



SAN FRANCISCO
PLANNING
DEPARTMENT

PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY OVERSIGHT BOARD

Update: The Oversight Board of the Redevelopment Agency has met several times in the past two months. In their financial oversight role, per AB26, the Board approved the Successor Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of February through June 2012, and the ROPS for July through December 2012. In both cases, the State approved the entire ROPS, which is a major achievement given the complexity and breadth of the obligations of the Successor Agency.

In their entitlement role, per Board resolution, the Oversight Board approved the first development project since the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency. The Board approved the plans and related environmental findings for a 273-unit residential development in Mission Bay, to be developed by Equity Partners. The project will include a 160-foot tower and a low-rise four-storey residential component surrounding an interior courtyard. All parking will be screened by residential uses.

The Board also approved the Concept Design and related environmental findings for the partial closure of Fourth Street in Mission Bay, between 16th St and Mariposa Street. The street will remain a public right-of-way but will accommodate two drop-off areas for the UCSF Hospital, and a large public plaza in the center of the block, and a continuous bike and pedestrian trail. The block will be built and maintained by UCSF, and will be open when Phase One of the hospital - currently under construction - opens in 2015. This proposal must also be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The Oversight Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 11:00 am in Room 416 of City Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor's Proposed Budget Released - Update

Mayor Edwin M. Lee released his proposed two-year budget for 2012-13 and 2013-14. In his proposal, the Mayor allocated an additional \$3.2 million to Planning, totaling \$5 million from the General Fund.

Please refer to the attached memo for an update on the budget.

Stepping Up to the Plate for the Kids:

The SF Planners Softball Team is participating in the Worker's Children's Fund 23rd Annual Softball Tournament at Moscone Field, Saturday, June 16. This will be the fifth consecutive year the Planning Department has fielded a team and participated in the annual fundraiser for San Francisco children.

Here's the line-up of our stellar team: Jonas Ionin (manager), Ben Fu, Edgar Oropeza, Corey Teague, Kate McGee, Keith DeMartini, Michael Smith, Michelle Stahlhut, Joanna Linsangan, Sara Wegwitz, Richard Sucre, Steve Wertheim, Abbie Wertheim, Rick Crawford, Dario Jones, Wade Wietgreffe and Carla Wietgreffe.

Planning Department Summer Internship Program:

We welcome interns Benjamin Caldwell, Erik Jaszewski, Susan Parks, Angela Locke, Ada Tan, Samantha Dolgoff, Eunice Lau, Alexandra Kerby, Forrest Chamberlain, Stella Yip, Jacob Kraemer, Sherrie Wayman, Alexi Martin, Rebecca Sunter and V. Thayer Mullins to the Planning Department!

The interns will be working on a number of projects including:

- ⊕ researching items on historic preservation, urban design, transportation, sustainable development and legislation,
- ⊕ digitizing records, dockets and historical materials,
- ⊕ setting up and maintaining department libraries
- ⊕ conducting mapping work and
- ⊕ supporting IT with computer set-up.

PUBLIC EVENTS

PROJECT:	DESCRIPTION	DATE(S):
LANDMARK DESIGNATION WORK PROGRAM	<p>Historic 'Happy Hour'</p> <p>3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Twin Peaks Tavern, 401 Castro The Twin Peaks Tavern is being considered for designation as a Landmark and the Planning Department is looking for historical items from the Twin Peaks as well as oral history.</p>	June 21, 2012
GREEN CONNECTIONS	<p>Green Connections Walk: Green Streets, Mean Streets, SOMA Alleys and Gardens</p> <p>1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Mint Plaza, off Fifth Street between Market and Mission Streets Info: Visit greened alleys, discuss alleyway improvements, and visit community gardens</p>	June 23, 2012
GREEN CONNECTIONS	<p>Green Connections Walk: Unlikely Habitat, A Tenderloin Swallowtail Tour</p> <p>11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. UN Plaza Fountain (Civic Center) Leaders: Amber Hasselbring & Elizabeth Stampe Nearby Transit Station: Civic Center Station (BART and MUNI)</p>	July 1, 2012