



Editor Barbara Fugate

The next general meeting which would have been this Saturday, October 15, 2022. has been canceled

Instead, please meet your friends and neighbors at Cayuga Park starting at 10 am Saturday and let us

CELEBRATE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

There will be bubbles and coloring at a kiddie table with entertainment suitable for all ages. For the older children CNIA and Cayuga Park volunteers are starting a statue adoption program where older children (of any age) will agree to take on the painting and care of one statue. Come meet the folks from Clinic by the Bay and pick up a few earthquake safety ideas from the Community Safety Outreach Program. Cal Trans will be there to talk about the new pedestrian overpass from Alemany to San Jose Ave. Plus, we will have a raffle for renewing members and new members. Please come enjoy the fun and meet your neighbors.

From our last park painting event. Several statues have already been adopted.



Neighborhood Cleanup will start at 11 am. Have a little extra energy? Want to give back to the district? Please join us for our monthly neighborhood cleanup. Everyone appreciates trash free clean sidewalks and this is one of the ways it happens. Cleaning supplies and protective gear are provided. For further information contact Steve Indig at 415-577-3656 or via email at steveindig1@gmail.com

**Outer Mission/Cayuga Neighborhood Clean Up – Cayuga Park
Saturday, October 15, 11am-1pm**

Location: Cayuga & Naglee, near entrance to Cayuga Park



This Clean Up coincides with CNIA celebration in the park that starts at 10am, so come early for that, and join the clean up at 11.
refuserefusesf.org/cleanups
www.steveindigpr.com/cleanup

CNIA President Chris Dillon is on a well-deserved vacation. In lieu of her usual President's column, we think it's high time we celebrate Chris and all that she's done, for the CNIA, our neighborhood, D-11, and the greater San Francisco community. She's one of the most active and caring persons many of us have encountered. The time and selflessness that she offers is, bluntly, astonishing.

This is her second time in the role of CNIA President. It's hard to imagine the CNIA without her leadership. However, it's time for her to "retire" as President (a second time) so she can put more focus on the things she loves: the Cayuga Park; Laguna Hospital; eldercare. And of course give her overdue time and space to live an enjoyable life.

Thus we are starting the search for a new CNIA President, as well as Vice-President. We will share job descriptions for both roles in the coming weeks. As part of the onboarding into these roles, Chris will mentor the new President for 6 months (who wouldn't want access to Chris for 6 months??); and the board will mentor the new Vice President. If you are interested in either of these roles please reach out to cayugaimprovement@gmail.com

**CNIA Board Meeting Minutes
Sept. 13, 2022**

Attendees:

Renee Anderson, Treasurer
Erica Schultz, Outreach Team
M. G. Thomas, Secretary
Colleen Piontek, Cayuga Connectors
Barbara Fugate, Officer at Large
Glenda Hope, Cayuga Connectors
Steve Indig, Cayuga Clean Team

Excused absences: Chris Dillon, Jane Merschen
The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the August 9th board meeting as submitted.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ms. Ennis Harris, SF Public Works, Public Information Officer. We had a discussion with Ms. Harris about various dumping areas in our neighborhood. She explained that she can work with us to connect us to other city agencies we need help from. Public Works partners with Recology on trash pickups. She clarified that Public Works picks up loose trash, broken glass, etc. and Recology picks up bagged trash, boxes, and appliances. Dept of Public Health picks up items such as used needles. Any of these pickup needs should be reported to 311 and they will send the appropriate agency out. They also have a dedicated graffiti unit.

Treasurer's Report: Renee Anderson reported our balance is \$3,424.32. There have been no expenses or deposits this month. She does have 2 membership checks to be deposited.

President's Report: Chris Dillon is absent.

TEAM REPORTS:

Pit Stop: Lauren Chung, Supr. Safai's office, will advise us when there are updates.

Newsletter: Barbara Fugate needs articles by Oct. 6. Glenda Hope can contribute an opinion piece on the closing of JFK Drive.

Cayuga Clean: Steve Indig reported that the next clean-up will be Saturday. He has been coaching Jessica Li on outreach efforts for other areas.

Cayuga Community Connectors: Colleen Piontek reported that we have a new exercise leader on Wednesdays. On Sept.22, several people will attend the symphony event. She is researching the possibility of hiring a Van-Go van for rides; otherwise, she'll arrange carpools.

Cayuga Park: Chris

- 1). The painting/park volunteer event on August 28th was a success. The volunteer list has expanded to include several new members and a couple of statues were adopted.
- 2). A few of the pre-Covid dog group volunteers stopped by and are considering returning to clean the trails with their dogs in the late afternoon. They may request permission to replant along the trails, so as to secure the hillside.
- 3). The next action will include wood putty and marine sealants among the supplies.

4). Update from Laura Giacchetti, Acting Park Supervisor Crocker Amazon Complex/PSA3: "Daniel [Choi], Maurice and myself are working on a planting project for the park that we can discuss at our community meeting."

5). Were the park survey results forwarded to Daniel Choi?

6). There's been some grumbling about the park clubhouse still being used for the school, people want to be able to use it for community uses again.

Resilience: No new updates, but there is a weekly meeting Thursday nights and a monthly meeting on citywide issues.

Community Outreach: Jane/Erica

The revamped membership flier looks good. Our newsletter should be translated into Spanish and Chinese. Erica's husband can translate some of the permanent info in each newsletter into Chinese; perhaps he can translate some of the articles later.

It was suggested that we could have a CNIA presentation to the church members at Bethel.

Presidential Transition: Renee, Glenda, Barbara *In addition to the description in the Bylaws (leading and moderating meetings, appointing positions, etc.)*

The president of the CNIA is the public face, the primary representative of the CNIA. The president is the interface with City agencies and the primary contact person. He/she networks with other neighborhood association presidents, represents the CNIA at DIIC meetings and disseminates information to the Board on issues that affect our area. He/she is authorized to vote at City meetings when timeliness is an issue and then brings the topic, the vote, and information behind the vote to the Board at the next Board of Directors meeting. In all other cases, the Board will vote as a group. The president keeps the Association focused on positive integration with City government. He/she will also provide mentorship to incoming presidents, as needed, for six months.

Vice President/Chief of Staff

*Proposal is to increase the duties of the VP, or change the title to Chief of Staff**

It will be the job of the VP/COS to keep the CNIA calendar and write the agendas for Association meetings. The VP/COS will find speakers, track emails, and act as point person for receiving and appropriately forwarding emails. He/she will edit the president's column for the newsletter and coordinate newsletter materials. The VP/COS disseminates newsletters to members electronically.

**COS is NOT a common position in non-profits, but very common in government and private companies.*

Old Business/New Business:

1). All San Francisco Symphony (September 22nd) ticket sales: Barbara Fugate is gathering the payments and sending out the tickets.

2). Planning for the October 15th general meeting: Renee will draft a newsblast to email our members.

3). A Taste of the Excelsior event and closing of the Broken record - It was agreed to mention these things in the next newsblast.

4). It was mentioned that there have been car break-ins and the like around Bethel Church. We should connect with the pastor and his wife more often to see if there's some way we can help.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Submitted by M.G. Thomas, Secretary

GUEST OPINION COLUMN

Glenda Hope

This article expresses the views of this author which may or may not be separate from the views of CNIA.

PROPOSITIONS I AND J NOVEMBER BALLOT:

As it is now, the Eastern end of JFK Drive which provides 1,000 free public parking spaces and easy access to such sites as the Conservatory, Dahlia Garden, Rhododendron Garden, Rose Garden and DeYoung Museum, is closed to cars.

This makes it difficult to impossible for many seniors, disabled people, families with small children and people living in neighborhoods such as Excelsior, Cayuga, Bayview, Hunters Point, Mission and Chinatown to access these places. Three examples: 1) from Excelsior/Cayuga you would have to catch two buses (often there is no place to sit or find shelter while waiting) then wait for a park shuttle which many find difficult to board. 2) I was told to drive to the end of Nancy Pelosi Drive and find an ADA area reserved. There are only 4 such spaces. 3) You can access the Park off Fulton where a sign says "Conservatory". Dead end with a few parking spaces (no ADA). To your left a "closed to cars" area long designated for biking and skating. To reach Conservatory head down a steep hill.

Imagine, as you read this, that you must use a walker or crutches or you have something like MS or age has hit your knees and your energy. Cars which

once drove on JFK are diverted onto smaller residential streets. Once 20,000 drivers a day traversed the Great Highway to get to work, VA Hospital, etc. Now they clog residential streets, idling in backups. No EIR has been done.

Proposition J would make all this permanent -aka forever

Proposition I would take us back to pre-pandemic days and reinstitute a Compromise to make JFK Drive sometimes open to cars and sometimes closed to them. Two areas of the Park (one mentioned above) and a stretch of Middle Drive would be closed to cars and used for biking and skating.

There already are bike lanes on JFK Drive. Pedestrian safety measures include crosswalks raised (doubling as speed bumps), brightly striped and fitted with lights which flash when someone is walking there. Reduce jaywalking.

Kids may safely bike, skate and play in parks all over our City in parks and playgrounds closed to cars but not denying thousands full access to GGP.

Make your own decision. Access for All or for a few. Whichever proposition gets the most votes will prevail. The other will be canceled out. Your vote is important.

opportunity for this neighborhood to have a say on the design of the overpass. Cal Trans Public Information person David Hafner and his team at **Cayuga Park this weekend 10 am to noon.**

Expect a credit on your utility bill. The California PUC wants everyone to know that their October utility bill will include a credit. It will appear on your bill as "California Climate Credit. The Climate credit is part of California's effort to fight climate change. Power plants, natural gas providers, and large industries are required to buy carbon pollution permits. The rebate on your bill is your share of the payments from this State program.

I guess we all know we are still in a drought. Did you know you can reduce your water usage, thus reducing your water bill by following a few suggestions from the SFPUC. for saving water:

- 5 minute showers, or less
- Use water efficient shower heads
- Water "smart landscaping"
- Hand water plants, or water with recycled water
- Use fine mist sprinklers
- Let dishes soak for easier cleaning
- Reduce the number of dishes used
- Use broom to clean outdoors

Sign up for a Water-Wise evaluation with the San Francisco PUC.

News you can Use

Scam Alert: Fake DEA Agents – Scam artists are now posing as US Drug Enforcement agents and they are calling California physicians and consumers as part of an international scheme. Scammers contact potential victims claiming that those who have previously purchased prescriptions by telephone or over the internet are in trouble because these internet or telephone purchases are illegal and that enforcement actions will be taken if fines are not paid. Usually fines are thousands of dollars. **NO DEA AGENT WILL EVER CONTACT** physicians or members of the public to demand money or any other form of payment. The DEA is asking that you report any demand for payment to them at <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/esor/>

Did you know Cal Trans is planning to replace the pedestrian overcrossing at 280 near Sickles? Come to the park this Saturday to learn more about the project. There may be an

Gold Stars and the Dog Poop

First Gold Star award to DPW, our great green wall on Alemany continues to be a problem area with dumping and graffiti. DPW has done a heroic job trying to keep that area clean.

First Dog Poop award goes to the criminals who graffiti the walls and dump their trash on Alemany Blvd at the great-green-wall and behind Safeway near Onondaga. (Make no mistake . . .these are crimes and the fine is up to \$1,000. DPW will send an inspector to take a complaint if you find at least two pieces of mail or other items marked with information about the hooligans who committed the act. Or if you witness the act and are able to take photographs of the wrongdoer and any vehicle license plates.

DPW has taken well care of us this last month so it will not be a surprise that our second Gold Star award goes to the DPW workers who cleaned out the trash on the center divider on Alemany Blvd. It looks terrific and we appreciate it.

Useful Phone Numbers

911 – All Emergencies – police/fire/medical

415-553-0123 – All non-emergency police calls
Supervisor Safai's Office – 415-554-6975

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.

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**

Member at Large – open

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Resilient Cayuga – **open position**

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Minutes are posted on the CNIA website and on Facebook. <https://cayugaimprovementassociation.org/>

**And last but not least:
It is the policy of this neighborhood
association that your silence on an issue
will be considered consent.**

The Cayuga Neighborhood Improvement Board

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Treasurer: R.Anderson reneesf2020@gmail.com

Technology Chair: Renee Anderson

Pit Stop Project: Glenda Hope / R. Anderson

Sunshine Committee: open

Member at Large: open