next meeting

General membership meetings are usually held the fourth Monday of every other month.

MONDAY, SEPT 26, 2011

What: ASNA general meeting

Where: Chateau Tivoli
1057 Steiner St.
Enterance between McAllister and Golden Gate

When: Doors open 7 p.m.
Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: Park Plan Update

upcoming events

Every Saturday
Fillmore Farmers Market
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fillmore & O’Farrell

Every Sunday
Divisadero Farmers Market
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Divisadero & Grove

Saturday, August 13
Park Greening
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Meet at the tennis court.
Coffee provided. Email park@alamosq.org to sign up.

Saturday, August 20
Alamo Square Flea Market
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Scott, Hayes & Fulton

see Events >
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In Memoriam

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However, the Alamo Square Inn turned out to be a great success and a boon to the area. Wayne and Klaus were neighborhood boosters and hosted numerous weddings, ASNA meetings, and other community events during the 1980s and 1990s.

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Westerfeld House 1980 by Dave Glass & Westerfeld House 2011 by Nico Lizarraga

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One of ASNA’s main purposes is to help improve Alamo Square. Park greening days are scheduled the first Saturday on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Come out, join your neighbors, pitch in, and help make Alamo Square better for everyone!

Saturday, August 13, 2011
Saturday, November 12, 2011
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Email bill.bonds@alamosq.org to sign up! Meet at the tennis court. Coffee provided.

The next D5 supervisor

BY GUS HERNANDEZ, ALAMO SQUARE NEWSLETTER

Current District 5 Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi announced his bid for Sheriff earlier this year, with over a year still left in his term. He has many notable endorsements and had an early lead in the race, until Chris Cunnie announced his candidacy, a former Undersheriff. Cunnie is now favored to win.

However, that hasn’t stopped San Francisco political observers from speculating who might be appointed the next District 5 Supervisor, should Mirkarimi win in November. The person to appoint the next supervisor would be whoever was mayor at the time of Mirkarimi’s resignation as Supervisor. Mirkarimi could choose to resign immediately, allowing the current mayor the opportunity to appoint the next D5 Supervisor. Otherwise, the seat would be appointed by whoever is the new mayor in January. The appointee would serve for 3 years.

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Mayoral candidates at the Duboce Triangle and Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Associations’ forum on August 8, 2011 at the Castro Theater. Seated left to right: Michaela Alioto-Pier, John Avalos, David Chiu, Bevan Dufty, Tony Hall, Dennis Herrera, Ed Lee, Joanna Rees, Phil Ting, Leland Yee, and Terry Baum.

The next D5 supervisor, cont’d

out the remainder of Mirkarimi’s term on the Board of Supervisors, until the next election in November 2012.

Interim Mayor Ed Lee announced his candidacy on Monday, August 8, 2011. That same evening, the Duboce Triangle and Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Associations hosted a mayoral forum at the Castro Theater. Mayor Lee joined 10 other candidates in the forum, moderated by Liam Mayclem (above, center), host of CBS-5 (KPIX) TV’s award-winning “Eye on the Bay” show.

Will one of these candidates (or perhaps one of the 25 other candidates who were not on the stage that evening) get to appoint the next District 5 Supervisor?
SFMTA seeks your input on plans

At the last Alamo Square general meeting, Luis Montoya from the SFMTA gave an overview of the process to pursue improvements to bike lanes on Fell and/or Oak Street, from the Wiggle (Scott Street) to the Panhandle (Baker).

Project Scope: To improve bicycle access between the Panhandle bike path and the “Wiggle” by providing separated bikeways on Fell Street and/or Oak Street between Scott and Baker streets. The bikeway(s) would have a buffer space and/or physical separation between cyclists and traveling vehicles.

Design Options: SFMTA public opinion surveys from cyclists and would-be cyclists show that more people would ride their bikes if bikeways were physically separated from vehicles. Given the right-of-way constraints on both Oak and Fell Streets, accommodating a wide bikeway and buffer space would require that changes be made to existing parking and/or travel lanes.

At this point, the SFMTA has brainstormed a few conceptual design ideas that will be shared with the general public at an upcoming community meeting. The following measures could be applied to either Oak Street or Fell Street or both, depending on the community feedback.

Options
- Remove one travel lane to accommodate a separated bikeway,
- Remove parking on one side of the street to accommodate a separated bikeway.
- Create a part-time travel lane to accommodate a separated bikeway. Such a part-time travel lane would operate similar to other “tow-away lanes” that are common throughout San Francisco where parking is allowed except for during peak hours.
- Remove one travel lane to accommodate a two-way separated bikeway on either Oak or Fell St.
- Remove parking on one side of the street to accommodate a two-way separated bikeway on either Oak or Fell St.

You can review the concepts on our website at www.alamosq.org. These are only meant to illustrate a few concepts for the purposes of soliciting initial feedback. Additional concepts suggested by the public will be further developed. You can submit your thoughts directly to Luis via email at luis.montoya@sfmta.com.

Luis will wait to respond to all comments at an upcoming public meeting on September 13th so that everyone has access to the same information. See info below:

Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30pm
San Francisco Day School
350 Masonic Ave (at Golden Gate)
Grove Street between Scott and Divisadero Streets with access for local traffic only.

- ASNA Donations and Membership Booth will be on Scott Street at Grove Street steps.
- ASNA Raffle Tickets will be sold at the Membership Booth. Gift certificates to local businesses, such as NOPA, Plant It Earth, Little Start Pizza, Touchless Car Wash, MoJo Bicycle Cafe, The Independent, and Madrone Art Bar, were previously awarded.
- Rocket Dog Rescue will have dogs to adopt on Scott Street at Fulton Street.
- Workshop, a neighborhood space for DIY classes, will feature terrarium building, crafts, and cookie decorating.

The Alamo Square Flea Market is the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association’s biggest and oldest community event and fundraiser. It supports the maintenance of and improvements to the park that is our namesake and the preservation of the historic character of our neighborhood. It helps fund neighborhood safety, traffic calming, beautification projects, community socials in the park, and our bi-monthly newsletter. ASNA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are tax deductible.

The 28th Annual Alamo Square Flea Market, Saturday, August 20, 2011, 9:00am to 3:00pm.
Sunday Streets in August, September

SOURCE: SUNDAYSTREETSSF.ORG

Sunday Streets Civic Center/Tenderloin is on Sunday, August 14, 11am - 4pm. Below are some of the programmed events along the route.

The Tricycle Music Fest West kicks off for a third year of family rock concerts with Frances England, queen of indie rock, and local favorite, Charity and the JAMband, at an outdoor event outside the Main Library on Sunday, August 14. The new Green Bookmobile, Tree Frog Treks, and Friends of the Library will be there for a rockin’ good time.

The “Green Zone” -- Grove Street between Larkin and Hyde will house a plethora of environmental organizations and activities. More details coming soon.

Roller Disco -- Come skate with D Miles and CORA! They will be set up on Fulton between Larkin and Hyde.

Freedom from Training Wheels -- Join the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition to get kids riding without training wheels! Bring bike (if you have it) and helmet. They’ll take care of the rest. Questions? Email marc@sfbike.org

Bike Wash and Cumbia Dancing! -- Stop by 215 Golden Gate at Leavenworth to get a bike wash and dance Cumbia with the Beautiful Rebels at Young Workers United. Learn about their approach to helping workers in San Francisco, pick up a copy of their guide to socially responsible restaurants and get down with YWU!

Boeddeker Park -- Boeddeker Park, at Jones and Eddy, will have Tai Chi at 11 am to Noon with instructor Chris Sequeira of Living Tai Chi. Jazz band Melvin and the Mellotones will perform at the outdoor stage in the park at 1 pm to 2 pm. There will be activities for kids in the children’s play area from 11 am to closing, free bike rentals, and a free bike repair station. These events are sponsored by the Friends of Boeddeker Park, the SF Parks Trust and the North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District plus the SF Recreation and Parks Department.

Tenderloin National Forest -- Stop by Cohen Alley on Ellis between Leavenworth and Hyde to see this beautiful hidden gem!

Hyde Street Band – The Best Little Band You’ve Never Heard! Based out of the Tenderloin in San Francisco, Hyde Street Band performs gritty, hard-rocking blues, R&B, rock, and rockabilly music – the songs that move us. Stop by their adhoc bandstand at 631 O’Farrell and enjoy music covers of the Stones, Doors, Steppenwolf, Van Morrison, CCR, Mellencamp, and others.

Sunday Streets Western Addition is on Sunday, Sept 11, and the route includes Alamo Square, North of Panhandle, Fillmore, and Japantown. Check the Sunday Streets website for information as it becomes available.
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Thursday, August 18, 2011
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location:
JCCCNC
Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern CA
1840 Sutter St.
San Francisco, California 94115

For additional information or questions contact
Jackson Gee at the District Attorney’s Office
415.575.6328 or jackson.gee@sfgov.org

Fillmore/Lower Fillmore Mayoral Debate

A District 5 Mayoral Debate will take place on Thursday, August 18, 2011 from 6pm to 8pm at the West Bay Conference Center, 1290 Fillmore Street at Eddy. Hosted by the Fillmore/Lower Fillmore Neighborhood Association, D5 Democratic Club, and Alice B Toklas LGBT Democratic Club.

D5 Forum at UCSF on September 22
ASNA and other groups are organizing a District 5 forum on September 22nd, 7pm to 9pm at UCSF, Cole Hall. Enter through the main Medical Sciences Building entrance at 513 Parnassus Avenue. Served by N-Judah, 43, and 6. Some street parking available.

Letter from the president

Dear neighbors,

The Flea Market is right around the corner! I hope we see you Saturday, August 20th for our 28th Annual Flea Market. This is a wonderful opportunity to see neighbors, meet new friends, and have a great day hunting for treasures.

The Flea Market is Alamo Square Neighborhood Association’s biggest fundraiser. Funds from this year’s flea market will be used to pay for the Alamo Square tree study and maintenance plan, as well as to replace the bowls in our vandalized drinking fountain.

It’s especially fun to volunteer at the Flea Market. We need folks to staff the barricades at the end of the street, as well as our bike parking lot. Do you have an hour to give? Contact LaVonne Hickerson at volunteers@alamosq.org. You’ll get a limited edition Alamo Square t-shirt. We need you!

Traffic Calming & Bike Routes on Fell & Oak

We are making slow but steady progress in our neighborhood traffic calming efforts – focusing in particular on Scott and Steiner Streets and the heavy cross-town traffic on these streets. This week, a City crew trimmed the trees at Scott and Oak, making it easier for turning cars and cyclists to see pedestrians.

The SFMTA recently received funding for a trial project of separated bike lanes on either or both Oak and Fell Streets. The SFMTA is reaching out to neighbors for their feedback on initial proposals, and spoke at our last general meeting. If you were not able to see President’s letter >
attend, and if you have concerns or questions, I encourage you to review the initial concepts on our website (www.alamosq.org) and provide your feedback to Luis Montoya at the SFMTA at luis.montoya@sfmta.com.

Mr. Montoya will collect your comments, concerns and ideas, and address them in a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm at the San Francisco Day School (Masonic at Golden Gate). If you would like to be involved in Scott and Steiner Street traffic calming, please send an email to lisa.zahner@alamosq.org.

District 5 Mayoral Candidate Forum

A District 5 Mayoral Candidate Forum will be held on Thursday, September 22, 7-9 pm at UCSF, Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus Ave. Please plan to attend! ASNA Board member Azalia Merrell helped to organize this event, as well as Thea Selby from Lower Haight Merchants and Neighbors Association and Jarie Bolander of North of Panhandle Neighborhood Association.

Become a member

I encourage you to become a paying member of the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association. We do good work with your dues! All funds go directly back to our park and neighborhood. Some examples: Mosaics and murals for graffiti abatement, Pups ‘N Potluck and Park Socials, being a strong voice for our neighborhood and park at City Hall and Rec and Park, and more. Memberships start at just $15, and are open to all Alamo Square neighbors. Sign up online at www.alamosq.org or see the back of this newsletter for a membership form.

Drinking Fountain Update

What’s a park without its drinking fountain? Vandals stole the beautiful bowls on the drinking fountain at the top of the hill. This is a site-specific drinking fountain, which was originally funded by the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association as well as many loving dog owners. Board member Bill Bonds has been working with the drinking fountain company to identify replacement parts that will be aesthetically pleasing, but not a temptation to vandals. ASNA is working with Rec and Park to purchase replacement parts, and we hope to have our drinking fountain bowls replaced soon.

Tour Bus News

To follow-up our May General Meeting about tour buses in the neighborhood, ASNA Board member John Dallas met with Jerry Robbins of the SFMTA on a recent afternoon in the park, to experience our situation first hand. Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi has requested a traffic study to gauge the impact of the buses in the area. If you have feedback or ideas regarding the tour buses, contact Jerry.Robbins@sfmta.com.

I’m looking forward to seeing you in the neighborhood!

Lisa Zahner
ASNA President

MUSIC. ART. DRINKS.
Events, cont’d

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www.sundaystreetssf.org

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Monday, September 26
ASNA General Meeting
Chateau Tivoli
1057 Steiner Street, entrance between Golden Gate and McAllister

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ParkScan: Report park issues at ParkScan.org

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2011 ASNA Membership Form

Personal Contact Information (2 contacts per membership, will only be used for ASNA purposes)

Primary Contact - Please print legibly
First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Email ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Secondary Contact
First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Email ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Address Information
Street ___________________________
City ___________________________ State ______ Zip ______

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☐ $15 - Low Income / Senior / Student Membership
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☐ $100 - Supporting Membership
☐ Other contribution ________________
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☐ I would like to receive the Alamo Square Newsletter (bi-monthly)

Indicate areas of interest:
☐ Park Greening, Volunteer Days
☐ Alamo Square Flea Market Volunteer
☐ Transportation & Pedestrian Safety
☐ Neighborhood Socials and Events
☐ Other ___________________________

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