

**CAYUGA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2023 5PM via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Chris Dillon, President	Erica Schultz, Outreach Team
M. G. Thomas, Secretary	Glenda Hope, Cayuga Connectors
James Alexander, Vice President	Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean
Renee Anderson, Treasurer	Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large
Jane Merschen, Outreach/NERT	

**Guests:** Al B. Lee, Caltrans Regional Project Manager and several team members.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

**Presentation: Update on the Caltrans Pedestrian Overpass**

Al B. Lee, Regional Project Manager, gave a presentation on the progress to rebuild the 280 pedestrian overpass. The new “horseshoe” shaped design is shorter than the original design, has improved visibility and will be less expensive.

**Minutes:** It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the minutes from the February 28 board meeting as submitted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No change from last report. Our Zoom renewal charge is coming up soon.

Future presentations:

The San Francisco Community Bank: No response to our presentation request.

Larkin Street: The update on Mission Inn’s progress to date has been postponed.

**President’s Report:**

1). Geneva Office Building: Linda Liteheiser contacted me regarding the monthly meeting of the G.O.B. committee, requesting that the CNIA have a representative present. I attended on our behalf. Although expected, SF RPD did not attend.

At present, the main focus is the 99 seat theater. Dan Weaver, President, described plans for a potential cafe and theater, plus multi-purpose rooms for various community uses .

Much of the meeting focused on CAST (Community Arts Stabilization Trust) as a funder and project management provider. I’m including a link to their website: <https://cast-sf.org/our-story/>.

CAST holds a 100 year lease on the Powerhouse. CAST is at least partially funded by large corporations, which are allowed to redirect a percentage of their taxes to projects of their own choice/interest, as long as those projects meet certain government mandated standards. CAST projects must be in certain well-defined geographic areas which are designated by their socio-economic profile. CAST has both a non-profit and a for profit division which is required by federal mandate.

If I understand correctly, there are specific requirements for CAST subcontractors who manage the daily operations & programming of CAST sites. Thus, the question now is whether CAST

will participate in the GOB restoration and can the board meet the requirements for CAST participation. Who will be responsible for programming? What will be SF RPDs role? Who receives any rent payments (i.e. from the cafe, etc.). Who is responsible for payroll, maintenance, etc. (i.e.: SF RPD? CAST?).

The one solid grant is \$45k to produce a book on the history of the GOB. This book will be used as a fundraiser.

Nothing can move forward until the building is retrofitted. There will not be a final accounting of funds used for the Powerhouse in the near future, as closing the books on these types of projects takes many years. Thus, there is no way to know if any phase 1 funds remain which can be applied to phase 2, which is the GOB.

2). Relaunching the D11C is being discussed among members. There is a strong desire to begin meeting again. Strong communication within District 11 is a high priority for the council.

### **TEAM REPORTS:**

#### **Cayuga Clean: Steve Indig**

The regularly monthly cleanup is this Sat, March 18, meet 10am at Alemany & Ottawa. April cleanup normally would be 4/15, which is also the CNIA meeting, so could move to afternoon, either 1pm or 2pm. Steve is NOT available on this date. Steve is also booked on the other Saturdays in April, so we could cancel April if no one else can cover it.

#### **Pit Stop: Renee Anderson/Glenda Hope**

Emails have been sent to Lauren Chung in Sup. Safai's office; no updates.

#### **Newsletter: Barbara Fugate**

The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is April 4.

#### **Resilience: Chris Dillon/James Alexander**

No update. There will be a meeting at the end of March.

#### **Community Outreach: Erica Schultz/Jane Merschen:**

They developed a [committee outline](#) and welcome any comments.

#### **Community Connectors: Glenda Hope**

We continue to keep in touch with elderly/frail neighbors. A 4-week Aging In Your Home workshop starts on March 20. Planning to hold once/month pool events at the Pomeroy Center. There is also the possibility of holding a clown class.

#### **Non-profit status: James**

No update.

#### **Geneva Office Building: See President's Report**

#### **Cayuga Park: Chris no update**

**EAG:** No one has attended recent meetings.

**Pedestrian Safety @ San Jose and Niagara:** Renee Anderson wrote to Mission Housing to see if this issue was part of the plans of the new building there, but it's an MTA project.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1). Have we identified a community business to present at our April community meeting? Gentilly Restaurant was suggested.
- 2). Have we identified a speaker/presentation for our April meeting? We'd like an update from Mission Housing on the Balboa Park project.
- 3). Board elections - per our bylaws, we need nominations at our April meeting

The following topics were included in our last meeting but I do not see resolution in the minutes:

- a). Request from Renee that the board determine who is tasked with sending out NewsBlasts and other communications on behalf of the CNIA. This should then be included in the job descriptions. Chris, James, and Renee will discuss this.
- b). Potential Presentation/Community Action: NERT earthquake preparedness information sent by Barbara Fugate. Chris will contact Jane to approach Sue Brown/SFFD NERT Coordinator about a 'Map Your Neighborhood' activity for Cayuga.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1). Barbara created "GO CONTAINERS" as a part of our Resilient Cayuga Plan. She can give a breakdown on both the contents and the cost.  
The first round of containers were provided to the Cayuga Community Connectors and were paid for with grant money. We should apply for this kind of grant again.  
Recently, Barbara has been paying for these out of pocket. She still has some of the supplies. Do we wish to continue this project, distributing these to new members as an incentive to join the CNIA? How would we fund these?
- 2) New member, Cassie Decker, expressed concern about the corner of Sickles and Alemany, overgrown and untended plants and trees, and loose trash. We can report these conditions to 311.
- 3) The Check-In Wine Bar will hold a pasta event in April.
- 4) James reported on new construction at 5616 Mission Street. It will be an 8-unit residential building with retail space on the ground floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted by

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M. G. Thomas  
Secretary