



**The next CNIA General Meeting  
will be held Saturday April 15th 2023  
at 11 am via Zoom**

**Cayuga Clean: Steve Indig  
The regularly monthly cleanup is this Sat,  
April 15, meet 2 pm at Alemany & Ottawa.**

**From President Chris' Desk**



### **CNIA OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Nominations will occur during our April community meeting. The election will occur in July. You can find job descriptions in our by-laws by following this link:

<https://cayugaimprovementassociation.org/bylaws>

We are seeking nominations for all positions. **The president and secretary positions will both be open**, as the incumbents are committed to new roles in service to our community.

It will take many years to understand the impact of covid on both our community & our society. I truly believe that, as we navigate our way into an ever mutable future, the quality of life in our communities will be pivotal to the psycho-social wellness of our city. Thus, **investing time and care in your community improvement association may be your most important, efficient means of creating a bright future for San Francisco! Cities are ever mutable. Their futures are molded by our actions today!**

### **VOLUNTEER TO SERVE**

There are many ways to 'be the change you want to see'! One way is to run for office! Another way is to serve on a team. The CNIA runs most efficiently via the team system. Now that the emergency phase of the pandemic is fading, our CNIA teams need to increase the number of participants. It's also possible that there are CNIA members who would like to create new teams, as they identify needed activities ~ activities which will help our community to flourish. Team leaders cannot, and should not, do all the work alone! An individual is not a team! Success will require volunteers! Time commitments are variable and can be adapted to your ability to serve realistically. Often, the only activity will be attendance at a community meeting which you will then report back to the association board and membership on. One such team is the Geneva Office Building (GOB) 'Team'. The GOB has a fully functioning board and its meetings are open to the public. We need a member to attend these meetings so that we understand future plans for this iconic building at the corner of Geneva and San Jose Avenue. You can learn more about our teams & volunteering by following this link:

<https://cayugaimprovementassociation.org/cnia-meeting-minutes>

### **Find someone doing something right, recognize, and reward it!**

The mission of the CNIA is to attain and maintain the highest practicable quality of life for all community stakeholders.

Your community association has been pursuing this mission since 1937! The original mission of the CNIA was to require that the developer actually install the streetlights which had been contractually agreed upon. As you can see, the CNIA street light team met with success 84 years ago! This is a truly visible testimony to the importance of community associations!

During the early days of Covid 'Shelter in Place' the CNIA began to receive reports of a significant quality of life and public health concern: individuals toileting in public spaces. It quickly became obvious that, without businesses with restrooms being open, with the increased dependence on home delivery of needed products, and with significant infection control restrictions our community simply did not have enough public restrooms! CNIA members **Glenda Hope** and **Renee Anderson** remembered that when you recognize a concern, you have a choice: you can work to find a solution or you can simply ignore the problem and thus be a part of the problem. **Glenda and Renee** have remained focused, long term, on achieving the goal of

having at least one permanent public restroom installed in our community! Renee met with Supervisor Safai's legislative aide Lauren Chung once again last week to receive an update and collaborate on next steps needed to drive this project to success. **When you see Glenda and Renee, please thank them!!!**

You can learn more about the public restroom team by following this link:  
<https://cayugaimprovementassociation.org/pitstop-proposal>

Your help is vitally needed if our Cayuga Community restroom mission is to succeed!. Please, become a part of the solution!!! **Whenever you see evidence of inappropriate toileting, immediately file a 311 report.** You can do so by downloading the app to your cell phone, by calling 311, or by using the website: <https://sf311.org/> Include a photo if possible. Once you have done so, please let us know by using the 'contact us' option at the bottom of our homepage: <https://cayugaimprovementassociation.org/>

This simple action will be of invaluable assistance as we seek to secure a public restroom and to identify where it is most needed.

### On Lok Adult Day Health Center

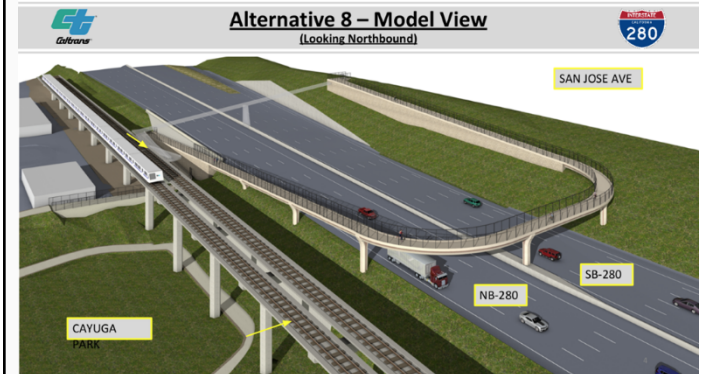


Finally, on April 6, I was delighted to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for our revitalized On Lok Adult Day Health Center at 4430 Mission Street. As your District 11 representative on the Disability and Aging Services Advisory Board, I will be providing ongoing updates on elder and disability resources and services available in our community and city. In the future, I'll be writing a column in this newsletter not as CNIA president, but as your DAS liaison. I'm excited about this transition, as my choice of profession over the past many years has been in the seemingly tangled field of gerontology and elder care. I am passionate about ensuring that our elders, who have given so much to our community and city, are both respected and well served!

### **CNIA 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 presented an update of the Caltrans Pedestrian Overpass.



The new "horseshoe" shaped design is shorter than the original design, has improved visibility and will be less expensive.

**Minutes:** Approved February 28 board meeting minutes.

**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. Requested CNIA have a representative present. I attended on our behalf. 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 standards. CAST projects must be in certain well-defined geographic

areas which are designated by their socio-economic profile. If I understand correctly, there are specific requirements for CAST subcontractors who manage the daily operations & programming of CAST sites. The question now is will CAST will participate in the GOB restoration and can the board meet the requirements for 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 to 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 D-11C 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 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, and on their radar.

#### **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, Kassie 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.

Minutes March Board Meeting



**Please join Supervisor Safai for our annual District 11 budget town hall on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 6:00-7:30PM at the Auditorium in Balboa High School (1000 Cayuga Ave). We will discuss District 11's most pressing issues and welcome community feedback on budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.**

**Neighbors: it's time for another PASTA PARTY!**

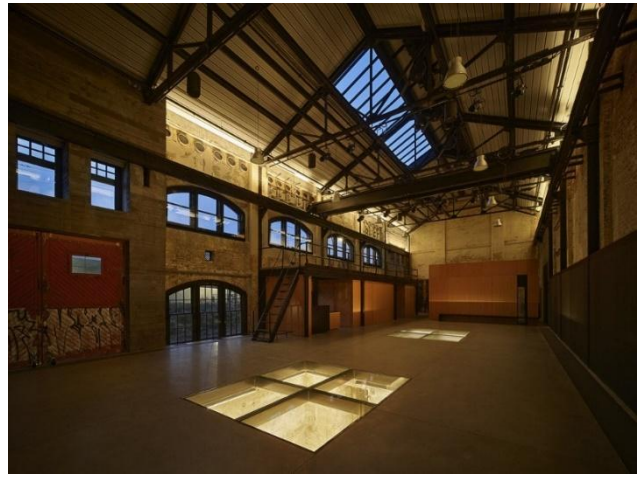
Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 3-7 p.m., on Otsego Avenue between Ocean and Onondaga.

Richard and Geoffrey of the Check-In wine bar have organized this community event with support from the EAG (Excelsior Action Group.)

Bring your own already cooked pasta and anything else you'd like to share--the sauce will be provided along with live music and lots of opportunities to meet and greet (and maybe even dance) with neighbors.

Want to help us set-up? Show up at 11 a.m.

Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions and see you there!



**THE GENEVA POWERHOUSE**

The recently renovated Geneva Powerhouse at 2301 San Jose Avenue is now open! We're happy to introduce you to the tenant, [The Performing Arts Workshop](https://www.performingartsworkshop.org) (<https://www.performingartsworkshop.org>), an organization dedicated to providing arts programming to San Francisco youth. The Geneva Powerhouse provides a permanent hub for their programs, and an opportunity for our community to be involved.

The Performing Arts Workshop offers [free youth programs](https://www.performingartsworkshop.org/powerhouse/geneva-powerhouse-spring-session-jan-may-2023/) (<https://www.performingartsworkshop.org/powerhouse/geneva-powerhouse-spring-session-jan-may-2023/>) at the Powerhouse and at their other residency sites where their incredible teaching artists lead classes and workshops. Spring classes and student registration is available [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH1_w3qi5QrAht1fqRTHCsw5KggHF9EmBKldrTo0_JdkRDzQ/viewform) ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH1\\_w3qi5QrAht1fqRTHCsw5KggHF9EmBKldrTo0\\_JdkRDzQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH1_w3qi5QrAht1fqRTHCsw5KggHF9EmBKldrTo0_JdkRDzQ/viewform)).

You can also rent the space. Find [information](https://www.performingartsworkshop.org/powerhouse/rentals/) (<https://www.performingartsworkshop.org/powerhouse/rentals/>) about renting the space including a rental form, access the public calendar to check availability, and learn about the different rates they offer.

The Powerhouse is also used for public events. Right now, the Monday Night Jam Winter Series is being hosted at the Powerhouse, with 3 upcoming performances. Tickets are \$10, shows are 7:30-9:30:

- Loretta Gooden, April 24
- Ashton Craig, May 8
- Willie G, May 22

For more information, please contact:

- For Rentals: Jamie Batres, Events and Operations Associate Manager
  - o [events@performingartsworkshop.org](mailto:events@performingartsworkshop.org), (415) 673-2634 ext. 208
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## TWO GOOD NEARBY RESTAURANTS

**The Salad Bar and Rotisserie** at Ottawa and Mission offers a variety of salads you can build yourself according to your own tastes and needs. There are also excellent sandwiches and such. Their menu is posted on their website. An excellent breakfast can also be had there including freshly baked pastries such as the ones filled (really filled) with almond paste. Table at the back seats up to 8 people and can be reserved.

**Mama Tran's** is a Vietnamese restaurant providing freshly prepared delicious meals for vegetarians, vegans and omnivores. Tasty and well seasoned entrees, Phos, snacks, and appetizers. Located at 5999 Mission Street. They, too, provide a table accommodating up to 8 people which is placed away from the hubbub of the larger room.

Both of these are good places. Mama Tran is located a bit outside the bounds of CNIA but close enough to be our good neighbors and are reachable via the Mission St. bus. Both will give you generous servings at reasonable prices.

## Slow Streets are Coming to Cayuga

Following the March 17 Engineering Public Hearing, **the project design for the Cayuga Avenue Slow Street project was approved by the City Traffic Engineer.** In conjunction with the previous community outreach phases of the project, the Public Hearing provided an official venue for people to express their opinions and provide input on the design proposal.

Thank you to everyone who provided their input on the project by attending the Public Hearing or by submitting a written comment! Our project team is pleased to move forward with implementation and to be able to share an estimated timeline for the completion of Cayuga Avenue Slow Street!

Elements of the [project design](#) will be implemented in phases, depending on the availability of materials and in coordination with our crews and key stakeholders along the corridor. The following is the estimated timeline to implement Cayuga Avenue Slow Street:

### May 2023

- **Slow Street pavement markings** will be installed to raise awareness of Cayuga Avenue as a Slow Street.
- **Soft diversion** (Slow Streets-branded flexible delineators) at the intersections of Niagara, Lyell, Seneca, Ocean, and San Juan will be installed to promote lower traffic volumes and deter cut-through traffic.

**Continental Crosswalk Markings** at the intersections of Niagara, Cotter, Lyell, and on the south end of Rousseau will be painted to support pedestrian crossings.

- **Two Painted Safety Zones (PSZs)** will be installed at the intersection of Cotter to narrow this wide intersection to encourage slower vehicle turning speeds and increase visibility.

- **Slow Street designation on third-party navigation apps** will reroute through vehicles



off of Cayuga Avenue and onto alternative routes to help keep vehicle volumes low.

Summer 2023 **Slow Streets wayfinding signs** and **cross-street signs** will be installed throughout the entirety of the route to contribute to Slow Street branding and awareness.

- In coordination with Balboa High School's pick-up and drop-off logistical planning, a **median diverter** at Geneva will be installed before the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Combined with turn restrictions, this treatment prevents vehicles from continuing through the intersection on Cayuga Avenue. Vehicles must turn right, while bicycles and pedestrians are allowed to continue straight. This treatment further discourages non-local traffic from utilizing the street by preventing vehicles from traveling multiple blocks, supporting low traffic volumes along the Slow Streets corridor.

Late Fall/Winter 2023 • **Four new speed cushions** will be installed to encourage slower vehicle speeds.

Following implementation, our project team will collect data on both traffic volumes and speeds throughout the corridor. This information will inform any potential future design adjustments needed to meet the Slow Streets vehicle speed and volume criteria.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

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*Please note: articles or submissions to the July 2023 newsletter must reach me by July 4th 2023 to be considered for July issue.*

Minutes are posted on the CNIA website and on Facebook.

<https://cayugaimprovementassociation.org/>

### Useful Phone Numbers

**911 – All Emergencies – police/fire/medical**  
**415-553-0123** – All non-emergency police calls

**Supervisor Safai's Office** – 415-554-6975  
Sam Berenson- Community Engagement Liaison for DIIC – [sam.berenson@sfgov.org](mailto:sam.berenson@sfgov.org).

**415-554-1200** – Parking complaints, blocked sidewalks, blocked driveways, illegal parking, etc.  
Liaison for DIIC – [sam.berenson@sfgov.org](mailto:sam.berenson@sfgov.org).

**415-554-1200** – Parking complaints, blocked sidewalks, blocked driveways, illegal parking, etc.

**311 – (phone app SF311 ) use to report** graffiti, trash, dumping furniture or large items, abandoned vehicles etc. 311 is a good place to start, they can take a report or refer you to the correct City department for just about any problem.

**Victim's Assistance:** SF District Attorney at  
Phone: (628)652-4100 Fax: (628) 652-4101  
Email: [victimservices@sfgov.org](mailto:victimservices@sfgov.org)  
[www.sfdistrictattorney.org](http://www.sfdistrictattorney.org)

**Animal Care and Control** – injured animals  
emergency situation for animals **415 554-6364**

**Recology** – garbage problems, free pickups  
415-875-1300

**BART 510-464-6000**

**PGE – 1-800-743-5000**

**Department of Elections-** 1-415-554-4375

**Disaster Preparedness info In the event of a  
city wide emergency such as the  
earthquake we all expect to happen, you  
can listen to current news on the radio.**

**Stations 88.5 FM and 15.30 AM**

Along with the City of San Francisco, your editor would like to  
acknowledge that *we live and work on the unceded ancestral  
homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the  
original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula*