

NOPNA General Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

Attendance: Approximately 25+ neighbors at the meeting plus board members: Charles, Leela, Tim, Meg, Julian, Jennifer, Jason

District 5 Supervisor Vallie Brown

- She is introducing a plan to improve safety on Divisadero; it may not be everything you need but we also need A, B, and C - let D5 Supervisor know and we can try to do more.

Captain Bailey, Captain of Park Station

- Crime overview for the district - all crimes have gone down except vehicle theft so make sure you are locking your vehicle (went up 4%) but everything else has gone down
- Burglaries via getting access to garage doors; taking bikes; you can call SAFE so for example, even if it is in your garage, lock your bike (especially if it is expensive). You can also get trackers and put them on your bikes.
- The police is working closely with the community to crack down on crime; for example, a lot of neighbors are using video camera's to watch doors and garages and the police are using that to track down burglars. She is not advocating RING but this is a great system to track who is going in and out of your front door.
- MUNI is also using video cameras on board - these cameras help cracks down on crime. Video is also evidence that can be presented in court which helps convictions.
- A lot of the car lefts are for tourists that are renting cars; so the police are trying to educate tourists on how not to leave things in your vehicle. "Park Smart" campaign.
- They have another flyer to raise awareness on "homes that are under construction"
- Call 3-1-1 or use the 3-1-1 app
- Q: Is it faster to call 911 or the station directly? Always call 9-1-1.
- Q: Is it true that there are 250 officers retiring at the end of the year? A: That is a big number and not one that she has heard - so probably not that many.

400 Divisadero Presentation

- Board of Supervisors voted 11 to 0 for 20% for below market rate rental income. The below market rate units would be managed through the Mayor's office. So since that decision has been made, they have 186 rental units 1 out of 5 would be below market rate and 1,800 square feet of retail space that will also help activate that block.
- Viewed as a cornerstone of merchant corridor of lower Haight and Divisadero
- David went through the versions of the design. Version 2 ideas - too much glass so they redesigned it again. We are now on version 3. John is the architect and lives in SF and has raised his children here. Strong retail base along Divisadero; as you go around the corner on to Oak, the architecture becomes warmer and more in line with buildings on that block. Retail wraps around onto Oak. Roof deck (private). Taken a lot of design to sculpt the building lines to meet neighbors requests. Bay windows.
- Q: What is the timing status of this project? A: First meeting was with affordable Divis; done a lot of community outreach. Ready to go to the planning commission next month.
- Q: What can the neighbors do to help accelerate this project? A: Speak up
- Q: Vacancy rate is rising in SF. What can we do about that? A: David was not really prepared to

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answer that question but

- Q: One neighbor was commenting about removing the gas station.
- Q: One neighbor is really looking for
- Contact SF Planning project leader, Mary Woods, is the D5 planner working on the project. There is a hearing April 25th so if you are interested in supporting the project let them know.
- Q: What is the building height and is there play in that number? A: Density bonus - they decided not to do that and there was a lot of pressure from the City to use that bonus but they said no to keep it to 6 stories. Because in SF you want to be respectful of the neighborhood and he wants to keep the character of the neighborhood. There is a concern about wind tunnels in the street.
- Q: Financing a building with 20% BMR is going to be challenging. Some push back on building up to six stories.

NOPNA Vision Zero Subcommittee

- Nopna asked D5 Supervisor to look at improvements for safety for Divisadero and this plan was proposed.
- The proposal was handed out to everyone at the meeting. SFMTA is not trying to ramp this through. We can talk about the improvements. A traffic signal costs a million dollar.
- Daylighting is the most contentious safety improvement because it takes a parking spot away but it helps cars and pedestrians see each other.
- Bike boxes are added where there are bike lanes. Sharrows are not considered bike lanes but if the neighbors want bike boxes SFMTA can look at that too.
- Q: Can SFMTA look at the adherence to the advanced limit lines vs. bike box. A: We can look at it - good idea!
- Q: What about Golden Gate & Turk. A: SFMTA is looking at improving Golden Gate corridor is safety improvements.
- Q: Protected bike lanes on Divisadero and safe drop off zones? A: Bike lanes are harder to get done quickly as compared to improving safety of intersections. At the Tenderloin daylight
- Q: Why is there no pedestrian signaling on McAllister or Golden Gate? A: Some was added but not all because there are tubes under the streets and sometimes that tubes get filled and the city can't pull more lines to adjust the wiring - right now they don't have the budget to redo all the wiring. Working on the timing of the lights also takes some time.
- Q: Bike corrals on the daylighting? A: the bike corrals are linked to businesses because they get really dirty so we need to have a business to help maintain them.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04pm.