

Cayuga Improvement Association General Membership Meeting  
February 13, 2021, 10:00 am (held online via Zoom)

Board Attendees:

Chris Dillon, Acting President  
Renee Anderson, Treasurer  
M. G. Thomas, Secretary  
Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large  
Jane Merschen, Officer at Large

Guest speakers:

Capt. Chris Woon, SFPD Ingleside Precinct  
Lauren Chung, Supervisor Safai's Office

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. Acting President Dillon welcomed attendees and gave the CIA's contact and social media information:

Website: [cayugaimprovementassociation.org](http://cayugaimprovementassociation.org)

Email: [cayugaimprovement@gmail.com](mailto:cayugaimprovement@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CayugaImprovement/>

It was moved and seconded to approve the General Meeting minutes from October 2020.

Report from Ingleside Precinct, SFPD

Captain Woon encouraged everyone to look at the Department's website:

<https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/stations/ingleside-station> There is a lot of information there, including a weekly newsletter that shows crime trends. The precinct's email is [SFPDInglesideStation@sfgov.org](mailto:SFPDInglesideStation@sfgov.org).

Capt. Woon reported that there has been an increase in burglaries in Ingleside, particularly by using the emergency release to open garage doors. The PD has a video available on their website showing homeowners how to modify the release so it can't be accessed from outside. There has also been an increase in garage door openers being stolen, lock-boxes being broken into, and equipment/tools being stolen from construction sites.

Robberies, such as purse-snatching, are also up. The Captain reminded us to always be aware of our surroundings when we're out. There was a carjacking on Cortland Street; the car crashed but an arrest was made.

Treasurer's Report: Dues are \$10/year. We paid for a Zoom subscription. We held a gift drive for the residents of the Vehicle Triage Center.

Vehicle Triage Site: Barbara Fugate reported that the site will close in March. Currently there are 23 families living there. Stiles Stewart evaluated several vehicles and made recommendations on needed repairs. He noted the area was clean and well organized.

While the center was open, there were no calls made to police. The center's advisory board recommends that another site be opened. The Board of Supervisors will discuss this at an upcoming public meeting.

Report from the Supervisor's Office

Lauren Chung, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Safai, attended. Her roles are primarily in budget, SFMTA, Rec/Parks, and public safety. She mentioned that vaccination sites are open now at ZSFGH and Southwest Health Center. Ms. Chung also noted the Supervisor's office is making arrangements for upcoming Town Hall meetings.

Renee Anderson described our initial efforts to get a Pit Stop installed in the neighborhood and a discussion was held on how important it is to get this accomplished. Ms. Chung agreed completely and will talk to the supervisor about it. She also pointed out that Mr. Safai is the Vice Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee. Having his support for the Pit Stop would be critical. Renee will send more information to Ms. Chang about this.

## TEAMS

Cayuga Connectors: Chris talked about how the Connectors works with the Community Living Campaign to enhance people's lives, especially elders, in our neighborhood. One project has been to beautify the Naglee stairs (leading to the Cayuga Park entrance) with mosaics. For those unfamiliar with Cayuga Park and its many wood carved statues, there are several videos you can watch on YouTube.

One popular Connector event has been the Wednesday wave, where a group of people walk to the homes of nearby seniors to wave and sing to them out in front of their houses. We often also have a musician playing the trumpet. These visits lift the spirits of those who can't get out or receive visitors. The Cayuga Connectors works closely with, and gets support from, the Community Living Campaign which holds many different online classes via Zoom. They are funded by the Department of Aging.

The leader of the Cayuga Connectors has been Patti Spaniak. She is moving away in March and she will be greatly missed. She has made many personal connections and filling her position will be difficult.

## Membership

Jane Merschen suggested we create a flyer, in multiple languages, to introduce (or re-introduce) people to our C.N.I.A. Members would be encouraged to give the flyers to others in their immediate area. Jane will draft one up for the board to review.

We will add contacts from the Excelsior Action Group to our contacts/mailling lists to share information with our nearby neighborhood groups.

## Misc.

Barbara Fugate noted that a new pot club is trying to open on Mission Street. She will attend the upcoming meeting to learn more about the owners' plans.

Jane Merschen created a Jeopardy-style game about our association and our neighborhood. It was decided we should hold a special Zoom meeting in the future just to play this game.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Submitted by

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Mary Gayle Thomas  
Secretary