

## **Cayuga Neighborhood Improvement Association**

General Membership Meeting

April 16, 2022 11:00 am via Zoom

### Board Attendees:

Chris Dillon, President  
M. G. Thomas, Secretary  
Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large  
Glenda Hope, Officer at Large  
Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean Team

### Guest speakers:

Capt. Derrick Lew, SFPD Ingleside Station  
Lauren Chung, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Safai  
David Hafner, Public Info. Officer, Caltrans Dist. 4  
Al B. Lee, Project Manager, Caltrans  
Stephan Heath, Caltrans

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am.

President Chris Dillon welcomed attendees and introduced CNIA Officers and guest speakers.

### **SFPD Ingleside Station**

Capt. Derrick Lew assumed his role at Ingleside in February but he started at Ingleside when he first joined the SFPD. He summarized some crime trends from last month. Crimes are trending down overall, but vehicle thefts are up. The shooting at Alice Chalmers Park was targeted, not a random crime. In the Cayuga area, specifically, garage break-ins and catalytic converter thefts continue. There have also been burglaries of tools from various construction sites.

Traffic issues continue in the area. Speeding is the main cause of preventable accidents along Alemany and Mission Streets. They are stepping up the use of motorcycle officers. More traffic signage is needed and the PD is working with MTA on that.

There are designated officers assigned to homelessness issues (along with their other duties), and they are planning bi-weekly targeted actions. Unfortunately, there is no fulltime homeless team.

Overall staffing at the SFPD is down by approximately 500, a problem that won't be corrected quickly.

### **Lauren Chung, Supervisor Safai's Office**

Pit Stop request: The supervisor's office has been working with Public Works on this, reviewing costs. Deciding who would run/monitor the pit stop would be a competitive bid process. CNIA recommended Alchemy, which oversaw the vehicle triage site at Balboa BART. Lauren reported that they're in the middle of the city's budget process. The mayor will create her budget by approximately mid-May.

Mission Inn: The city now owns the site. Contract negotiations are ongoing with providers, so she couldn't give more specific information at this time. There should be a public meeting about the project sometime in June.

Dumping: The supervisor's office has been working with the Dept. of Public Works. Some employees from Safai's office have been going out 2-3 times/week, looking for these dumping sites. Unfortunately, DPW currently has a 30% vacancy rate in their workforce.

Vehicle Triage: They have been working to make the process easier to create more vehicle sites. The city does have the budget for this.

Traffic: More speed humps are going up here and in the OMI.

Commercial corridor: Efforts continue to revitalize the Mission Street commercial corridor, primarily between Silver and Geneva. Building owners have been cited for having empty storefronts. The supervisor's office would like a Community Benefit District (CBD) established for that area. Interested building owners should contact the supervisor's office by the end of May.

#### **David Hafner, Public Info. Officer, Caltrans Dist. 4**

Caltrans is working to redesign the Whipple Overcross, the pedestrian ramp that crosses 280 from the edge of Cayuga Park to San Jose Ave. There are many site constraints complicating the process. BART tracks run through the area. A long ramp with a gentle grade is needed for wheelchair users. Design-wise, they are planning a textured wall to reduce graffiti. They will create a website where we can give feedback. Meanwhile, email Hafner with questions/thoughts at [David.Hafner@dot.ca.gov](mailto:David.Hafner@dot.ca.gov).

Our speakers were thanked for attending and excused from the rest of the meeting.

### **CNIA BUSINESS MEETING**

#### Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the January community meeting was postponed.

#### Treasurer

Treasurer Andersen is out of the country. Recent treasurer's report is in our current newsletter. Our bank balance in early March was \$3,587.76.

#### President's Report

Chris Dillon reported:

I have accepted a 2 year appointment as District 11 rep. on the Commission on Aging Disability and Aging Advisory board. My professional credentials and resume in gerontology transform this challenge into an exciting opportunity to serve, while continuing to learn ongoing, in a field which I am passionate about!

#### **Team Leader Reports**

Audit: We are looking for a new auditor.

Pit Stop: In the hands of the supervisor's office and the Mayor, as the city budget is finalized.

Redistricting: Barbara Fugate reported that some areas were added to the top of the map; other changes are still being discussed. Our general area should be fine.

Community outreach: Erica Schultz and our marketing team will create a welcome letter for people new to the neighborhood. We will also send them our most recent newsletter.

Cayuga Clean: Steve Indig continues to work with RefuseRefuse.org on area clean-ups. More 'No dumping' signs will be going up on Alemany Ave. The next cleanup is this afternoon.

Resilience: Chris will be meeting with Resilient Greater Excelsior this Tuesday. The focus will be on grant funding and scheduling and planning of Neighborfests.

Cayuga Community Connectors: Colleen Piontek reported that exercise classes for seniors are being held every Monday and Wednesday, at 10:00am, at Bethel Church.

Cayuga Park Volunteers: Chris reported that a painting day was held earlier this month. Ongoing, routine project dates will be established. We have all the needed supplies, just need the volunteers.

We have a new park supervisor, Daniel Choi. We did a walk through in late March. Requested that the volunteer process be re-started. Chris will send out invites for future painting days.

CPAB: Reminder that the Ingleside Captain's meeting is the second Tuesday of each month, held via Zoom. Everyone should sign up for the Ingleside PD newsletter at the station's website.

**New Business:**

The CNIA will soon be planning our first "post shelter-in-place" community celebration. Details will be shared as they evolve.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.

Submitted by

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Mary Gayle Thomas  
Secretary