Castro St, Noe, Waller, Sanchez, Belcher and Church).

Please contact me if you have questions about planter boxes, tree replacements, or hazardous trees in your area. I'd be happy to look into it. I'll share my Noe Beaver Community Garden email for convenience: noebeavercommunitygarden@yahoo.com.

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Life on a Slow Street

By Rose Linke

My favorite historical footage of San Francisco is the short film *A Trip Down Market Street*, which was shot in 1906 just days before the earthquake. In it, the main artery of our city is full of people in motion, in all different modes. You see pedestrians, horses, bicycles, street cars, and automobiles. No single mode of transit dominates the street, they all move together, albeit at a slower and more human pace than what we have today.

This same idea is at the very

heart of what I love about living on a Slow Street. Over the course of the 20th century, cars became the dominant mode of transportation, and the quality of life on our city streets suffered as a result. We know a lot more than we did 100 years ago about the externalized costs of driving, too—air pollution and carbon emissions, accidents and fatalities, and the way private car usage isolates people from one another. The Slow Street movement renormalizes the idea that streets are useful to a wide variety of different modes of transit, and that cars can behave differently

in order to safely travel alongside pedestrians and cyclists.

One of the reasons I love looking to history is that it offers us alternative frameworks for the imagination. It's a way to recognize how much things have changed, that they will continue to change, and we can be intentional about what changes we want to see.



Streets can be useful to opportunities beyond different modes of transit.

Travel can provide a similar experience. From an urban planning perspective, one of the most illuminating places I've ever been is Seoul, Korea, where neighborhood streets felt tailor-made for pedestrians and cyclists. Cars are allowed on these roads, but it would really only make sense to drive on them if you were a local resident departing the neighborhood or returning home. Cars drove incredibly slowly on these roads, and people weren't afraid of being run down by drivers. As a result, these were really wonderful neighborhoods to walk around, and to enjoy local shops and restaurants alongside residents.

We live in a neighborhood that has the potential to feel this same way. The local activist movement “Slowly Noe” emphasizes the human fabric of Duboce Triangle. With fewer cars, our street is quieter, the air is cleaner, and I don’t have to worry about cars rushing so quickly to get where they’re going that they don’t see me crossing the road. I’m spending more time on the street, running into neighbors, saying hi to friendly or familiar faces, and helping out where I can. This is what makes a neighborhood feel like a community, and a home.



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DTNA Board Looks to the Future

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

Website Migration

All content from the old website has been migrated to our new platform and the layout is being updated. This endeavor will allow us to verify member contact information and update the payment system. Our new website will serve as a way for us to be in ongoing conversation with the neighborhood, and will feature a calendar of upcoming events as well as real-time updates on DTNA, meeting minutes, land use, and transportation. Board members were asked to review and make any suggestions regarding content and layout.

Conduct of Future General Meetings

We discussed the potential of holding in-person meetings or other social events this Fall, depending upon the emerging Delta variant's impact on local COVID cases.

Land Use Updates

The northbound Church Street traffic lane between 15th Street and Market is now open for through traffic. The southbound lane remains closed. DTNA and Supervisor Mandelman did their CPMC/Noe Street walk along on June 23rd. The Supervisor supports DTNA traffic calming recommendations for 14th Street between Castro and Sanchez and is excited about our long-term endeavor to envision a Slow Triangle.

Frank Tizedes reported that the Flore Store Mural has been installed and will be unveiled at the Flore Store opening street party function within the next six weeks. The siding on the west portion of the north side of 258 Noe Street has cleaned up well after washing, and construction of the fence between 258 Noe and the Noe/Beaver Community Garden is expected to commence in the next week.

A Refuse Refuse trash audit was held June 29th and July 6th with 14% less trash the second week on the block that had been cleaned versus 4% more for blocks not cleaned.

Beautification

In late 2021, the City will check the health of Duboce Triangle neighborhood trees and remove those that are not healthy. New trees can be planted if the City can identify someone committed to watering the new trees. We discussed an initiative to engage neighbors in order to pair those who are willing to water with new tree saplings.

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Upcoming August Community Meeting Agenda

Plan discussion of Harvey Milk Plaza with presentation by Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza and Advocates for Harvey Milk Plaza. The Port Authority will also make a short presentation in August. For October, legislators' update was suggested.

DTNA Board Membership

Garrin Wong announced his resignation from the Board after being active for the last 15 years. The Board thanked Garrin for all that he has contributed. The good news is that Garrin will still be in the neighborhood and available for a friendly chat.



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Eight Ways with Avocados

By Debra J. Morris, Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association

Avocados, the quintessential California fruit, are in season! Creamy, versatile, and delicious, they're one of the state's most identifiable agricultural products and a summer favorite.

In 1871 avocados were introduced to the U.S. with trees from Mexico. As enthusiasm for this remarkable fruit grew, it became one of the most ubiquitous crops associated with California. The Fuerte and Hass varieties are the most commonly grown with the Sir Prize and Bacon varieties not far behind in popularity. All four can be found at your local farmers' market, but the Hass is the true California varietal, planted by Rudolph Hass in the 1920s. No one knows the origins of this "mother tree," but everyone is grateful to Hass for finding and planting his orchards in the California hills.

Considered one of nature's superfoods, the avocado is a heart-healthy, nutrient-dense fruit with fiber, minerals, and vitamins, and no trans-fats. Here are some tasty ways to enjoy California's most flavorful and popular fruit:



Avocados are in season!

1. Guacamole: Bring out the tortilla chips and scoop up some of California's favorite appetizer!
2. Toast: Recently popular, top your toast with avocado, add an egg or tomato slice for a quick and delicious breakfast or snack.
3. Stuffed: Fill avocado halves with crab or shrimp salad, tomato and corn relish, or whatever filling you wish.
4. Salads: Slice and dice to add creamy texture and mild flavor to any type of salad.
5. Sandwiches: There's nothing tastier than a BLTA sandwich – Bacon, lettuce, tomato, and avocado! Or make a lettuce wrap, a stuffed pita pocket, or tuna melt with avocado.
6. Grilled: Yes, you can grill avocados! Brush the grill with olive oil and place avocado

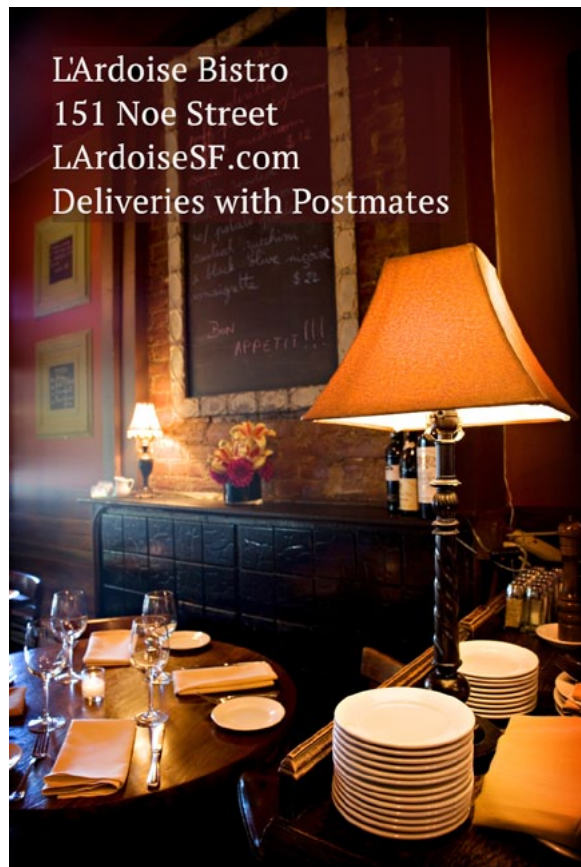
- halves right on the grill for about 5 minutes. So good!
7. Toppings: Add to tacos, omelets, salmon, burgers.
8. Salad Dressings: Whip up some Green Goddess or other avocado salad dressing. Just get out the blender and add oil, spices, lemon juice or vinegar.

Your local farmers bring some of the best just-picked avocados there are and you can be assured they are grown right here in California. Shoup Farms brings some marvelous Hass avocados to the Castro Farmers' Market each week through the season. Stop by and pick up some of these creamy California wonders!

Carrot Avocado Salad

- 1 tablespoon tahini
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 scallions, roots and dark greens trimmed, thinly sliced
- 3/4 pound carrots, sliced thin on a diagonal, or peeled for carrot "noodles"
- 2 tablespoons roughly chopped

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Avocados, continued

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- fresh cilantro (optional)
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds
- 1 ripe avocado
- Salt to taste

Whisk together tahini, boiling water, olive oil, and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt. Transfer dressing to a pouring cup and use the bowl to season and serve the salad. Wash vegetables, including the avocado. Thinly slice, or peel carrots into strands. Toss the carrots in 1/2 of your dressing.

Cut open and pit your avocado. Then season generously with salt. Scoop chunks of the avocado and place on top of the carrots. Sprinkle with scallions, toasted sesame seed, and cilantro. Drizzle with remaining dressing and enjoy! Visit pcfma.org/eat for more great recipes.

Walk with Supervisor Mandelman, continued

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centric focus. We reviewed the history of Noe Street, and how DTNA was formed in the 1970s out of a coalition of groups fighting against the proposed bulldozing of Victorian houses that had fallen into disrepair, and the city's plans to replace Noe with a broad multi-lane boulevard like Webster Street.

The Supervisor agreed that it was time for a revisioning of Noe Street. On our walk, we noted how the bulb-outs, brick work, benches and bollards that the city installed after the original DTNA won its battle have fallen into disrepair, creating dangers for pedestrians and encouraging other uses (like parking) that defy the original intent of the redesign.

In fact, he was upbeat about the possibility of devoting some city planning money to this sort of endeavor.

At our recent Land Use meeting Board members Rose Linke and Hans Galland, who have connections with local urban planning and design professors, presented the idea of making the revisioning a project for an urban studies class, so we have a wide range of options to choose from. The students would be asked to imagine how the neighborhood infrastructure could be upgraded in order to further encourage walkability, protect pedestrians and cyclists, open up sidewalks and bulb-outs and roadways; activate the streets and the neighborhood, including for retail, restaurants, and other mixed-uses; and hopefully to provide a model for other neighborhoods and other cities on how to create a safer, greener, and more sustainable method of moving people through and allowing them to use public spaces. Supervisor Mandelman liked that idea, and offered to set up a meeting with Rose and Hans, Jeffrey Tumlin from MTA, someone from the Planning Department, and someone from the Department of Public Works to do some initial brainstorming.

Very exciting! If you'd like to get involved in this process, email Land Use Chair Kevin Riley at landuse@dtna.org so he can put you on the invite list for our next Land Use meeting. This is likely to be a multiple-year process, but it's always inspiring to get in on the ground floor of a visionary endeavor. Join us in helping us create a cleaner, greener neighborhood of the future!

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