

CAYUGA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting: September 14, 2021, 6pm via Zoom

Attendees:

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

Excused Absence: Steve Indig/Cayuga Clean Team

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Guest speaker:

Jordan Hoy (Jordan.Hoy@sfmta.com)
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th floor, SF, CA 94103

Mr. Hoy and Brian Liang from the SF Municipal Transportation Agency talked about their work in the Livable Streets/Streets Division of the SFMTA. Mr. Hoy discussed the history and plans involved in the Slow Streets program. Specifically, they explained how the slowing of traffic on Cayuga Avenue will work. He noted they have a survey for local residents; the deadline will be extended into October.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6485440/Cayuga-Slow-Street-Comment-Card>

Guest Speaker:

Lauren Chung (Lauren.L.Chung@sfgov.org) & Sam Berenson from Supervisor Safai's office attended the meeting. Chris Dillon led a discussion with them about the challenges presented by the DPW wall area on Alemany between Farragut and Naglee.

(did they commit to any action items re graffiti or suspicious activities?)

One issue mentioned was the puddles of dirty water coming from the overgrowth above that consistently covers two areas on the sidewalk. MG Thomas will email pictures to Ms. Chung and she will look into it.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded to approve the August 10 board meeting minutes as submitted.

Welcome new director:

Welcome to Colleen Piontek, our new Cayuga Community Connector director. She has been attending the Wednesday Wave in the park and is looking forward to meeting more people in the area and attending future events.

President Chris Dillon's report:

1). Most of the past month has been focused on the proposed HSH proposal to purchase the Mission Inn. There is currently a Change.Org petition demanding that the plan be abandoned.

[Petition · Stop the Sale of Mission Inn in Outer Mission · Change.org](#)

I've been in communication with Supervisor Safai's office on this concern.

2). We may have to schedule discussion of the strategic planning and the October meeting agenda in a separate board meeting. Possibly we can combine these two topics and simply schedule our October board meeting at an earlier date.

3). I attended an excellent "Together SF" training on homeless interventions last evening. It was mostly a drill down to root causes but included a current SWOT.

4). I also attended SFPD Chief Scott's quarterly strategic planning/community outreach ZOOM. It was also excellent! I encourage others to attend the next session in December; I'll provide information when I receive it.

5). The supervisor's office contacted me regarding a potential appointment to the DAAS (Dep't of Aging and Adult Services) advisory board. A scheduled phone call for more information did not take place; I'll keep you updated.

6). The dues outreach letter is not complete to my satisfaction; I will send it to the board shortly.

Treasurer's Report:

Renee reported that our bank balance is \$3,593.73. This includes 3 membership renewals and one new member dues (total \$80), and payment to Go Daddy to renew our website domain registration. Renee noted that the audit is in progress.

Team Reports

Friends of Cayuga Park: no report

Cayuga Community Connectors: Colleen is looking into the possibility of holding future events in the park. Raised a question about possibly revising/updating the Wednesday Wave in the future.

Resilience: no report

Membership/Publicity: no report

Newsletter: Barbara needs a bio from Coleen for the next issue.

Pit Stop: Renee will send out a survey to our members. We should also send to other stakeholders such as NMTIA.

Cayuga Clean: The following is Steve Indig's report:

The first cleanup I organized, on Aug 22, was a success! We had I think close to 15 people, working on a problem area on Alemany between Seneca & Onondaga (near Safeway lot) - we left that stretch very neat and tidy, and the volunteers had a well-deserved sense of accomplishment.

Next cleanup is planned for Saturday, October 9 from 10 AM - 12 PM.

My contact with SF DPW, Eva Chang, seems to be encouraging focus on that same spot - the thinking is that if you give it attention multiple times, it gets the result of discouraging dumping and other trash issues. I'm sure we can determine ourselves where we want to focus on each time. Here are Eva's comments:

That block of Alemany needs regular cleanups, 10-20 people meeting 1-2 times a month. There is no need for 30 people unless Steve and Chris want to expand the coverage zone and clean more surrounding blocks. I recommend keeping as is and increasing frequency to 2x a month.

Steve and Chris, please let us know what you think. Do you think the area was manageable? Would you like to keep it as is or double the zone and volunteers? If you want to expand, would you like to add another block of Alemany further south?

We also had support from organizations TogetherSF and RefuseRefuseSF, and can expect continued help from them.

Please let me know any comments/suggestions about Oct 9, and future clean up events.

Old Business:

1). Update report on the audit: Chris Dillon

a). From my perspective as president: this may be the first structurally correct audit during my tenure as an officer/board member of the CNIA. Lisa will provide a procedure for future audits and a draft Treasurer Job Description for the board's consideration

Ongoing Project/New Business:

1). Do we have time to tackle the Strategic Planning component tonight? No.

2). Is there input on the proposal to expand the Cayuga Clean project to twice a month?

3). Discussion about our October general meeting - we will hold it from 11am to 1pm. We could ask the Supervisor's office for help with Zoom translation, if that is an issue for any of our members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Submitted by

Mary Gayle Thomas
Secretary