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PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Green Connections Survey Closes February 28

The Green Connections project has developed a draft map featuring 140 miles of 'green connectors'— special streets and paths linking pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife to parks and other open spaces throughout the city and needs community feedback. The team is still taking input on the draft map until the end of February.



Comments may be submitted in two ways:

- By completing the survey on the project website:
<http://greenconnections.sfplanning.org>
- Leaving your input on the Improve SF platform, www.improvesf.org

Green Connections is a collaborative effort between the San Francisco Planning Department, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Department of Public Health and the Mayor's Office of Housing. The City agencies have also partnered with three community-based organizations: San Francisco Parks Alliance, Walk San Francisco and Nature in the City.

Permit and Project Tracking System (PPTS) Update

The Department is pleased to report that the new Project and Permit Tracking System (PPTS) is on schedule for roll-out this fall, 2013.

Planning staff are working closely with DBI staff and the Accela-21Tech consultant team and are in the final stages of designing the system.



Each Commission (Planning, Historic Preservation and Building Inspection) is represented on the project's Citizen Advisory Group, a focus group of citizens assembled to assist staff in testing the system this spring. An "Open House" to share the project with all interested members of the public is being planned for late March. Please visit the project webpage at <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3340> for more information.

SPUR Talk on YouTube

An audio recording of my recent presentation at SPUR is now available on YouTube:



The Meanies and the War Mongers: Recent Planning Lessons from SF
Land use planning in San Francisco is often called a blood sport. John Rahaim, Planning Director, will discuss the last five years of planning in San Francisco during his tenure, and why that phrase is too weak. Rahaim will look at the accomplishments of planning in the city, the impacts from the last decade of neighborhood plans and the lessons from the war that will guide the Planning Department into the next decade.

Speech: http://youtu.be/EZhp-xKxB_A

Q&A: <http://youtu.be/rCpdZqcE06U>

PUBLIC EVENTS:

Japantown Cultural Heritage & Economic Sustainability Strategy Community Meeting

The Japantown Organizing Committee and San Francisco Planning Department are hosting a community meeting to introduce the revised Better Neighborhood Plan (BNP), now known as the Japantown Cultural Heritage and Economic Sustainability Strategy (JCHESS).

The first draft of the Japantown Cultural Heritage and Economic Sustainability Strategy (JCHESS) available is online at <http://japantown.sfplanning.org> or through the Japantown Task Force (1765 Sutter St. #200 or 415-346-1239).

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, (415) 567-5505

Food and beverages will be provided.