
CSFN NEWS

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Invites you to our Semicentennial Celebration
of 50 years supporting San Francisco Neighborhoods
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 6:30-9:30 PM
at the Flood Mansion, 2222 Broadway & Webster

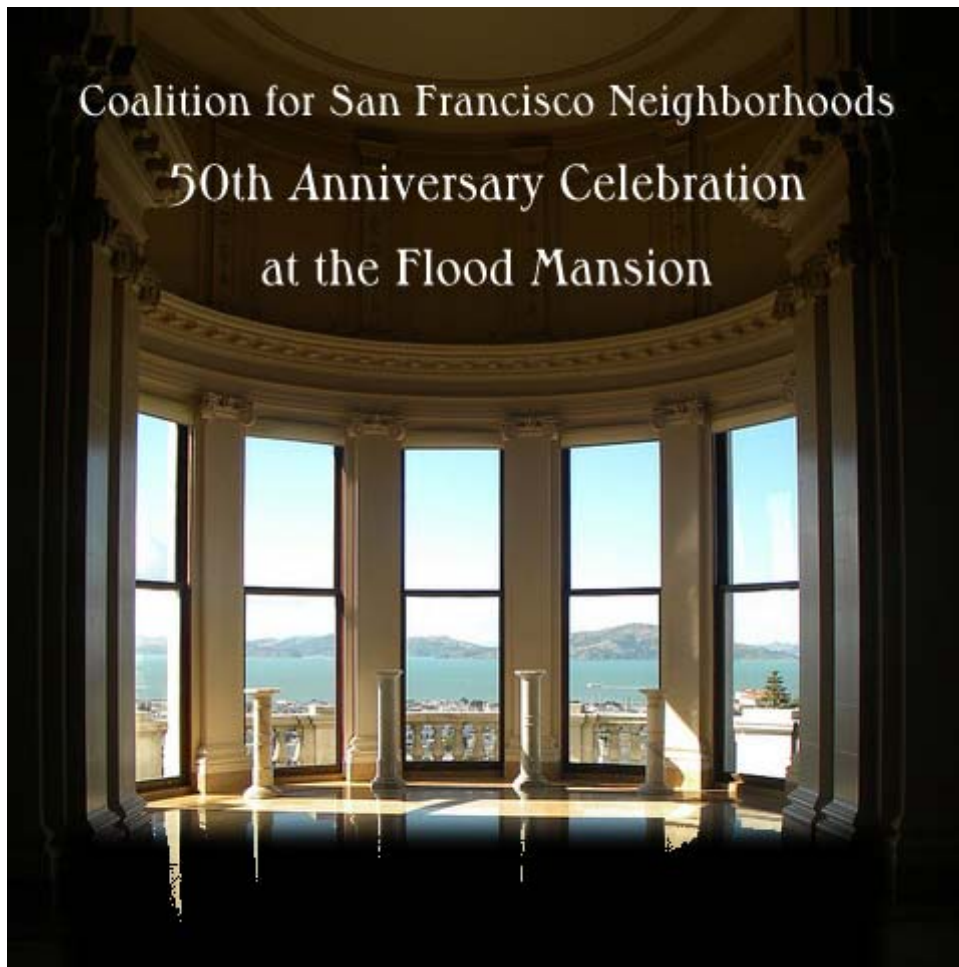


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LIVE MUSIC

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No charge but Donations are Appreciated

Gregory Scott, 637 Noe, St., San Francisco, CA 94114



Map: There's a parking garage on Webster at Sacramento and lots of parking around both Alta plaza & Lafayette Parks. Muni lines 22, 24, 10, and others stop within a block and a half of the Flood Mansion.



SUMMARY OF THE CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT OF HUNTERS POINT

BACKGROUND

On June 14, 2022, the **Civil Grand Jury**, comprised of several volunteers, provided a damning report, *Buried Problems and a Buried Process*, on the state of development at Hunters Point. The Navy purchased the site, a total of 638 acres, on December 29, 1939. In 1974, the Navy ceased operations at the site and the first lease occurred 1976.

The report focused on its groundwater and the likelihood that Climate Change and rising high tides would bring underground toxins to the surface.

Immediately, Mayor London Breed dismissed the report as “unnecessarily alarmist.” Fortunately, the City’s Supervisors took the [report](#) more seriously, especially District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton, who lives near Hunters Point.

TOXICITY IN THE SOIL

Concrete foundations and paved roads often fail because water is especially [debilitating](#) to concrete and seawater is even more destructive. Concrete is said to last a lifetime, but a [lifetime](#) is between 40-100 years — not forever.

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Since saltwater is heavier than freshwater, saltwater sinks. Freshwater presses against concrete floors, potentially breaking the concrete and allowing the freshwater, now infused with toxic chemicals, to enter residential and commercial areas.

VOC compounds (volatile organic compounds) are also present, which can enter the sewer and drainage pipes damaged by seawater-rise and can enter low and high-rise residential and commercial buildings, forming toxic gases, that add to the toxicity of the site.



Picture of Serpentine above. For many years nuclear waste generated by the Navy at Hunters Point, was stored in 47,000 steel 55-gallon barrels. The buildings where these radioactive barrels were stored also became radioactive.



Aerial View of Hunters Point Shipyard

GROUNDWATER RISE

Hunters Point was designated a Superfund site in the past. Treasure Island is as unsafe as Hunters Point but, for some reason, never received a Superfund rating. In 2009 and 2010, the Navy published a guide for the cleanup of Hunters Point before there was scientific research about groundwater rise. No one fully understood the dynamics at that time. Previous Superfund sites, where toxins still remain, require a review every five years to ensure that the existing hazards are properly removed.

The last review at Hunters Point occurred in 2019. The next review will be in 2024. It should investigate the dangers of freshwater rise and the possible harm to residential units and commercial property. Sadly, Treasure Island has no such safeguard.

RADIOACTIVITY

Numerous warships that took part in the Bikini Atoll nuclear blast explosion were relocated to Hunters Point and Treasure Island for cleaning. Cleaning entailed sandblasting, which moved the radioactive particles onto the Bay shoreline. For many years nuclear waste generated by the Navy at Hunters Point, was stored in 47,000 steel 55-gallon barrels. The buildings where these radioactive barrels were stored also became radioactive. In 1951, the barrels were loaded onto the USS Independence, a radioactive aircraft carrier moored at Hunters Point that survived the Bikini Atoll blast. The Navy scuttled the hulk off the Farallon Islands. They also dumped some of these barrels in areas of the Pacific Ocean that were only 300 meters deep. Today, seriously toxic waste is still [dumped](#) in the deepest part of our oceans.

SERPENTINE ROCK

The intrinsic toxicity of serpentine rock used as fill-in construction at Hunters Point has not been brought to public attention. The heavy metals found in serpentine include: [magnesium](#), [asbestos](#), [chromium](#), [manganese](#), [cobalt](#) and [nickel](#). Bare serpentine rock, when in contact with the wind, can spread minute dust particles that are hazards to health. This occurs when the vegetative cover is removed from the serpentine rock. When this rock is used as gravel for infill in the Bay, they have a [debilitating effect](#) on wildlife and residents.

SERPENTINE ENDEMIC PLANTS

Only a [select group](#) of endemic plants can grow on serpentine soil. These plants include: gray pine (*Pinus sabiniana*), California lilac (*Ceanothus* sp.), manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* sp.), live oak (*Quercus* sp.), California redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*), California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*), California laurel (bay tree) (*Umbellularia californica*), to name a few.

INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

During WW II, Hunters Point hired many people to work in the Hunters Point shipyard, many people of color. Due to racism, housing was available primarily for these people of color at Hunters Point. Today, 20,000 people or 2/3 of the inhabitants, are Black. With the numerous toxic conditions of the Hunters Point Shipyard, the health of these residents is worse than any other in San Francisco.

“... the statistics remain grim. In 2018, the San Francisco Department of Public Health found that Bayview Hunters Point is significantly more at risk of health and environmental catastrophes than other neighborhoods.¹⁴ 27% of the neighborhood is situated within a quarter-mile of a contamination risk, and Bayview Hunters Point residents have worse health outcomes, higher maternal deaths, twice the rate of breast cancer, and three times more “preventable hospitalizations” than other San Franciscans. The California EPA’s CalEnviroScreen, a metric combining the pollution burden and social vulnerabilities of communities, shows the most beleaguered census tract in Bayview Hunters Point, just inland of the Shipyard, scoring worse than 92% of census tracts in the entire state. Contamination from the Shipyard is part of a long, toxic history.” the **Civil Grand Jury Report**.

THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEANUP

NAVY

At first glance it would appear those responsible for the cleanup of Hunters Point are not motivated . The Navy was not in attendance in at least one meeting on SFGOVTV. Because of this, the Board of Supervisors is considering a subpoena demanding their attendance. A naive clerk suggest a more collegial request for attendance be provided the Navy. Despite the fact, numerous toxic conditions are found at Navy shipyards. routinely around the world.

The San Francisco Water Quality Board

This agency was also absent during one of the meetings I attended.

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

During their presentation, they seemed very engaged with the cleanup process. The next day, they withdrew their participation n the Hunters Point Shipyard Cleanup Oversight Committee (HPSCOC).

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC CONTROL

This State agency was present at meetings and offered to be part of the Hunters Point Shipyard Cleanup Oversight Committee

HPSCOC

In the not so distant past,, the (HPSCOC) had only one employee.

THE MAYORS OFFICE

Supervisor Dean Preston brought to the attention of the Mayor's Office a discrepancy between their verbal interest in participation with the Hunters Point Shipyard Cleanup Oversight Committee (HPSCOC) and their written response. The positive verbal response was in contrast with their written response of no interest in the cleanup .The written or formal response carries precedent. No doubt this harmless mistake has been corrected.

Editor

Glenn Rogers, RLA
Landscape Architect
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

WE'RE HERE! FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING! NOW, WHERE TO NEXT?

First, the unhoused. We need to work with Rescue SF and others like Supervisor Mandelman as we have in the past, in the areas of housing and mental illness. Learn more about this and get updates events and newsletters at Rescuesf.org...

Second, crime. We need to work with Stop Crime SF and others such as Chief Scott and the newly elected officials to improve public safety. See the mission statement and find out about programs at stopcrimesf.com...

Third, development. We need to work with the Planning Department on the Housing Element. Learn more about goals, objectives, policies and actions at sfhousingelement.org/fourth-draft-plan...

Fourth, climate change. We need to work with the Port of SF as we deal with rising water, falling land and the Embarcadero. See their short video, find their draft waterfront adoption strategies, online meeting series and waterfront walking tours at sfport.com/wrp/our-waterfront...

Fifth, state challenges. We need to work with Livable California and Catalysts for California to resist unreasonable demands from Sacramento on our communities and neighborhoods. Find the local control workshops and upcoming programs at catalystsca.org...

Charles, Head, President CSFN



DRAFT MINUTES FOR CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 10-18-22

I. Call to order at 6:45. Agenda Approved (Note: Program was delayed until 8:00 because speaker had technical difficulties)

II. Spotlight: President Mary Harris talked about OMI-NIA. (Carolyn Kennady also talked about Rescue SF)

III. Program: Brad Paul, Deputy Executive Director of Assoc. of Bay Area Governments and Metropolitan Transportation Council

IV. Officer Reports

A. President Head attended Rescue SF, Treasure Island and Hunter's Point Meetings

B. V.P. Rogers attended 2 AP meetings

C. Treasurer Greg Rogers was absent.

IV. Committee Meetings

A. Ex Comm: Recession in Commercial Real Estate likely

B. Land Use: Covid emergency over soon. Reverse Osmosis used in water treatment.

C. G&E: VIP is out; voting was discussed.

D. Bylaws: proposed amendments are posted

E. Open Space: Rincon resolution is posted

VI: Approval of Minutes for Sept. GA was by unanimous consent.

VII. Unfinished Business: adoption of the proposed amendments was by unanimous consent.

VIII. New Business: the flyer for the Semicentennial was shared and discussed, to be finalized at Ex Comm.

The conversation continues (for the good of the order): VP Rogers stressed not hitting Reply to All in emails.

IX. Adjournment was at 9:00.

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DRAFT AGENDA 11/15/2022

- I. Call to order and Approval of Agenda
 - II. Spotlight: Lori Brooks, President of Cow Hollow Association
 - III. Program: State Controller Betty Yee.
 - IV. Officers Reports
 - V. Committee Reports
 - VI. Approval of Draft Minutes for GA Sept. 20.
 - VII. Unfinished Business
 - VIII. New Business
- The Conversation Continues
- IX. Adjournment

Charles Head, CSFN President



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 5:30 PM By ZOOM

Glenn Rogers, Charles Head, Greg Scott, Mari Eliza, Al Fontes, Clair Zvanski, George Wooding, Dave Osgood and Mary Harris.

Call to Order/Quorum.Met. ZOOM host Glenn Rogers

5:40 pm

I Officers Reports

- A. President: attended numerous City meetings by ZOOM.
- B. Vice President, thank Charles for support as a nominator for Sigma Phi Vice President.
- C. Recording Secretary: see minutes
- D. Corresponding Secretary, no report
- E. Treasurer, gave report

II Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee, PmAC Resolution resubmitted.Rincon Point Resolution,
- B. Land Use and Transportation, Chris Bowman to present..
- C. Government and Elections, completed.
- D. Bylaws, not on website yet.
- E. Open Space, Boat house, Redwood trees downtown, Port of San Francisco.

III Unfinished Business,

- A. Celebration Event report. See flier.

IV New Business

- A. Next Program. State Controller Betty Yee.
- B. Next article. Dan Fisk requested an article on Hunters Point

V For the Good of the Order

- A. Turn off microphone during a coughing fit, .

Adjourn

Glenn Rogers, Vice President of CSFN



CSFN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:30 PM By ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

Glenn Rogers, Dave Osgood and .George Wooding. Charles Head

Call to Order

Boathouse

The Park and Recreation Department are demolishing a perfectly good building to replace it with a build with exactly the same purpose.

Members of this committee wonder how many times the same type of building can be built in the same space before unnecessary redundancy is recognized? George Wooding is to write a Resolution regarding this waste of public funds.

Redwood Trees downtown

In an effort to revive down town, the Planning Department is considering a design redwood trees are present bringing more pedestrian traffic downtown. This idea is in defiance of the State MWELo guidelines which recommends over 75% of all new plant material be drought tolerant. In contrast, redwood trees are considered water intensive tree requiring 40” of rain a year in nature.

Port of San Francisco

Mari Eliza brought up this development . We need more information from her on this subject.

Parkmerced and the Rincon Point Resolution

These two resolutions are to receive official CSFN approval in our next General Assembly.

Glenn Rogers, Chair Open Space



CSFN Technical Report October 2022 by Mari Eliza

As you know, Cindy had to step down as Secretary and I have been covering on the tech front because I can. I am a bit overwhelmed by the multiple responsibilities. After this November election is over, we need to find a new secretary or a new LUTC Chair. I cannot do both roles justice. Please consider who among your members may be able to help with either or both of these jobs.

I have been expanding our role as a communications source. We have had some success on that front. We have 50 followers who should be getting email notices when a story is posted followers on the CSFN news page. I set up a new video site linked to our gmail account that Cindy set up. csfninfo@gmail.com that Cindy set up. Al has access to the account. We are also working with a facebook page and there is a LinkedIn account. I am dropping off of Twitter. I disconnected all the links from the pages. See the details on the accounts and sign up to follow if you like.

Please check out the new Coalition for SF Neighborhoods (CSFN) video channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@CoalitionforSFNeighborhoods>. you should be able to follow and make comments on this channel.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/csfnet/> This should take you to the page. There are also links that just take you to a place to comment on the articles. The program at facebook is changing so there may be opportunities to set up invitations and track them at some point, but the process is confusing right now. If anyone wants to help with any of this please contact me to let me know. zrants@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS: I have lot of photos of San Francisco, but I would love to honor the neighborhood groups by posting some of your photos of your neighborhoods on the site and most particularly as a part of our Semicentennial Celebration. We are looking for photographs that you depict your taste and values as a community. More on that at the November GA meeting.

CSFN Land Use and Transportation Committee Chair Report October 2022

STATE ISSUES: State Overreach

I am going to assume that everyone here is well aware of the state bills that were passed over the last few years that have made our lives more difficult and are driving a lot of businesses out of the state. Rather than go into the details of the bills, many of which are redundant at this point, I am going to pick on the largest offenders that are creating the worst outcomes and will introduce two new concepts that are creeping up on us.

BILLS THAT SCREW US IN WAYS WE NEVER IMAGINED:

SB35: YIMBY Law thinks they can sue us over this one and win. Latest lawsuit did not go their way thanks to the new judge in town.

SB828 (passed by 1 vote)

forced up-zoning, density to raise property values, may not help during the economic downturn as people and businesses are leaving the state.

SB827 (most damaging)

Four areas of the state have 82% of the population. They probably control the legislature. Bay Area, San Diego, SoCal, and Sacramento.

In order to build the estimated affordable housing in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) counts (approx. 40% of the total is low and extremely low), the state would need to cover subsidies of \$400 to \$500 billion dollars. The cities are set up to fail, so the ministerial, by right conditions kick in. Stealing our rights to remedies and appeals.

This is the elegant in the room that the Democrats refuse to acknowledge and this along with the war on cars and other citizen rights could cost them the election.

As supervisors are attempting to circumvent some of the anti-single family home bills, by zoning turning single family homes into four-plexes, Senator Wiener is ranting that, "San Francisco's entire housing system is rotten to the core". He claims that "Single family housing is immoral." You may read more of his opinions here. <https://sfstandard.com/housing-development/rotten-to-the-core-san-francisco-could-get-sued-over-housing-gridlock-says-legislator/>

SAN FRANCISCO ISSUES:

Thanks to Eileen, we were able to hear from Brad Paul at the last General Assembly Meeting. Please watch the video on CSFN channel and think about how your neighborhood groups may take actions to change the trajectory that is not good as the moment.

We are being held up as the guinea pigs for the housing experiments. So we ask:

How do your members feel about Housing and Supportive Services being coming to your neighborhood?

1. How do your members feel about increasing density in your neighborhood?
2. How do your members feel about supportive housing?

One obvious solution to adding housing that is being side-lined so far by City Hall and the Planning Department is the re-purposing of the empty offices downtown.

By the time we meet again the elections will be over. Let's hope they go our way.

Mari Eliza, Chair Land Use and Transportation**Executive Committee: How to Get in Touch with Us**

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RESOLUTION TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF PARCELS A, B, C AND D AT PARKMERCED

Whereas, San Francisco has more people leaving the City than any other place in the nation, 1

Whereas, Parkmerced presently has a vacancy rate of 30%,

Whereas, recently it has been reported that 40,000 homes or condominiums are vacant, 2

Whereas, taking a loan today for construction will be more expensive because of the rise in interest making new construction more expensive than any time in recent history, 3

Whereas, expensive new construction is likely to have even fewer tenants than the existing housing stock in Parkmerced,

Whereas, working remotely in San Francisco has made the need to live in San Francisco unnecessary, 4

Whereas, building unnecessary construction that lies vacant for months or years can cause a recession,

Whereas, Parkmerced should be considered a historical monument, 5

We Resolve, that the construction of housing in the development of Parkmerced is no longer feasible after the COVID-19 pandemic,

We Further Resolve, any future construction in Parkmerced, Balboa Reservoir, Treasure Island or Hunters Point should occur only when the vacancy rates are no longer as high as they are today,

We Further Resolve, that the City should petition the State to relieve us from the unrealistic RHNA burden of providing 82,069 units of housing every 8 years. and 10,000 units a year. 6

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND GREENBELTS

Whereas. parks, open space and greenbelts are invaluable resources needed to maintain the health of San Franciscans and the beauty of the city;

Whereas, the city increasingly proposes to cut trees and construct buildings in parks, open space and greenbelts;

Whereas, construction—unrelated to park use—has been proposed and/or approved on the Marina Green, in Rincon Park, in the Transbay Terminal park, in Ferry Plaza, on the Brannan Street Wharf green space, and in Golden Gate Park;

Whereas, the city needs more park space;

Therefore, be it Resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods opposes the construction of buildings in city parks, greenbelts and open space and calls upon city officials to enact legislation prohibiting such construction.

Charles Head, President CSFN





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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 Name Address, City, ZIP Email Phone

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 Name Address, City, ZIP Email Phone

 Name Address (with ZIP) Email Phone

DUES & DONATIONS

CSFN annual membership dues are \$45.
 Organizations wishing to include an additional donation to CSFN are encouraged to do so.

**Make check payable to "CSFN" and mail to:
 Greg Scott, CSFN Treasurer, 637 Noe Street, San Francisco, CA 94114**

CSFN Membership Certification: CSFN Bylaws (Article II, Section A-G) require each voting member organization to certify that it has a membership of 35 or more in order to maintain voting privileges. Organizations not having the required membership may retain membership as associate members without voting privileges at CSFN's sole discretion.

I confirm that we are renewing as a:

Member Organization with 35 or more members

Associate (non-voting) Organization - number of current members: _____

 Certifying Signature Print name/Position Date