

## OPNA General Meeting - June 17, 2021

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

### Agenda:

- Brief welcome and updates from the NOPNA Board
  - Meg's new president! (Replacing Julian who moved out of SF)
  - Seven New Board Members!!
  - Looking forward to starting to do meetings in person again! (with likely hybrid option)
  - Planning to do Halloween!! And holiday parity stay tuned for details
- Supervisor Preston with District 5 information and updates
- Update from the Divisadero Merchants Association
- SF Parks Alliance introduction and how to get involved 🌳
- Neighborhood merchant intro with Bistro Central Parc, The Independent, and Fool's Errand

**Attendees:** ~# 35 (incl board members and speakers)

**Board Member Attendees:** Meg, Jason, Aimee, Leela, Robin, Apoorv, Martin, Ryan, Tim, Larry, Shakirah, Martin, Em

- **Supervisor Preston**
  - NOPA opportunity to celebrate reopening?
  - City Hall: Knee deep in budget process
  - Money coming in from Biden, local taxes that have passed, etc. we're looking at a surplus budget at the moment. No big cuts as many have anticipated.
  - Neighborhood updates: No updates re: Slow Street on Lyon. MTA is waiting on materials, with vendor being behind. Hopefully on track for an update at the beginning of July.
  - Shared Spaces Program: Mayor has proposed legislation that is in the land use committee, but being rescheduled due to Juneteenth. Looking to get that back into committee.
  - Bus lines: 21 and 31 remain completely suspended, with no time table to bring them back. We (Dean Preston and team) are demanding that this be reconsidered. Neighbors are being extremely loud about bringing back these bus lines – let's continue to keep it up!!
    - Ask from Preston: For a letter supporting bringing back both lines.
  - DMV Parking Lot Update: Should be opening up with new fence and better security by end of July (exact timing TBD). Farmer's market will continue when reopening happens.
  - Questions to Preston:
    - Safety re: Fell/Divisadero Intersection: No updates, other than the fact that Preston's team is engaged with MTA. Potential short term designs/proposals to increase safety – but let's not get our hopes up.

- Transit only lane on Masonic: Was done not completely as proposed, but dealing with bad block that always happens between Oak and Fell.
  - Vision Zero:
    - Question about rights on red and if we could implement, Preston is in favor if the MTA thinks they can reduce accidents
    - Question on slowing down traffic on Divis, can they reduce speed limit on divis (similar to trial in Tenderloin)
      - Preston in favor of reducing the likelihood of making divis a mini-freeway. But doesn't want to achieve slow speeds via congestion (and is in favor of no left turns). Is in favor of lowering speed limits.
  - City holiday to celebrate Juneteenth:
    - Question re: celebration in The Fillmore. Preston's team is in discussions with organizers. Fillmore will be open, but there will be curb extensions. Fulton (Webster through Buchannan) will be completely shut down for Juneteenth celebrations this Saturday. Timing is pretty amazing in regards to mask mandates being lifted. Funding for Juneteenth celebration via grants (D5 office).
    - Fulton closed from Webster to Buchannan; and Fillmore closed from Eddy to McDonalds parking lot.
- **Anisa Alazraie (President of Divisadero Merchants Association)**  
[divisaderomERCHANTSDMA@gmail.com](mailto:divisaderomERCHANTSDMA@gmail.com)
  - -Business representative from BASA (longest standing dispensary)
  - Update on DMA:
    - **DMA Revamping:** Out of operation for almost 2 years now. Looking to maximize community engagement.
    - **Avenue Greenlight – Approved:** Collaboration with the SFCDMA looking to put money towards community benefit projects. Each merchant association is allocated \$50k to spend on local projects.
      - Sub topics include:
        - String lights/Maintenance
        - Natural beautification – planter boxes, tree planting, etc. volunteer project opportunity - comment to try to ensure we use native plants for medians, etc.
        - Marquee/Banner: A welcome into the area to make Divisadero a **location**.
        - Branding for Divis:
        - Annual Events:
        - Recovery Fund: Recovery fund for businesses that have vandalism, broken windows, etc.
    - **Future Art Walks:** Throughout COVID, we weren't able to have art walks, however, they're happening again! Late July/Early August timing. Various

artists being designated at each business. Divisadero – transitioning into Castro.

- Website for Divisadero:

- **Sara Ferree (North Area Manager for the SF Parks Alliance) and Tim Seufert (neighbor) [saraf@sfparksalliance.org](mailto:saraf@sfparksalliance.org); [sfparksalliance.org](http://sfparksalliance.org)**
  - See a need to beautify areas in the city that have been left behind.
    - 88 Community groups touch many areas of San Francisco natural beauty (including Conservatory of Flowers)
  - What they do:
    - Stewardship: Highlight a community partner network to ensure a space is well taken care of/maintained.
    - Activation: Get out and enjoy the spaces. One recent instance is Bandshell in GGP.
    - Advocacy and Promotion
    - Capital Project Work: GGP tennis center 20k add'l hours of tennis/year, Crane Cove Park, India Basin, LetsPlaySF playgrounds (3 additional playgrounds in the works)
  - Celebrating their 50th anniversary!
  - Question
    - Turk/Lyon/Arbol Lane step beautification - email sara for details opportunities for grant.
    - Difference between SF Park and Rec vs. Parks Alliance ?
      - City Dept vs. non-profit group (prev called Neighborhood Parks Council and SF Parks Trust
      - SF Rec and Park is typically the landowner
- **Bistro Central Park targeting opening by July 4th - go support!**
- **The Independent - Jon Gunton (General Manager)**
  - **Updates:** Obviously a difficult year. There is good news on the horizon. The Independent is reopening the week of July 9th. Only allowing vaccinated individuals into the venue (checking cards). Retained majority of staff.
    - Will take pictures of vaccination cards to go in.
  - No guidelines re: capacity. The Independent can go to full capacity. Mask-free, socially distance free.
  - Doing touchless experiences at bar and throughout; upgrading ventilation systems

### **Juneteenth news for this weekend! - Chair of Fillmore Neighborhood and Merchants situation - Pia Harris**

- Juneteenth History: June 19th, 1865 - Emancipation proclamation freed all slaves
- Digital Underground!!
- Free rides (ferris wheel, carnival games for the kids)
- Rides and activities AAACC 11am-9pm (free rides!)

- All businesses are African-American businesses
- Car show with old-school cars
- Job Fair Hiring