

CAYUGA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting: July 17, 2021 10:00am via Zoom

Board Attendees:

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

Guest speakers:

Capt. Nicole Jones, SFPD Ingleside Precinct
Daniel Amador, Asst. SF District Attorney
Sarah Quinones: San Francisco Transit Riders

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am. Acting President Dillon welcomed attendees and gave the Association's contact and social media information:

Website: cayugaimprovementassociation.org

Email: cayugaimprovement@gmail.com

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

Report from Ingleside Precinct, SFPD

Captain Nicole Jones reported that in May and June violent crimes were down, although burglaries were up. Garage break-ins continue to be a common crime; people gain access to garages by stealing the garage door opener or simply breaking a window. Captain Jones encouraged people to install video cameras or bright lights around the garage if possible. She also recommended keeping your landscaping cut back so there is no place for a thief to hide.

The Cayuga neighborhood specifically has seen an increase in cases of car tires and wheels being stolen, as well as catalytic converters. She noted that working on a car on the street is illegal, so report those incidents.

Captain Jones also noted that stunt driving events continue to become more brazen. When these events are broken up, the cars get towed. The cars are held for a longer time and the owner is assessed significant fines.

Go to sanfranciscopolice.org/stations/ingleside-station to sign up for our precinct's newsletter.

Report from Daniel Amador, Assistant S.F. District Attorney daniel.amador@sfgov.org

Mr. Amador is in the Special Prosecutions Unit, White Collar Crimes Division, of the DA's office. He told us about the Community Liaison Program, which he is a member of. It's a group made up of Members of the DA's office, such as investigators and prosecutors, who volunteered for this program. There are 3 members for District 11. They serve as a liaison between District 11 constituents and the DA's office, and attend Supervisors' Meetings as well as neighborhood meetings to get different perspectives on issues. It's not an investigative unit; after a crime has been committed and someone is charged with the crime, this group can talk to witnesses or victims, and answer general questions about the case. They can connect those people to Victim Services, and collect feedback about the DA's office.

Report from Sarah Quinones: San Francisco Transit Riders

The San Francisco Transit Riders is a grassroots, membership organization, founded in 2010, working with SF Muni and the Metropolitan Transit Authority. They have been working to get the bus routes re-established that were taken offline during the pandemic. They are also interested in helping with any quick fixes that might be necessary, such as blocked stops, missed stops, etc. Ms. Quinones encourages people who use Muni and are familiar with it to join the group;

sliding scale memberships start at \$5.00. Go to <https://sftransitriders.org/>, or email her at sarah@sftransitriders.org.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The minutes of the April General Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Renee Anderson was absent. Chris Dillon presented her report: Our bank balance is \$3,654.51. Dues prompts are being sent out to the memberships that have lapsed. The annual audit has been scheduled.

Officer Nominations:

As there have been no other nominations, a voice vote was held. The membership voted by acclamation that the current officers will hold their positions for a special one year term: July 2021 -July 2022.

TEAM REPORTS:

Cayuga Clean/Steve Indig

Cayuga Clean is a new team for our organization, spearheaded by Steve Indig. He has researched the Clean Street program. He also met with Vince Yuen who leads "Refuse Refuse SF", (info@refuserefusesf.org - <https://refuserefusesf.org/>) a grassroots clean up team that has created a model for cleaning up his neighborhood that can be copied in other areas. He can also provide supply kits.

Friends of Cayuga Park:

Continuing on the clean up theme, Chris Dillon reported that July 31 will be a cleanup day for Cayuga Park. She will send out details as they are finalized.

She also reported that a very successful book launch was held last week, celebrating the release of Yoni Carnice's new book, "Sunlight Entered His Hands". We plan to hold a second book launch, date to be determined.

Resilient Cayuga:

It was suggested that we hold a safety program, with emphasis on the AAPI community, sometime this fall perhaps.

Community Outreach/Membership:

Jane Merschen had 1000 flyers printed up about our meeting and various members distributed them throughout the community. It was emphasized that it's critical to increase membership to keep City Hall's attention and get our needs met.

CPAB:

The police department meeting is held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday. A link to register for the meeting is on our Facebook page and website. National Night Out is on August 3. It was noted that there is an upcoming cannabis planning meeting; information will be on our Facebook page.

NERT:

Jane Merschen reported that Gary _____ can come to our meeting and share a video. NERT is currently active online with trainings.

PIT STOP:

Glenda Hope Reported that she has been working with Renee Anderson and styles to keep in contact with the Supervisor's office. Besides local residents and the homeless people in the area, all delivery drivers need this. They will also work with Urban Alchemy. It is critical for the supervisor's office 2 move on this issue quickly.

D11C: suspended during pandemic

Cayuga Community Connectors:

No update on when we can expect Always Active classes to be held in person again. The CLC is still looking for someone to fill the position of Cayuga Connector. The Wednesday Wave has transitioned to the group meeting in person at noon in Cayuga Park.

Old Business:

There is no projected date at this time for holding general meetings in person. There is no news from Bethel Church about using their rooms.

The Black Lives Matter vigil continues to meet at 5pm every Thursday on Geneva Ave at San Jose Ave.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Submitted by

Mary Gayle Thomas
Secretary