

## **Cayuga Neighborhood Improvement Association**

Community Meeting

April 15, 2023 -- 11:00 am via Zoom

### Board Attendees:

Chris Dillon, President

M. G. Thomas, Secretary

Renee Andersen, Treasurer

Jane Merschen, NERT and Community Outreach

Kassie Constantine

Glenda Hope, Cayuga Connectors

Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large

Erica Schultz, Community Outreach

### Guests:

Sam Berenson, SFPD Liaison

Excused absences: James Alexander, Vice President; Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean

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

President Chris Dillon welcomed attendees and introduced CNIA Officers and guests.

Chris gave the theme of our association: "Collaborative respect between all stakeholders, with a focus on our shared responsibility to strive to achieve and maintain excellent quality of life for all in our community." Questions and comments will be limited to 2 minutes.

### **Guest speaker:**

Sam Berenson is our District 11 Public Safety Liaison ([sam.berenson@sfgov.org](mailto:sam.berenson@sfgov.org)). Sam collaborates with both Ingleside and Taraval Police Stations, as well as different city departments, about our various needs in the neighborhood.

Graffiti: there is a liability release form to use for instances of graffiti on personal property. The city will handle graffiti on any city-owned property; please use 311 to report these.

Tree maintenance: The green wall area on Alemany is scheduled for tree maintenance; one tree was already removed after the recent storms.

Pacific Super site: Now that the store is closed, concern was raised about their parking lot area. Sam clarified that it's okay for cars to be parked there; however, fixing cars is not allowed and should be reported to the non-emergency police line, 415-553-0123.

Cleaner/safer streets: Dept of Public Works has a budget supplement of funds for video cameras and increased lighting. They have employees who walk along commercial districts with rolling trash cans. There is also a steam cleaning truck for areas that need that to be done.

Sam reiterated that using the SF311 app is the best way to fix many neighborhood problems. However, if you are not getting results, email him and he'll look into it.

Chris thanked Sam for his time and excused him from the rest of the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

Chris explained that our meeting format is different today. During this meeting the CNIA officers and teams will seek guidance from members in developing/evolving the CNIA Strategic Plan. The CNIA is YOUR community association.

**CNIA “Visioning activity”:**

1). Renee Anderson led us in an online poll to determine what our members see as neighborhood problem areas, and what the members want or need the CNIA to do more of.

The concern with the most votes was litter/trash dumping. First, SF311 is the best way to report trash; the more reports we put in, the quicker we’ll see results. Additionally, Steve Indig’s Cayuga Clean team focuses on trash in the neighborhood. Members are encouraged to join him on a cleaning Saturday to learn more. He also recommends the “Adopt a Street” program to address trash issues on specific blocks.

[https://www.sfpublishworks.org/get\\_involved/adopt-street-program](https://www.sfpublishworks.org/get_involved/adopt-street-program)

The poll results showed that attendees wanted more fun public events. (See notes under Community Outreach below.)

Chris introduced our current teams and leaders, some of whom are already addressing the concerns mentioned in the poll. All teams are seeking volunteers.

1. Public Restroom: Renee and Glenda
2. Resilience: James and Chris. There are monthly meetings and training is coming up.
3. Community Outreach: Erica and Jane’s outreach team is already considering get-togethers in the park; one would be movies in the Cayuga clubhouse. Members are encouraged to share their ideas with Jane or Erica.
4. Non-profit status: James and Chris
5. Geneva Office Building: Renee reported there is a working group, Friends of the Geneva Office Building, but little progress thus far. The CNIA should have a member attend these meetings to get updated information.
6. NERT: Jane
7. Pedestrian Safety: Renee
8. Cayuga Park Volunteers: Chris
9. Cayuga Clean: Chris (in Steve’s absence)
10. Future of the Pacific Super site: Kassie Constantine emailed Sup. Safai’s office but no response yet.

We will provide Info about these teams and their projects in our future newsletters, news blasts, through social media, and on our website.

CPAB: Joelle Kenneally, CPAB Chair, informed us that the CPAB is meeting in person again. Next meeting is Tuesday, 6:00pm.

**Business Meeting:**

1. Call for Nominations: Chris stated that role descriptions are in our by-laws which are on our website. Our election will be held at the July community meeting.

President: James Alexander was nominated  
Vice President:

Secretary: MG will speak to Kassie about this position

Treasurer: Renee Anderson was nominated

Sergeant at Arms:

2). Treasurer's Report: Renee reported our bank balance is \$2,669.55. Paid \$191.88 for our website hosting and \$124.26 for our Zoom account.

3). Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the January Community Meeting.

**Summation:** All teams are accepting new members.

1). When you identify an area of interest or concern: Please consider joining, or forming, a team to address it. (See attached table of teams)

2). Your community association is willing to assist in resolving concerns on SF311. When asking the CNIA for assistance, please provide information showing 3 previous attempts you have made to address it.

Finally, participation in the CNIA is not all work! Our community, as we move forward from Covid restrictions, is returning to fun activities! Follow us on social media to learn of current activities:

✧ There is a Pasta Party sponsored by the 'The Check In' wine lounge and the EAG scheduled for April 23, CNIA members will assist in set up and clean up; volunteers are welcome!

✧ The New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn will hold the July 4 parade. CNIA will assist in this event as well.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:42pm.

Submitted by

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M. G. Thomas  
Secretary

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>TEAMS (if any)</b>	<b>OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED</b>
Litter/Trash	Clean team (Steve), Public Restroom (Renee, Glenda)	
Homelessness	NO TEAM	
Graffiti	NO TEAM	Public Works has neighborhood kits for people to paint over graffiti; SF311.org
Public defecation/urination	Public Restroom (Renee, Glenda)	
Crime	NO TEAM	Ingleside PD Community meetings Tuesday 6pm, advisory board
Safety / Emergency Preparedness	NERT (Jane), Resilience (Erica, Chris)	Community Youth Center - CSOP program
Traffic	NO TEAM	
Cayuga Playground and Clubhouse	Park Volunteers (Chris)	
Speeding/Traffic calming	San Jose/Niagara intersection (Renee)	NMTIA (San Jose pedestrian safety)  Geneva Traffic calming (in newsletter)
Lack of Parking	NO TEAM	
Discrimination/Diversity	NO TEAM	
Affordable housing	NO TEAM	
Beautification	Planter boxes (Steve) Cayuga Park Volunteers (Chris)	Friends of the Urban Forest
Paving over lawns	NO TEAM	
Mission Street Commercial area/ Empty storefronts/	NO TEAM	Office of Economic Workforce Development (OEWD)
Replacing Pacific Super	Site tracking - (Kassie)	
Neighborhood/ community events	Events (Erica, Jane)	

