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PUBLIC MEETING ONLINE

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MEETING AGENDA

Please join us in conversation with District Attorney Chesa Boudin. We will be speaking with him about property crime, violence against our AAPI neighbors, and other important issues affecting our neighborhood and the city at large. ADAs Matt Donahue and Susan Christian from the DA's office will also be joining us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, April 5 and May 3, 7 pm.
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting
If you'd like to attend, email landuse@dtna.org to receive Zoom invitation.

Thursday, April 29 and May 27, 7-8 pm.
Park Station Community Meeting
via Zoom. RSVP to community@sfsafe.org. Information on how to join the call will be sent.

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

What Has the Land Use Committee Been Up To?



Concerns about the speed of traffic on 14th Street and pedestrian safety at the Noe Street and Sanchez Street intersections have resulted in a proposal to make east-bound 14th Street (heading towards Market Street) one lane instead of two between Castro Street and Sanchez Street.

For the first few months of 2021, the Land Use Committee of DTNA has been very focused on transportation-related topics: Noe Street Slow Street, Downtown Congestion Pricing, Upper Market Safety Project, and 14th Street traffic calming. While these topics are complex and involve multiple government agencies, we feel they are important for us to understand and have a say in because they affect the public space we all use.

In fact, SFMTA is currently seeking community feedback on the Noe Street

Slow Street. Participate in their survey and share your thoughts here: <https://www.sfmta.com/reports/noe-street-slow-street-perception-survey>.

We have also been reviewing building developments in the neighborhood. These include 42 Walter Street (a four-story single-family home) and 2135 Market Street (a nine-story multi-family apartment building). DTNA encourages a variety of development in our neighborhood and the Land Use

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Supervisor's Message



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

With COVID-19 case counts declining and vaccination rates steadily creeping upward, it is early to take a victory lap, but maybe not too early to acknowledge and celebrate the collective sacrifice that has kept hundreds, maybe thousands, of our neighbors alive to see this moment. More than half a million Americans have died, but San Francisco's death rate remains the lowest of any major US city. Over the next weeks and months, let's continue to follow our public health orders and get vaccinated (when eligible) so that we can keep each other safe and healthy and ensure that the reopening of our schools, businesses, and transportation system can continue.

Street Crisis Response Teams & Public Safety Ambassadors

Beginning in February, the Street Crisis Response Team has been on the streets of District 8! The SCRT, which is comprised of a behavioral health clinician, a community paramedic, and a peer, responds to 911 calls for people

experiencing behavioral health crisis on the streets of Duboce Triangle and the Castro. San Francisco has long lacked an effective emergency response to people suffering from addiction and severe mental illness on our streets. Establishing such a response was a top recommendation of the 2019 Methamphetamine Task Force, which I co-chaired, and I worked with Mayor Breed and Supervisors Ronen and Haney to secure full funding for this new program in the 2020-21 Budget.

To deter crime, address quality of life issues, and be an extra set of eyes and ears in the Castro during the day, the Castro Community Benefits District launched the Castro Public Safety Ambassadors program earlier this year. The Castro Public Safety Ambassadors will provide a rapid non-police response for the neighborhood and will help make it safer and more welcoming for everyone. I worked with the CBD to secure \$400,000 in add-back funding for this pilot program and have been happy to see the Public Safety Ambassadors out and about in the neighborhood.

Reopening our Public Schools

My office has heard from many District 8 public school parents about the impacts that the nearly year-long lack of in-person instruction is having on students and their families. I share their desire to see students safely return to in-person learning as soon as possible. I met with Superintendent Matthews late last year to share my concerns about the lack of a clear plan for school reopening,

and for months have supported the efforts of SFUSD parent collective Decreasing the Distance and our City Attorney Dennis Herrera to push for a safe and equitable plan to get students back in the classroom soon. Among the Decreasing the Distance events I have joined was a Zoom-In protest at Duboce Park with students from McKinley Elementary and Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy on February 24th, definitely one of the cutest protests I have attended.

Neighborhood Housing

In February I announced a legislative package to address San Francisco's affordability crisis. My legislation will allow up to four units on corner lots and on

lots within a half-mile of train stations (subject to height and other zoning limits), and will also make it harder to build mega-mansion single family homes. I believe we can come together to find reasonable responses to our housing crisis and I look forward to working with anyone who's willing to join that conversation over the coming months.

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President's Message



Kimyn Braithwaite
DTNA President

Spring has sprung and I could not be happier. It seems that lately there are many things to be hopeful for besides the sun and flowers: vaccine distribution, COVID-19 case counts declining, children going back to in-person instruction, more outdoor dining opportunities, and a new administration hard at work combatting the many problems our country faces. The board of DTNA has also been hard at work on issues that affect us more locally.

DTNA Election

We held what I believe to be the most successful election in DTNA's recent history. Normally, elections take place in person with paper ballots at the December General Meeting. Because of COVID-19, we opted to postpone the election in order to accommodate for a new voting system.

Using a free online election service, we were able to send out email ballots to most of DTNA's current dues paying

members. We also mailed paper ballots to members with no email address on file. Overall, we received around a 56% voter participation rate, which is really fantastic!

The vast majority of ballots cast voted to keep the current DTNA Board in place. Members also voted to add two new neighbors to the Board: Hans Galland and Frank Tizedes. Both gentlemen have been engaged in the community for many years and we are really excited to have their experience, knowledge, and expertise joining the Board.

Thank you to everyone who participated in DTNA's election and thank you for your vote of confidence by re-electing our Board. To have so many people participate in the election and put the effort into responding is really inspiring. I also want to thank our Vice President Bob Bush as he spearheaded the election process and led the transition from the old system to the new one. Bob put in countless hours ensuring that the election was thorough and easily accessible to all members. If it wasn't for Bob the election would probably not have been so seamless and successful. We are grateful to have such a passionate and energetic member of our community.

Speaking of passion and energy, I would also like to thank Duboce Triangle neighbor Howard Mutz for being...well...Howard. Howard and his husband have lived in the neighborhood for over 3 decades and he can regularly be seen walking the streets of 14th,

Sanchez, Belcher, Duboce, and Church, as well as lots of others, cleaning our streets with a trash picker in hand. If he doesn't have the trash picker with him then he is probably weeding the sidewalk cracks, or distributing DTNA newsletters, or many other tasks that Howard has taken on just for the love of the neighborhood. Did you know there are 87 concrete bollards on both Noe and Sanchez Streets? I didn't either but found out because Howard counted them as he was taking it upon himself to freshen up the orange stripe with a new coat of paint. Thank you for your dedication Howard, we are all very lucky to have you.

Valentine's Hearts

I hope that you enjoyed the Valentine's hearts that showed up along Noe and Page Slow Streets. They were a work of love and dedication from my daughter and I, as well as many of our friends and the numerous passersby in Duboce Park that stopped to craft with us.. It was essentially our love letter to Slow Streets, our neighborhood, and San Francisco. Because no matter the problems our town has, we still love it here and don't want to call any other place home. And I, for one, am still committed to doing what I can to make it even better for everyone.

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Noe-Beaver Community Garden Going Strong after 25 Years

Duboce Triangle has a reputation for being an especially lush and green neighborhood. With Duboce Park just a short walk away from every residence in the Triangle, verdant canopies of street trees, and a history of neighbors actively contributing to the sidewalk landscape with additional planter boxes, each and every stroll through our neighborhood is an opportunity to connect with a wide variety of plant life. Tucked into the southwestern corner of the Triangle is an additional green haven—the Noe-Beaver community garden.

In historical photos of the neighborhood, you can see that a building once stood on the site. When it was demolished, the land was deeded to the City and was first a mini park before it became a community garden in 1994. Noe Street neighbor Frank Tizedes has been managing the garden since 2009, after first getting involved as a gardener. Now he's there three or four times a week. With very low turnover, it can be hard to get off the wait list for a plot, though Frank has been working with the City to upgrade the facilities and increase the number of available plots from 10 to 20, with more potentially on the way. There are other future garden improvements for the neighbors to look forward to, including a commissioned mural to bring local color (and a bit of local history) to the wall of the building abutting the garden.

No two plots are the same, as no two gardeners are. For one thing, plots vary in size as well as the hours of sunlight they receive. On a recent trip to the garden, the apple tree was in blossom and the lemons were ripening from green to yellow. Some plots were chock-full of herbs and flowers, while others displayed neat rows of soil, perhaps indicating seeds recently sown. A few species of edible native plants were seen happily growing both in and out of plots: miner's lettuce and stinging nettles. And just outside the garden's fence, the four queen palms stood in all their regal glory, shimmering in the last of the day's light.

Like so many aspects of neighborhood life in the Triangle, the community garden is a labor of love. And over the course of this past year, it has provided invaluable space for neighbors to gather outdoors safely, bringing together veteran gardeners and families with children who are learning about growing plants for the first time.

While not technically open to the public unless gardeners are present, the next time you see people tending their plot, take the opportunity to enjoy this little slice of greenery just a

few doors down from some of our city's busiest intersections. You'll feel a world away, and perhaps right at home.

== Mural Planned for Maitri Building ==

On March 18th, Maitri Executive Director Rusty Smith and artist Serge Gay Jr. met with Duboce Triangle neighbors over video to discuss potential plan for a publicly funded mural on the north side of Maitri's building at 401 Duboce Avenue. Mr. Gay, Jr. presented an early sketch of the mural, entitled "Never Alone", which he hoped conveyed the history of Maitri's mission of providing hospice AIDS/HIV service and to bring attention to the ongoing HIV challenges. Long time neighbors shared feedback to help enhance these powerful messages. Mr. Gay Jr. agreed to further refine the mural and will share an updated creation with the community. The goal is for the mural to be completed in Summer 2021.

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Strawberries

By Debra Morris, Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association

Sweet spring strawberries are now at the farmers' market. BerryLicious Farms from Gilroy will return with some fantastic berries, both organically-grown and conventional. There's really something special about spring berries. After a rough, dry winter, the sweetness of these berries really tickles the taste buds and makes you think about preparing lighter spring and summer meals.

Fragrant juicy strawberries are the most popular type of berry fruit in the world. Although they have become increasingly available year-round, they are at the peak of their season from April through July – when they are the most flavorful and abundant. The Albion is the most widely grown variety, an ever-present item at markets.



Albion strawberries from Fifth Crow Farm.

Select: Firm berries are best, with no yellowing of berry/leaves, no white around the stem end.

Store: Consume as soon as possible because berries are highly perishable. Store in the refrigerator for no more than 2 to 3 days.

2 tablespoons strawberry jam
2 tablespoon olive oil (use less oil to start with and add more if the mix seems too chunky)
1 tablespoon dried thyme
Few fresh basil leaves
2 tablespoon vinegar

Chop up chard (Please eat the stems! They're not only pretty but yummy). Slice strawberries. Blend or use a food processor to mix dressing ingredients until desired consistency. Drizzle dressing over salad and serve.

Stop by your neighborhood Castro Farmers' Market every Wednesday, through November 17 on Noe Street at Market Street. COVID-19 hours: Seniors and those most at risk: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. All welcome: 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Strawberry Salad

1 bunch rainbow chard
1 pint strawberries

Dressing:
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Board Member Spotlight



New Board Member Hans Galland

Hello Neighbors,

I am very happy to be serving DTNA as a new member on the Board, representing our community on critical matters that affect all our daily lives, but also to help us connect better.

The importance of DTNA became clear to me last year, when I was trying to address the issue of a reckless driver who was inflicting much noise, terror, and danger on the neighborhood: someone was criss-crossing the Triangle with screeching brakes, running stop signs and doing donuts at intersections. After I had met with a few concerned neighbors, the board of DTNA supported a concerted effort to submit a statement of impact to the Assistant District Attorney who was handling the case. While the activity in our neighborhood has stopped for now, two pedestrians died on New Year's Eve in a hit-and-run incident on Mission Street committed by an individual with an almost identical criminal history. Had it not been for our collective action and the

weight of DTNA, this could have easily happened in our neighborhood.

After this (and seven years in the neighborhood), I decided I wanted to listen in on a few DTNA Land Use meetings. I was impressed how Kevin and Kimyn fostered a diversity of opinions, but kept the group united by its singular concern for the neighborhood. I soon realized that it is not just the Victorians, the tree-lined streets and the bulb-out seating areas that make our neighborhood special, but this very spirit of its people. And with this insight, I suddenly felt much more connected to our area.

Born to Swiss and German parents, I was raised in a small village in the Black Forest. Always being an outsider in that tight-knit community, I had to find connections elsewhere. As a result, connection (or the lack thereof) is what has motivated me for a long time. Six days after graduating from college, I moved to China and spent ten years there with a global real estate advisory firm. I experienced how urban density, transit, economic incentives, and entrepreneurial spirit activated neighborhoods and built socio-economic mobility. Then, after graduate school in the Bay Area, I found a new opportunity to connect seemingly disparate parts of my background. I joined a Hong Kong public company to build their US real estate development business. We cultivated amazing relationships with the Lower Polk Neighbors and the various community organizations in Mid-Market and the Transbay District where our

projects were located. In one such project, I learned a valuable lesson from our architect Renzo Piano: he demanded that his buildings do not take over a site, but allow the city to encroach on them. They had to include rather than to exclude; had to be transparent and permeable to the life of the community; had to connect rather than divide.

Today, connection is still at the heart of what I do. I co-chair GlobalSF, an non-for-profit funded by the City and the State, to link international companies with new opportunities in our region, promoting the creation of jobs and the competitiveness of the Bay Area in a globalized economy. I also run a trucking technology start-up bringing

technology and data science to parts of the country that traditionally have had limited access to it.

Here with my husband and our two dogs, Caselli and Noe, is what I now call home. At night, when I look out of my window to L'Ardoise, see its lights and hear the cheerful chatter of its patrons, it becomes clear that being isolated and stuck at home during the pandemic has given us a new appreciation of place, connection and activation. Unbeknownst to me before and maybe many of us, there is an opportunity to enrich this experience with our support for the neighborhood. It is with this spirit that I am joining the Board of DTNA.



2021 Is the Year for the Triangle to Step Out, Step Forward



Erik Honda has been living on Henry Street with his family and his housemates since 1992.

Hello neighbors and happy Spring! The leafy buds have quickened into life all around us, the oft-promised light at the end of the coronavirus tunnel seems brighter every day, and walking down our Slow Street on Noe toward the park the general feeling of renewal and redemption is hard to miss.

So how will we handle this new world, and how can we make it better than the old one? By being bold, and dreaming big. At a recent Land Use Committee meeting we discussed the possibility of making not one street but the entire Triangle a Slow Space. At our most recent General Meeting we talked funding for grand infrastructure projects like a second Transbay Tube, and Caltrain to downtown. Today we are imagining the future of a model world city.

But we've come under a lot of criticism lately for not living up to our supposedly liberal values. It's a well-known trope

that California broadly, and San Francisco more particularly, is a hotbed of far-left experimentation (or extremism, if you don't like the experiments). And while it's true that we are bluer than most (an interactive map published by the New York Times revealed that only 4% of Triangle residents voted for Trump in the 2020 election), a brief glance at California history tells you that that is a recent and perhaps superficial overlay on a deeply intolerant past. The first Anglo governor of California ran on a platform of exterminating Native Americans, we flirted with the idea of being a slave state and allowed slavery here, we inspired the first targeted racial restrictions on immigration with the Chinese Exclusion Act, and we were the driving force in Japanese American incarceration during WWII. We have a lot to make up for.

And in some areas we are not doing a good job. In a recent Times editorial, L.A. resident and former Vox CEO Ezra Klein pointed out that while San Francisco is about 48 percent white, that falls to 15 percent for children enrolled in its public schools, meaning that most white San Franciscan parents are all for racial justice in the abstract, but balk at the idea of sending their children to school with black and brown kids. Maybe the Triangle has better numbers, but we have our fair share of houses with Black Lives Matter signs in the windows, along with signs celebrating graduations from racially and socioeconomically exclusive schools. It's not quite the cognitive dissonance of flying a United States and a

Confederate flag on the same building, but it competes. After thirtyish years as public school teacher and parent, I can attest that there is no place in society where "we're all in this together" is more true than in our schools. We need to be there for, and with, our kids. All of our kids.

On the bright side, contrary to the NIMBY image Klein also calls out San Francisco for, neighbors in the Triangle have been broadly supportive of progressive land use decisions, supporting dense development along transit lines, the inclusion of the maximum possible number of affordable units in all new development, and 100% affordable developments as well. We are at the cutting edge of modern transit and architectural and streetscape design.

And you can be too! Political engagement doesn't mean getting in a shouting match with

someone on Twitter over an issue 3,000 miles away that neither of you can substantively affect. It means partnering with your local organizations like DTNA to push for real change in your neighborhood and in your city, places where our collective voices can change the conversation and push it forward. And it means voting with your feet – walking to the farmers' market and your local businesses rather than totting up another order on Amazon, and strolling over to your local public school to see how you can help there as well. If we can do that, as Heather McGhee writes in her new book, The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together, not just some of us, but all of us, will be much better off.

With that in mind, here's to a brighter 2021! See you on the Slow Street.



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Triangle Girl

by Maris Winslow

Out of the 35 neighborhoods that make up San Francisco, I am lucky enough to call the Duboce Triangle my neighborhood. However, it wasn't until I moved to Spokane, Washington for college that I realized just how fortunate I am to call this vibrant neighborhood "home."

My favorite memories of the Triangle are the friends my younger siblings and I made as kids while we scooted up and down Noe Street. We would stop at the Noe Valley Market to say "Hi" to Les and Jake. Then we would hustle across Noe Street to Guy's Flowers to visit with him. Slowly, we expanded our route and before we knew it we were scooting around the entire neighborhood saying hi to all the businesses, George Rosenberg at Rosenberg's Market, Ellen at La Med, Toni and his wife at Toni's Cleaners and Bea at Café Flore.

Friendly neighbors, like Tom Hyman and Steve Polanski, both of whom passed away recently, would stop to talk with us when we were playing in front of our house. Tom took photographs of our family all year long and would make an annual photo album for us. We frequently ate breakfast at Café Flore and Baghdad Café and dinner at Capri Pizza (pizza-dough clay!) and La Med. We knew many of the locals who used to hang out in the neighborhood including several of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

This welcoming atmosphere is what makes the Triangle so special to me. After 23 years, I am still meeting new people who have lived here even longer than I have, like Eddy Palace, whose outgoing personality instantly brought a smile to my face. It's small moments like this that distinguish the unique spirit of the Triangle, reminding me why it's so special.

Last March, COVID cut my in-person senior year of college short. Although disappointed, arriving home to familiar, sunny Noe Street immediately filled my heart with joy. In these circumstances, I have learned the importance of being grateful for even the smallest moments and interactions. Every morning, while walking Poppy, my pug, I am reminded how lucky I am to live in the Duboce Triangle.

Historic Photo



Fire Engine 27 on 135 Sanchez Street, back when it was newly built on February 1, 1956. Thank you to all the firefighters who have served our community over the many decades since. Via oldsf.org.

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Land Use Committee, continued

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Committee strives to review and share opinions on what is being built in our neighborhood.

If any of these topics sound interesting to you, please email landuse@dtna.org and join our discussion.

To highlight just one topic of conversation from the paragraph above: traffic calming on 14th Street is a goal that DTNA has been working towards for over a year. In January 2020, a concerned neighbor came to the Land Use Committee with concerns about the speed of traffic on 14th Street and pedestrian safety at the Noe Street and Sanchez Street intersections. They had a proposal for how this might be remedied.

The main goal was to make east-bound 14th Street (heading towards Market Street) one lane instead of two between Castro Street and Sanchez Street, which would mirror the existing conditions on the westbound side of 14th Street, which is already one lane. If the eastbound direction became one lane, it would hopefully encourage drivers to slow down; it would simplify the intersection movements at the 4-way stops at Noe and Sanchez Streets, increasing clarity (and thereby safety) for all users; and it would be one less lane of traffic for pedestrians to traverse. The committee enthusiastically agreed with the proposal and a letter was sent to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Association (SFMTA) and Supervisor Mandelman's office in late February 2020. We all know that the world turned upside down not long after.

Now, over a year later, and with help from Supervisor Mandelman's office, the SFMTA has begun to consider DTNA's traffic calming proposal for 14th Street. There are still important ques-

tions to be answered: What happens to the eastbound lane that no longer is open to automobiles, and what impact will this have on public transportation, such as the 37 bus? DTNA has offered input on these questions and SFMTA is actively studying the existing conditions at 14th Street to review options. In order to implement these traffic calming measures sooner rather than later, the proposal will have to comprise of only paint and signage - nothing that involves costly and time-consuming street construction.

With the ultimate goal of pedestrian safety on 14th Street, DTNA would like to know your opinion. Do you think reducing the eastbound lanes of traffic from two to one is a good idea? What considerations should be made for the space closed to cars, the 37 bus, and the intersections at Noe Street and Sanchez Street? We

want feedback and input from local residents and businesses about this proposal. Please send your thoughts to landuse@dtna.org.

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DTNA General Meeting Tackles Congestion Pricing

Our February meeting drew a good crowd of about 30 neighbors to discuss a proposal now working its way through the city bureaucracy to charge folks to drive downtown, in order to lessen traffic and provide revenue for public transit and other infrastructure improvements.

We also welcomed David Burke, our new SFPD community liaison, who helped mediate a concern about puppy training at Jeffrey's Pet Food that was brought up at our previous General Meeting. Good news – it has now been resolved by moving the puppy training outside by the Noe-Beaver Mini Park.

For their presentation on congestion pricing we welcomed senior transportation planner Priyoti Ahmed and communications coordinator Brittany Chan of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA). Ahmed thanked DTNA for the summary of the proposal in the previous issue of the DTNA News, and explained that more outreach will be starting in April. She pointed out that congestion is down now due the pandemic, but that our city historically has rebounded, and by the time this proposal has gone through all the planning process, congestion will have returned.

She explained that increased traffic over the last ten years is caused by growth in population and jobs, and ride-hailing, in about equal measure. She pointed out that traffic congestion affects everyone who is in traffic, via pollution, slowed transit, and pedestrian and bicycle injuries and deaths. The question is, how can we move more people in fewer vehicles? And the answer, she says, it to charge a fee to drive downtown during rush hour. The money would then be used to increase public transit capacity, shooting for a 25% increase in transit service. For updates, go to the SFCTA website, or email them at congestion-pricing@sfcta.org.

Priyoti also took a number of thoughtful and wonky questions from the audience, and fielded them admirably. Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, who is also coinci-

dentally the current chair of the SFCTA, added his two cents – he is focused more on big downtown projects like a second Transbay Tube for BART, and getting Caltrain to the Salesforce Transit Center. He thinks congestion pricing will probably not happen for five years at minimum.

DTNA Vice President Bob Bush Bob reported on the results of the recent DTNA

election, which for the first time was conducted electronically. We achieved a turnout of 53% of members, (pretty good for a first try, we think), and reelected our current slate of officers and Board, along with two new Board members, Hans Galland and Frank Tizedes, both of Noe Street. Kimyn welcomed Hans and Frank, and we adjourned in concord. Thanks to all who attended!



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DTNA Board Meeting Report

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

2021 DTNA Board Election Results

With online voting there was a 56% participation with 50 current members voting. All incumbent Board members were elected along with two new Directors: Hans Galland and Frank Tizedes. For the 6th Board seat there were 33 votes for the President to appoint after Board vetting, one write-in vote for Bernardo Teixeira, and one write-in vote for John Goldsmith. The Board deferred filling the 6th Board seat.

Treasurer's Report

The 2020 DTNA Financial Summary was presented pointing out that DTNA maintains a reserve to cover the approximate \$9,600 yearly cost of the Duboce Triangle News and has a \$5,000 contribution for the Historic District which has not yet been expended.

DTNA Board Organization

To provide some framework as to how the Board functions, a 2021 Board Organizing Handbook incorporating Kevin's Position Framework document and Bob's start of an Organizing Resolution was discussed and available on Google Docs for continued Board Member input and editing.

President's Update

Kimyn attends Supervisor Mandelman's Homeless & Street Activity meetings where she finds little new being presented, and the monthly Upper Market Leadership Group meeting (with CBD, EVNA, Castro Merchants, NAG, Castro LGBTQ Cultural District). Mark Scheuer represents DTNA at Castro Cares, Upper Market Retail Strategy and SFPD Park Station meetings.

2021 Board Goals

Reviewed 14th Street traffic calming, a food truck court at the Safeway lot, public safety, and supporting Supervisor Mandelman's conservatorship initiative. Also plan to improve DTNA online presence and back-office functioning and facilitate Board communication by using Slack rather than emails when possible.

Land Use Updates

SFMTA requested a follow-up letter regarding 14th Street traffic calming after meeting with Shannon, Kimyn, and Kevin. A letter was sent asking that a second unit be included in the 42 Walter Street project if DTNA is going to consider supporting it. Discussed Noe Slow Streets, Supervisor Mandelman's Zoning initiatives for four-unit zoning of corner lots and lots near major transit stops, and a mega-house ordinance.

Newsletter

Rose will be sending the Board members a short survey regarding strategic goals of the Duboce Triangle News.

Online/IT Update

Setting up the recent online voting and having to update email addresses revealed the need to upgrade our IT solutions. DTNA is working to transition to an online platform

that provides content management as well as integrated membership and finance functionality. A trial site has been set up with Wild Apricot and a Zoom session scheduled with Salesforce. Nation Builder is another consideration.

Possible Subcommittees/Focus Groups for 2021

Trees/Gardening, Murals/Beautification, Transportation/Slow Streets were suggested in addition to continuing Membership & Online/IT Transition.

Upcoming General Meeting Agendas

Chesa Boudin, SF District Attorney will be invited for the April meeting to address crime management. Suggestions of future topics included housing (Senator Scott Wiener, Supervisor Chin, Supervisor Mandelman) and policing (Black Lives Matter).



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Neighborhood Youth: Open Submissions!

Duboce Triangle News is one of the places where we come together as a neighborhood. We try to use these pages to connect to our community, by sharing information about issues that affect our lived experience in the Triangle. While things like zoning and traffic calming impact all of us, luckily there's much more to life than policy changes alone. Neighborhoods are made up of people, after all, and people's lives are colorful and multifaceted. Which is where you come in. We want to open up space in these pages to showcase art-work and stories from our neighborhood youth. So this one goes out to the kids: What is it like growing up in our neighborhood? What does Duboce Triangle mean to you? What is your dream for a better future? We want to hear from you! And we definitely want to see your cool drawings. Please send your submissions to editor@dtna.org. We can't wait to see what you send in.

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