

## **Cayuga Neighborhood Improvement Association**

General Membership Meeting

Jan. 21, 2023 -- 11:00 am via Zoom

### Board Attendees:

Chris Dillon, President  
M. G. Thomas, Secretary  
Renee Andersen, Treasurer  
James Alexander, Vice President  
Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large  
Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean  
Erica Schultz, Community Outreach  
Glenda Hope, Cayuga Connectors

### Guest speakers:

Lt. Donald Anderson, SFPD Ingleside Station  
Lauren Chung, Legislative Aide to Sup. Safai  
SFPUC: Peter Gallotta, Pamela Husing,  
Grace Tang, Elisa Rodriguez Furey  
Quit Carbon: Cooper Marcus, Adam Klaus  
Sam Berenson, SFPD Liaison

Absent: Jane Merschen, NERT and Community Outreach

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am.

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

### **SFPD Ingleside Station**

Lt. Donald Anderson introduced himself as an officer at Ingleside Station. In addition to regular duties, he has been trained in negotiation and de-escalation techniques. He reported that the SFPD is busy addressing retail thefts. They're also focusing on areas of frequent traffic accidents, e.g., the Geneva corridor.

He gave a summary of when to use 311, 911, and the non-emergency police line. Use 311 when something needs attention; call 911 when an incident is taking place (theft, assault, etc) and police are needed immediately; call the non-emergency police line when an incident is over and there is no threat of violence.

Specifically regarding incidents with an unhoused person: use 911 for reporting if someone appears to be violent or seriously ill/injured, but 311 for other non-emergency issues.

Also, the SF Fire Department has created 3 Response Teams for unhoused people: Street Crisis Response Team, Street Overdose Response Team, and Street Wellness Response Team (SWRT). Call 911 if you see someone urgently needing one of these teams and the SFFD will send the appropriate team. See details at <https://sf.gov/information/street-response-teams>

### **Supervisor Safai's Office**

Lauren Chung reported that some people had left, but the supervisor's office is now fully staffed. She told us that the City is facing an \$800 million deficit over the next two years, so the next budget cycle will be very tough. SF Committee assignments have not been announced, so we don't know if Supervisor Safai will be on the Budget Committee again.

Lauren let us know about "Love Our City", a neighborhood beautification day, sponsored by the Dept of Public Works. There will be several sites around District 11 that will

receive 'deep cleaning and greening' on Sat. Jan 28. See details at <https://www.mobilize.us/sanfrancisco/event/545793/>

### **SFPUC - Our City, Our Power**

Peter Gallotta works with the clean energy programs. He gave a presentation on the SFPUC, which is San Francisco's local electricity provider. He detailed the benefits we could derive if the SFPUC took over control of the electrical grid from PG&E. They have tried to buy the grid from PG&E for several years but PG&E has blocked this effort in many ways. Having a not-for-profit public utility, rather than a for-profit corporation, provide power would result in lower rates, more reliable service, and revenue would be reinvested in improving services. For more information, go to <https://www.publicpowersf.org/>, or follow them on social media at @publicpowersf. Contact Peter directly at [pgallotta@sfgwater.org](mailto:pgallotta@sfgwater.org).

If you have questions related to your current energy bills, contact CleanPowerSF Customer Service at 415.554.0773, or go to <https://www.cleanpowersf.org/>

### **Quit Carbon**

Cooper Marcus gave a presentation about Quit Carbon, an organization encouraging homeowners to go all-electric and move towards a climate solution rather than adding to the climate crisis. Gas appliances in bay area buildings generate more pollution than passenger cars. Natural gas usage is responsible for 35% of the greenhouse gas in San Francisco. Of that percentage, 49% is from water heaters and 37% from space heaters. The Inflation Reduction Act includes some incentives to electrify; there may also be other local rebates or incentives. Quit Carbon can walk homeowners through making necessary changes. Send your specific questions to [HelpMeQuit@QuitCarbon.com](mailto:HelpMeQuit@QuitCarbon.com). Go to [quitcarbon.com](http://quitcarbon.com). Other resources are [BayREN.org](http://BayREN.org) and [SwitchIsOn.org](http://SwitchIsOn.org).

### **Community Engagement Liaison, Sam Berenson**

Sam Berenson is a civilian employee working with the SFPD Ingleside and Taraval Stations. He travels throughout District 11 to be aware of the area's safety issues. He can work with DPW, SFMTA, and many city agencies to help solve our problems. He encouraged everyone to use 311; if an issue isn't resolved, forward the request to Sam directly and he will follow up. Email him at [sam.berenson@sfgov.org](mailto:sam.berenson@sfgov.org).

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Minutes:** It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from our July 2022 community meeting as submitted.

There were no minutes from October 2022 as we held a social event in Cayuga Park rather than a formal meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** Renee Anderson reported that our bank balance is \$3,263.39. \$168 is still owed to Chris Dillon for the symphony tickets. Total expenses for the October park event were \$606.63. The event got us 3 new members and 6 renewals.

### **TEAM REPORTS**

**Cayuga Clean:** Steve Indig visited with several residents on 2000 Alemany block near the Safeway. He got permission to post on their fences, warning against illegal dumping and littering. He has weekly mini-cleanups on that block every Thursday at 4pm in

February, and will continue the monthly cleanups in the broader area, next one on Saturday, February 18, starting 10am.

**Community Outreach:** Erica Schultz reported that she and Jane Merschen will meet in February. Will concentrate on how to engage people, ideas on how to get more members, possibly creating a parents' group. Any ideas will be presented to the board for approval.

**Newsletter:** Barbara Fugate will put the next newsletter out in early April. All members are encouraged to send her ideas for articles.

**Cayuga Community Connectors:** Glenda Hope reported that we continue to hold exercise classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, memoir writing on Wednesdays, all at Bethel Church at 2525 Alemany. There was also a recent outing to SF MOMA that was very popular. On Jan 23, there will be a potluck party to celebrate Carmelita's 98th birthday.

**Resilience:** Chris said there will be an Excelsior Hub meeting in February. They plan to create a directory listing all the area's community organizations. Linda Litehiser will represent the District 11 resiliency group, rather than different reps from each organization. This will include all stakeholders in the district and make working with the Supervisor's office more effective.

The I. T. Bookman Center is still looking for a new location while they repair their flood damage. They plan to hold a vaccination clinic soon. There will be a GoFundMe set up to collect donations for their repairs.

**Geneva Car Barn:** James Alexander reported that while there have been a few live events held there, the renovation seems to have stalled. He will look into getting more information on this. Linda Litehiser is on their board and said they need quite a lot more money to continue. They also need new board members. Members of the community are welcome at board meetings. She noted the Power House is a separate entity, not part of SF Rec & Parks like the car barn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Submitted by

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M. G. Thomas  
Secretary