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HAPPY NEW YEAR CSFN MEMBERS!

As we move forward into 2018, let us remember San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee. Per City Charter, Board of Supervisors President London Breed immediately assumed the role of acting mayor.

Please take a moment to reflect on the kindness and intelligence of this good man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family.

Mayor Lee's successor will be selected on the June 5 ballot. Supervisor Jane Kim, a mayoral contender, gave a terrific speech at the December 6 CSFN dinner just days before Mayor Lee died. Other pending candidates for mayor are Angela Alioto, Mark Leno, Dennis Herrera, London Breed and Carmen Chu. CSFN continues to be San Francisco's most dynamic neighborhood advocate. By working with City agencies or in some cases, actually fighting City Departments, CSFN has become a recognized name and entity. We represent and fight for the viability and character of San Francisco neighborhoods, and groups are now asking to join and return to become CSFN members.

The Annual Holiday Dinner was a resounding success. A Big Thank You to all who attended, Speaker Jane Kim and to our awardees and honoree. Pictured above from the top left:

Lottery winner Leo Martinez with yours truly, Supervisor Jane Kim, Awardees Dyan Ruiz and Joseph Smooke for journalism and community activism, and our Honoree Christopher Bowman- blended water challenger. Also, see additional photos of attendees and Dinner Committee members on our website as well as my article on LED Streetlights at csfn.net.

Let's roll up our sleeves and work hard to make 2018 even more successful than 2017!

George Wooding, President

45th ANNUAL CSFN HOLIDAY DINNER

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2018 CSFN MEETINGS AT NORTHERN POLICE STATION

**General
Assembly
Tuesdays
6pm- 9 pm
Chair Wooding**

**Land Use
Wednesdays
4pm- 5:30 pm
Chair Hillson**

**Executive Committee
Wednesdays
4:30-pm to 6:00 pm
Chair Morgan**

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2018 CSFN MEETINGS AT TARAVAL POLICE STATION

**Government and Elections
Fridays
6 pm
Chair Head**

January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9

1. **Call to Order.** President Wooding (MTHA) brought the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in Conference Level at St. Mary's Cathedral.
 - a. *Quorum declared.* 16 delegates and alternates represented 16 CSFN member organizations. 2 guests signed in.
 - b. *Agenda approved.*
 - c. Introduction of delegates and guests/Short announcements.
 - d. Host: Lee Robbins (BCNA) talked about the origins of the nefarious name of his group, its geography and achievements (No Wall on the Waterfront, e.g.), concerns and social activities.
2. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a. **President Wooding (MTHA) – In the NL**
 - b. **1st VP Morgan (CHNA) – No report.**
 - c. **2nd VP Boken (SPEAK) – No report.**
 - d. **Recording Secretary Head (SHARP)** said the draft minutes were in the NL. He noted there were no recent BOS and Planning Meetings because of the holidays.
 - e. **Corresponding Secretary Rogers (PMAC)** – said there was an article of his in the current Westside Observer on Species Invasions.
 - f. **Treasurer Scott (PHRA)** – No report; not present.
3. **Committee Action Items**
 - a. Executive – In the NL.
 - b. Bylaws – No report.
 - c. Government & Elections. Chair **Charles Head (SHARP)** Our committee couldn't get a room at Taraval but will meet again soon
 - d. Land Use. **Rose Hillson (JPIA)** said the Planning Commission is going for implementation of the UDGs at the Dec. 7or 21 meeting. NAs should write letters favoring postponement and/or show up at the meeting.
 - e. Open Space. **Charles Head (SHARP)** and **Glenn Rogers(PMAC)** said there was a meeting at Taraval Station on Friday Oct.27
 - f. Transportation. In NL. Come to the meeting tomorrow.
 - g. Dinner. Get your reservations in with your meal preferences.
 - h. Water Task Force. **Lisa Fromer (LHNO)** said more NAs should help with the petition against mixing groundwater with Hetch Hetchy water. The hearing will be in January.
4. **Approval of the Sept. 19, 2017 GA minutes – they were approved unanimously.**
5. **Unfinished Business – Moe Jamil (MPNA)** read the Resolution against an Amazon/Whole Foods on Polk which was debated and passed 13-1-2.
6. **New Business – Charles Head (SHARP)** read the Resolution to file an Ethics Complaint against Planning Commissioner Christine Johnson and Mayor Ed Lee. It was discussed and passed 13-2-1.
7. **Program- No presentation.**
8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

... *Charles Head (SHARP), Recording Secretary*

November Executive Committee Report

The CSFN ExCom met on Wednesday, November 29 at 4:30 pm. All members were present and a quorum was established.

President Wooding reported on his participation in the Mayors 2045 Transportation Taskforce. Treasurer Scott presented the latest financials in preparation for the Annual Dinner planning.

The ExCom will need to recommend candidates for the CSFN election of officers at the January GA.

There was further discussion on program planning for 2018. VP Boken has confirmed programs for January and February. VP Morgan suggested a program be planned on expansions of Cannabis Dispensaries on neighborhood commercial corridors for March or April. Government and Elections Chair Head discussed G&E reports at several GA meetings during the 2018 election year.

Chair Rogers of the Holiday Dinner Committee reported that Matt McCabe (NNC) has updated the spreadsheets with all known attendees and that name tags and signs would be generated for the dinner. He has completed the award certificates and will also pick up live plants for table decorations. All ExCom members attending will work on registration, providing name tags, seating guests, selling lottery tickets and presenting awards to honorees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Submitted by Marlayne Morgan, CHNA

Land Use and Transportation Committee Report

11/15/2017 LUC & TC Report

On Wed., Nov. 15, 2017, the members of both Committees commenced dialogue at 4:04PM.

Some members were in attendance at Northern Station & the rest participated via conference call.

The Committees went over the Urban Design Guidelines (UDGs) due to non-response from Planning to our Sept. 25, 2017 letter nor to any other CSFN communication. With all of our delegates having much busier schedules close to Thanksgiving, it was difficult to meet all at Northern Station.

Discussion ensued on best approach. Committee members would break off & form smaller work groups to try to get another stab at having Planning listen to the community neighborhood organizations' requests. It was felt by the group that regular citizens know nothing about this.

The Committees then discussed the “Residential Expansion Threshold” (RET) and its particulars and continued work by the Committees after having the September 1, 2017 letter to Planning and the Supervisors on this topic.

Finally there was brief discussion on state level bills.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2017 at Northern Station at 4pm.

Special 11/29/2017 LUC & TC Conference Call Report

On Wed., Nov. 29, 2017, members of the LUC & TC commenced dialogue at 4:06PM.

Planning decided that they are going to postpone the adoption of the UDGs from the initial date of 12/21/2017. Planning will hold community meetings on Tue., 12/12/2017 & on Wed., 1/3/2018, both at 6-8PM at 1650 Mission, Suite 400. In light of these changes just received, and with folks on holiday hiatus, we are still looking for at least a couple CSFN folks to attend. The LUC has some basic general questions at this point without getting to the meat of anything in the new revision posted in the late PM of Monday, 11/ *27* /2017, and being called the “November 22 version” on Planning’s website. Planning is scheduled to have an informational on the UDGs on 1/11/2018.

Since Planning can change dates at any time, go to sf-planning.org/urban-design-guidelines for the latest.

Discussion then turned to the Residential Expansion Threshold (RET) proposal. Planning Commission will hold an informational meeting on this on 12/7/2017, 1pm start. District 1 scheduled a community meeting at 6pm at 251-18th Avenue on Thursday, 11/30/2017. The sub-group of the LUC will continue to work on this matter. The RET is scheduled to be initiated on 1/11/2018 & adoption on 2/15/2018.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.

12/20/17 LUC & TC Report

The CSFN Land Use Committee (LUC) & Transportation Committee (TC) meeting was called to order at 4pm at Northern Police Station Community Room. First topic on the agenda was Aladdin Alley. Mr. Bigelow (Russian Hill Community Association) gave an overview of the concerns in the Alley. The Committee offered some suggestions to address the issues. The next item was Mr. Gerald Cauthen’s SFMTA resolution in regards to growing concerns about traffic, congestion, and the SFMTA entity. He gave a presentation that focused on 1) improving Muni, 2) reducing traffic, and 3) changing the structure of the MTA. After a rather lengthy discussion, Chair Hillson made a motion, seconded by Member Frisbee, to adopt the resolution with 3 amendments – terminology used, incorporating into the resolution the city’s Transit First Policy and the Committee’s “boiler-plate” resolved clause that grants the President in consultation with the Chair to designate persons as

authorized to take steps to fulfill the intent of the resolution (as was used in CSFN's RET resolution). The resolution was adopted by the Committee and should appear in the CSFN January 2018 newsletter. Next, discussion took place on Planning's generally-known-as the Residential Expansion Threshold (RET) and the Tantamount to Demolition (TTD) proposals which Planning Department put on indefinite hold. Member Wooding will follow up with Planning Department and the Commission as CSFN never received a response to its Sept. 1, 2017 letter on the matters. Finally, the Urban Design Guidelines (UDGs) were discussed. Member Frisbee attended Planning Commission's Dec. 12, 2017 community meeting. The latest iteration from November 2017 of the UDGs is posted on Planning's website: sf-planning.org/urban-design-guidelines. Planning is proposing a "Community Meeting" on Jan. 3, 2017 with an "informational" on Jan. 11, 2018 with subsequent adoption possibly on Feb. 15, 2018. It was reported that the UDGs would be approved even though certain neighborhoods who could craft their "Specific Area Guidelines" (SAGs), would likely not have completed them prior to adoption of these citywide UDGs. A member reported that there was an idea floated to use one template currently used by one specific neighborhood to easily craft the SAGs for all the other neighborhoods who want their own guidelines even though they may not reflect the neighborhood that has this template. The Committee is uncertain if the citywide UDGs that still contain text not acceptable to neighborhoods will be applied to the neighborhoods that are still working on completing their SAGs by the time Planning passes these UDGs in about a month's time from the publication of this Committee Report. The Committee will work further on this matter. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

The next meeting of the LUC & Transportation Committee will be held on Wed., January 17, 2018 at Northern Station, 4pm.

RESOLUTION ON CLIPPER COVE

WHEREAS, Treasure Island's Clipper Cove is a unique harbor that is San Francisco's largest and most valuable protected open water cove;

WHEREAS, a new development proposed by Treasure Island Enterprises, to demolish the existing small boat marina in Clipper Cove and construct a new luxury marina dedicated exclusively for very large yachts running 40'-80' in length,

would damage existing recreational, educational, and cultural activities in Clipper Cove and would pose a significant unidentified threat to the ecology of the Cove;

WHEREAS, presently Clipper Cove is the home to San Francisco's only community sailing center, the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC), which provides sailing for several thousand youth each year, including a sailing STEM program for over 1,500 San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) 4th graders, most of whom have their first experience on the Bay through this program;

WHEREAS, the proposed development would increase the footprint of the marina from 7% of the Cove to 32% of the Cove, displacing Sailing Center activities, entirely blocking some beginning sailors from the inner Cove where the water is most protected and reducing the area available for recreational boaters to anchor over night in the calm waters found in Clipper Cove;

WHEREAS, found underwater in the southern portion of Clipper Cove is valuable native eelgrass which provides important habitat for wildlife in San Francisco Bay;

WHEREAS, according to the State of California, the wave attenuator wall proposed as part of the new luxury marina is likely to generate new siltation in the Cove requiring regular maintenance dredging, factors that could likely negatively impact the eelgrass without proper mitigation;

WHEREAS, in a feasibility study on the proposed project, the State of California noted that similar development at the San Francisco Marina by the Marina Green resulted in unanticipated siltation, the dredging of which currently runs to \$500,000 a year and recommended budgeting \$150,000 a year in maintenance dredging for the proposed Clipper Cove project, a recommendation the developers have declined to accept.

WHEREAS, the State's estimate of dredging costs documents that the project sponsor, Treasure Island Enterprises, has not studied nor identified the potential threat of changing siltation and has not identified mitigation measures to protect the eelgrass;

BE IT RESOLVED, that CSFN opposes the proposed marina development and endorses the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC) minimum impact alternative option for Clipper Cove. Under this alternative option, the number of berths in the marina would double and the average berth would increase in length from

31ft. to a maximum of 42ft. This compromise would allow for a dramatic increase in the development of Clipper Cove but still have minimum impact on public access to Clipper Cove and minimum impact on the health of the Bay.

Submitted by Glenn Rogers (PmAC)

CSFN RESOLUTION ON THE SFMTA

Whereas, because of population and employment increases, and the computer-dispatched ride-hail services, San Francisco's traffic congestion has become excessive and out of control, and

Whereas, this congestion and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) difficulties in managing San Francisco's transportation systems are combining to slow Muni down and make it less desirable as a means of travel, and

Whereas, despite the fact that some progress has been made, the traffic and transit condition of San Francisco is getting worse, not better, and

Whereas, without a strong and reliable non-automotive means of getting around in San Francisco, the

negative effects of too much traffic will become increasingly constrictive, and Whereas, San Francisco and its people deserve better, and

Whereas, 44 years after the adoption of San Francisco's Transit First Policy, the SFMTA and other City departments are still failing to effectively implement it, and

Whereas, City Hall has been unable or unwilling to seriously address any of San Francisco's transportation problems in a comprehensive and far-sighted manner, and

Whereas, the neighborhood groups, each struggling to deal with its own neighborhood transportation issues, are not well positioned to respond individually to San Francisco's citywide transportation deficiencies, and

Whereas, The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) has long been concerned over the deterioration of San Francisco citywide transportation condition, and

Whereas, on many past occasions the CSFN has issued statements and testified concerning the need for a stronger and more committed approach to resolving San Francisco's problems, and

Whereas, the San Francisco Transportation Alliance (SFTA) was formed on April 8, 2017 for the purpose of bringing about basic reform to the manner in which City Hall manages traffic in San Francisco and dispenses transportation services in San Francisco, and

Whereas, as outlined below the SFTA has developed a cogent initial approach to achieving this

objective, and

Whereas, the SFTA is working with many groups and individuals, as well as with elements of City government, to bring about necessary citywide, long range changes, now therefore be it

Resolved that the CSFN again calls on San Francisco's government to tackle San Francisco's transportation problems in a coordinated, expeditious and comprehensive manner, and be it further

Resolved, that for these reasons the CSFN hereby joins the San Francisco Transportation Alliance, and be it further

Resolved, that the CSFN encourages each CSFN member organization to lend its own strong support to the SFTA's program for ending San Francisco's transportation malaise, and be it further

Resolved, that the President, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and others whom they may designate, be, and they are hereby authorized to take any and all steps which they believe are necessary and appropriate to fulfill the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolution.

Submitted by the CSFN LU Committee

January Program: Regional Measure 3

To help solve the Bay Area's growing congestion problems, MTC worked with the state Legislature to authorize a new ballot measure that could increase tolls on the region's seven state-owned toll bridges for the first time since 2010. Senate Bill 595 (authored by Sen. Jim Beall of San Jose) was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Brown this fall. Regional Measure 3 could be submitted for voters' consideration as early as June 2018.



The setting sun reflects off of the Carquinez Bridge's towers. This bridge project was funded through Regional Measure 1.

If approved by a majority of voters in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma counties, revenues from a toll increase of up to \$3 would be used to finance a \$4.45 billion slate of highway and transit improvements in the toll bridge corridors and their approach routes.

Major projects in the RM 3 expenditure plan include expansion of BART's railcar fleet to accommodate record ridership and the system's pending 2018 extension to Milpitas and East San Jose; further extension of BART's Silicon Valley service to downtown San Jose and Santa Clara; extending Caltrain to downtown San Francisco; expanding transbay bus services and AC Transit's bus rapid transit lines; constructing a direct freeway connector from northbound U.S. 101 to eastbound Interstate 580 in Marin County, and improving the westbound approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and the I-580/Richmond Parkway interchange in Contra Costa County; constructing a direct connector between Interstates 680 and 880 in Fremont; upgrading the I-680/State Route 4 interchange in Contra Costa County, the I-680/State Route 84 interchange in Alameda County and the U.S. 101/State Route 92 interchange in San Mateo; various upgrades to relieve congestion in the Dumbarton Bridge corridor and improve State Route 37 in Marin, Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties; extending the new SMART rail

system to Windsor and Healdsburg; expanding San Francisco's fleet of Muni Metro rail cars; and adding more vessels to the San Francisco Bay Ferry fleet. The bill also includes a \$150 million grant program to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to regional transit hubs and to close gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail. [Review the complete Regional Measure 3 Expenditure Plan.](#)

Bay Area voters have twice previously approved toll increases for regional transportation improvements. [This map details the major projects funded by those measures.](#)

Projects funded through [Regional Measure 1](#) (1988) include the Richmond Parkway, San Mateo-Hayward Bridge widening, the new Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge across the Carquinez Strait, widening of the Bayfront Expressway in San Mateo County, Richmond-San Rafael Bridge rehab, the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge, rehab of the original 1962 Benicia-Martinez Bridge, and reconstruction of the Interstate 880/State Route 92 interchange in Hayward.

[Regional Measure 2](#) (2004) provided funding to advance the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore, San Francisco's Central Subway, Interstate 80/680 interchange upgrades in Solano County, State Route 4 widening in eastern Contra Costa County, the e-BART extension to Pittsburg and Antioch, seismic retrofit of the BART Transbay Tube, the BART-Oakland Airport connector, the Transbay Transit Center now under construction in San Francisco, and BART's extension from Fremont to Warm Springs, which opened earlier this year.

Regional Measure 2 also provides ongoing operating support for [the Clipper® transit-fare payment card](#), and for key bus, ferry and light-rail services around the region.

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NEIGHBORHOOD VIEWS

Neighborhood Views is published monthly, the official voice of the Coalition for SF Neighborhoods, Inc., a 501(c)4 organization.

To Submit Articles: Email articles by the 3rd (third) of the month to: Newsletter Editor (1st VP) in Microsoft Word-compatible document (i.e. no pdf's) in-line or as attachment. Articles reflect the opinions of the submitter, not necessarily the opinion of the CSFN.

We invite material from member organizations as well as rebuttal to articles already printed. We reserve the right to edit where necessary.

JANUARY 2018 CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

- 6:00 I. Sign In and Refreshments
- 6:30 II. Call to Order/ Ascertain Quorum
 - A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests / Short Announcements
 - B. Host- **CATHEDRAL HILL NEIGHBORS**
- 6:45 III. Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice Presidents
 - C. Secretaries
 - D. Treasurer
- 7:00 IV. Committee Action Items—written reports in Newsletter
 - A. Executive
 - B. Bylaws
 - C. Government & Elections
 - D. Land Use & Housing
 - E. Open Space
 - F. Transportation
 - G. Dinner
 - H. Water Task Force
- 7:10 V. Approval of November 17, 2017 Minutes
- 7: 15 VI. Unfinished Business:
- 7:20 VII. New Business: **Resolution on Clipper Cove**
Resolution on the SFMTA
- 7:30 IX Program- **Regional Measure 3- Tilly Chang, SFMTA**
- 8:30 X. Adjourn

