



NORTH OF PANHANDLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

March 18th , 2010

General Neighborhood Meeting

Location: Jannah (1775 Fulton St.) , Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

AGENDA

Meet and Greet (7:00pm – 7:30pm)

Introductions (7:30pm to 7:40pm)

1. Board Member/Volunteer Introductions
2. Host Thank You

Breaking News

1. New Ice Cream and Pie Shop Opens, Wed. the 24th

Speakers (7:40pm to 8:45pm)

Informational

1. ESER measure – Matthew Beagle
2. Planned Pot Club at 350 Divisadero
3. Friends of the San Francisco Library (Page Library) – Mary Abler
4. Bistro Gambrinus – Extending Business Hours
5. Oasis Cafe, Bistro Central Parc
6. Meet the Merchants (Newsletters Advertiser Thank You)

Featured

1. Bay to Breakers – Sam Singer
2. MTA: Fell/Oak Signs – Cathal Hennessy
3. MTA: Arco Station - James Shahamiri
4. Park Station Update (Sit/Lie) – Capt. Barrett
5. Supervisors Office Update – Vallie Brown

Events & Announcements (8:45pm to 9:00pm)

1. NOPNA Logo/Iconic Pictures Contest
2. Divisadero Street Scape Ribbon Cutting

Speaking at NOPNA

To our speakers: In order to improve the flow of NOPNA meetings, we would like to ask all speakers to answer the following questions when presenting:

1. Your Name
2. Who you represent?
3. What your organization does?
4. What you want to communicate to the neighborhood?

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Introduction of new board members

New business announcement: Chile Pies at Fulton & Baker opening on 3/24. Oasis Cafe is opening adjacent to the 99 cent store on the corner of McAllister & Divisadero. Bistro Central Parc, at Central & Grove, is now open for dinner nightly and brunch on the weekends.

Proposed MCD update: due to community outreach of NOPNA, ASNA and Divisadero Merchants the business owner will need to go through public process in order to open the MCD. This was the goal of the community organizations efforts.

Mary Abler from the Page Library between Cole & Shrader is being closed for renovations. Two bond measures are covering the renovations of this location as well as others around the city. \$16 million is needed to furnish and equip locations around the city. There is a current campaign to raise this money through donations. If you would like to donate please contact the Page branch. The Page Library is a 100 year old building and a resource to all residents of our area.

Meet the Merchants: Remy from Mojo Bicycle Cafe spoke about the new Parklet which is the first of more to come around San Francisco. 3/18 was a big day for Divis, as there were news crews to cover the improvements of the area. Ross Mirkarimi & Gavin Newsom were in attendance. Sommer Peterson, the owner of Minibar and 15 resident of the area, spoke about the art shows at her location. Every 6 weeks new artwork by Western Addition and Nopa artists are installed. Additionally, Sommer is involved in the coordination of the quarterly Divisadero Art Walks. Andre, the owner of Alamo Square Grill and Blue Jay Cafe, is a 20 year resident of the neighborhood. Mark Topetcher is a 22 year resident and local architect. He has worked on many projects around our area, and most recently, is involved in the Harding Theater renovations. Lastly, Michael Krouse, the owner of Madrone, spoke about the live entertainment and DJ line up they have each week. Please check out their website for more info.



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Members of the ING Bay to Breakers planning committee addressed questions from those in attendance. This is the 99th Bay to Breakers race!! Basically, things will operate the same as last year. Kegs and bottles will be confiscated. All floats will need to be registered, however this year a clean up deposit will also be required. If the float owner does not dispose of their property properly, the deposit will be kept to cover clean up costs. Registration for runners is up this year. 35% of the 747 port-a-potties will be in our area. An additional 20 port-a-potties will be added along Divisadero near Fell.

We heard an update on the the problems around the Arco station on Fell and Divisadero. The line of cars has created issues for bicyclists. SF MTA is reviewing potential solutions to the problem. Most likely the 4 closest parking spaces on Fell will be permanently removed to create space for cars to line up as well as bicyclists to safely pass by.

An iconic photo and NOPNA logo contest was announced. Please contact jarie@nopna.org for more details. The winner will be selected at this year's NOPNA Block Party on Saturday, May 15th. The logo or photo will be incorporated into the design of www.nopna.org.

Ellyn Parker gave an update on the Divisadero Beautification project which is ~98% complete. There is a 3 year contract with DPW for maintenance of the improvements. Additionally, she provided updates on the new Parklet at Mojo. It is positioned in a former bus stop and did not remove any parking. The Divisadero Corridor was awarded a grant to clean up graffiti on 24 businesses. Murals are being planned for the exterior of vacant spaces. (check out Plant-it-Earth for an example of a mural).

Vallie Brown attended on behalf of Ross Mirkarimi to express his gratitude of all the community outreach and advocacy in our area. He is very excited about all the positive change in the hood. Additionally, she gave an update on the parking lot at the DMV. Since it is a state run establishment, we are unable to use the parking lot during the evenings. The state has liability concerns with opening it to the public during off hours. Ross Mirkarimi would ultimately like to see the DMV

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moved to another location so the land could be repurposed for community housing or a more community friendly use.

There is a petition to extend Zone P for parking permits on all streets between golden gate and fell, divisadero & central. If you live on a block that does not have parking permits and would like to volunteer for peititioning, contact kandacekaylor@yahoo.com

Michael Helquist gave an update on a new group, Nopa Velo, which is a community focused bike outing that takes place monthly. It is open to all bicyclists and it themed focused. The next event is 3/28 and will start at Apollo Cafe on Turk and Divisadero and end at the Farmers Market.