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A rendering of the planned north-west corner of 19th Avenue and Winston Drive, looking west

STONESTOWN PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OUT

Brookfield Properties plan to turn the Stonestown Galleria into a mixed use center with 2,930 housing units and additional retail and office space is moving forward. The plan includes 6-acres of open space along with five to eight story buildings, and some three-story townhomes in the north-west quadrant of the current property. There will also be three planned 18-story residential buildings and one 14-story building on the south side of the property near San Francisco State University.

Twentieth Avenue will be a pedestrian oriented main thoroughfare with the Galleria remaining on the west side, while small-scale retail and office spaces below five to eight story residential units will be built between 19th and 20th Avenues.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report, published on December 14, 2022, (Planning Department Case No. 2021-012028ENV) is available online at: CPC.Stonestown@sfgov.org. The draft EIR Public Hearing Date is scheduled for February 9, 2023, and public comment is now through February 13, 2023. Written comments should be sent to Florentina Cracium, Environmental Coordinator at 49 South Van Ness Ave., Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94103 or to the above email address. Include Stonestown Development Project and the case number in any comments.

The draft EIR provides a detailed project description and an analysis of the physical environmental effects of the project, and identifies mitigation measures regarding the impact of the project. The build out is expected to take 15 years to complete, with a start date anticipated for late 2024.

Ruel Daniels Cooke, Community Engagement manager with Brookfield Properties has been invited to attend METNA's February 14th meeting to update the neighborhood on the project. Ruel last attended METNA's virtual zoom meeting in February, 2021.

For complete information on the Stonestown town center project go to: www.stonestown.com.

IT BOOKMAN CC SUSTAINS MAJOR FLOOD DAMAGE FROM NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY RAINS

Water poured into the I.T. Bookman Community Center on December 31, during the severe rainstorm, closing the center. Also a partial indentation of the roof area due to rainwater has left the building uninhabitable. The building at 446 Randolph at Arch Street will remain closed, as the Community Center looks to temporarily or permanently

move, pending a structural engineer's report.

The Southwest Community Corporation at I.T. Bookman is a valuable community resource center serving the OMI neighborhoods with service-enriched programs, for residents of all ages and backgrounds for over thirty-five years. In the November, 2022 METNA Newsletter, a featured article about the Community Center highlighted the vast array of programs being offered for the greater community, serving hundreds of residents each day.

Several sites in the area are being surveyed to look for relocation. As the METNA News goes to press, no new site has been secured. If you wish to donate funds, go to www.swccsf.org, where you will find links to a go-fund-me site.

METNA MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
7:00pm, at Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Myrna Melgar, Dist. 7 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Captiain Robert Yick
Taraval Station, SFPD

Adrienne Bechelli, Deputy Director
Division of Emergency Services
Department of Emergency Management

Ruel Cooke, Community
Engagement Mgr.
Brookfield Properties, Stonestown

Peter Gallotta, Marketing &
Communications, SFPUC

Lydia Fojtik
Rebuilding Together San Francisco

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

We are guests of 640 Palmetto with continued proper covid-19 protocol. We are still requiring those persons attending our meetings to show proof of vaccination and requiring persons in attendance to wear a nose and mouth face mask during the meeting. Thank you for your compliance and understanding

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR METNA PRESIDENT

I first want to thank our METNA Executive Officers who have helped form policies favorable to neighborhood safety and quality of life issues. We will be expanding our Executive Committee by two members, beginning February 1, 2023 to better serve the community and provide new leadership to our organization.

I am proud of our accomplishments over the past two years. First and foremost METNA was able to work with the retail ownership at OceanView Village, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and other city agencies to bring Hmart Supermarket to OceanView Village, opening on April 21, 2021. We thank Hmart for the support of METNA and the surrounding community.

During the beginning of the covid19 pandemic, METNA mobilized its Resilient MET program to first check on seniors and vulnerable residents to offer and steer residents to city and regional services. Resilient MET, led by vice-president Glen Hatakeyama, expanded the Block Champions program, and recently ordered emergency supplies and equipment to serve the community in case of a major disaster. Along with that, over the past two and a half years president Marc Christensen and vice-president Glen Hatakeyama, through the Neighborhood Empowerment Network, met every Thursday evening on a one and a half to two hour Zoom HUB Leadership conference call with community leaders throughout Districts 4, 7, 8 and 11 to work on coordinating resilient neighborhoods and working with the Department of Emergency Management. The work will continue in 2023.

Looking forward there are a number of projects and improvements to the neighborhood that will be addressed in no particular order:

1. Working with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, as a key member of the Community Working Group, on the development of positive transportation improvements during the "Brotherhood Way Active Transportation and Open Space Plan." This includes making sure that Brotherhood Way remains open, while looking at traffic calming measures throughout the study area, including the intersections of Sagamore/Orizaba/Brotherhood/Aleman, and of Aleman/St. Charles/Palmetto;
2. Working on finding the best solution for a preferred site for the Oceanview Branch Public Library, and keeping the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt open space;
3. A renovation of the Aleman-Brotherhood Dog Park, with new fencing, landscaping, and perhaps expansion;
4. Continued support for the maintenance of Sisterhood Gardens and the surrounding open space;
5. The return of the 28-Rapid 19th Avenue Muni bus line to service, with stops at Aleman and Arch;
6. The expansion of Hmart into the vacant 24-Hour Fitness space, along with support for new businesses at OceanView Village, including 7-Leaves Café, and filling other vacant retail spaces (including the former Walgreens space) as well as continued support for Extreme Pizza, Subway, and Chase Bank;
7. Working to publicize and promote the expansion of the Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors (METCC) program;
8. Any and all new developments/issues that may occur or be brought to our attention within our neighborhood and surrounding communities.

It is important to acknowledge and thank the many partnerships that METNA has forged with our elected officials at the local, regional and state levels, especially to District 7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar and her staff.

We also thank the men and women serving as police officers at the Taraval Police Station for their continued work in the community and to the men and women at Fire Station 33 and surrounding stations, for their continued varied services to the area residents.

We wish to thank the hundreds of city and regional workers at BART, CalTrans, SFCTA, SFDEM, SFDPH, SFDPW, SFMTA, SFPUC, SF-Safe, the Mayor's Office and allied agencies, plus the City Administrator's Office, for their tireless work in providing quality services not only to our community, but to the City as a whole.

Another thank you goes to the Neighborhood Empowerment Network—our leadership partners, the Community Living Campaign, and the I.T. Bookman Community Center, all providing exceptional support to our community.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING @ Palmetto Meeting Hall, 640 Palmetto Avenue at 7:00pm

- Tuesday, February 14, 2023
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023
- Tuesday, August 8, 2023
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023

SISTERHOOD GARDENS BUILD DAYS 10:00am – 1:00pm on the following dates Brotherhood & Arch

- Saturday, February 11, 2023
- Saturday, March 11, 2023
- Saturday, April 8, 2023

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS @ Golden Gate Church of Christ Community Room

- Corner of Upper Palmetto & Head
- Tuesdays, 10:00am – 11:00 Senior Exercise
- Tuesdays, 11:00am-12:noon Social Hour (w/ activities)

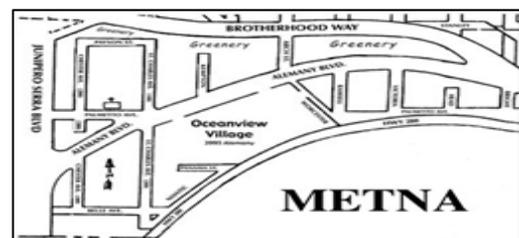
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METNA COLLECTING DUES FOR 2023

Membership begins February 1st each year.
Membership levels are:
METNA residents/property owners \$20
Associate members (living outside the MET boundaries) \$20
Business members \$50
Sponsor (voting member) \$100
Benefactor (voting member) \$250

Make check payable to: Merced Extension Triangle N.A.

Send to: Sue Harless, Treasurer
79 Kempton Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132

JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 2023

San Francisco Public Works has hired Mitchell Engineering to complete sewer main replacement, curb ramp construction, traffic signal work, street base repairs and repaving on Junipero Serra Blvd. The work will require lane closures at various segments from Sloat Blvd. in the north to 19th Avenue in the south. Not all blocks will require sewer replacement work.

The construction is scheduled to begin in January 2023 and be completed by December 2023. Work hours will be from 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Slight traffic delays may occur, especially when work takes place northbound between Ocean Avenue and the St. Francis Circle intersection, and southbound between Holloway and 19th Avenue. Please allow a few extra minutes of travel time during construction hours.

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A very special thank you is extended to the members of two church partnerships, at 640 Palmetto Avenue for allowing METNA to use their church facilities for our quarterly METNA meetings, and to the congregation at 201 Head Street for hosting our MET Community Connectors program.

METNA is grateful for the support given by Hmart, Extreme Pizza, and Subway, supporting our neighborhood association.

Finally, METNA must acknowledge the support from our neighborhood residents in the Merced Extension Triangle. With your ongoing support and help METNA has accomplished quite a bit. If you have not joined METNA, please consider doing so. This is your neighborhood association working on your behalf—support METNA, as we support you. Working in unison, we can have a positive influence in our community and the City.

-Marc Christensen

WHAT TO DO PRIOR TO, DURING, & AFTER STORMS

The San Francisco Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and your Resilient MET (Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association) want every person to prepare for and be safe during severe weather conditions.

Before the Storm

- Sign up for AlertSF by texting your Zip Code to 888-777 to receive real-time emergency alerts.
- Check your supplies and make sure you have what you need on hand: <http://www.sf72.org/supplies>.

- Supplies include, but are not limited to: water, first aid kits, flashlights and extra batteries, a working fire extinguisher or two, manual can opener, a battery operated radio, sleeping bags and blankets, easy to reach personal documents (place in a sealed plastic bag), personal hygiene and sanitation products, basic tools, cell phone (fully charged, and a charger), prescription medicines, non-perishable food, pet food, toys, cash, checkbooks and credit cards.

- Check on friends and family who may need assistance preparing for a storm, especially the elderly, homebound, or neighbors with disabilities.

- Right before the storm, remove debris and sweep up any leaves, papers, etc. from sidewalks, gutters, and storm drains to keep them from getting clogged. You may wish to join SF's Adopt-A-Drain and Rain Gardens program to help minimize flooding.

Sandbags

- If you live in an area that floods (for example a downward sloping driveway, or low lying area), Public Works will provide San Francisco residents and businesses with up to five free sandbags leading up to and during severe rainstorms. Sandbags can be retrieved daily between 7:00am and 2:00pm at the Public Works operations yard at the Marin & Kansas Street gate. Bring proof of address. Additional sandbags can be purchased at many local hardware stores.

- Do not wait for a storm to secure sandbags. Place sandbags in your garage or basement and mark them with an identifying address or symbol, to prevent theft, when in use.

- Elevate important belongings and appliances in garages and basements.

During the Storm

Contacting the City

- Keep 9-1-1 available for life and safety emergencies only.

- Call 3-1-1 to report non-life threatening emergencies and storm-related issues such as clogged catch basins, residential or street flooding, sewer backups, or strong wastewater odors. You can use the 311 mobile app for Android and I-Phones.

Stay informed

- Tune in to KCBS (740 AM or 106.9 FM) local television channels for updated info.

- Use social media, such as @sf_emergency, @sfwater, @sfpublicworks, or sfdph, for emergency advisories and instructions.

Stay Safe

- Avoid driving during heavy rains and winds. If you have to be out, then stay away from flooded roadways and areas, and look out for downed power lines whether in a car or walking. Do not drive through water more than 6 inches deep, especially when you cannot see the ground underneath the water.

- If the power goes out unplug and turn off appliances. Leave one or two lights in the on position to signal when power is restored.

- With power out, more than several hours, remove food from the freezer or refrigerator and place with ice in an ice chest.

- Avoid using candles during power outages to prevent fire hazards. Use flashlights, battery operated lanterns, or head lamps instead.

- Do not touch any electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

- Check on friends and family who may need assistance during the storm, especially elderly, homebound or neighbors with disabilities.

After the Storm

- Check your home or business for flood damage, and if need be contact your insurer or landlord. Information on how to file a claim for injury or property damage or loss caused by the City and County of San Francisco can be found at: sfcityattorney.org/claims or by calling 1-415-554-3900. Claims filed will be investigated and evaluated on a case by case basis by the City Attorney's Office Claims Division.

- If you smell gas or suspect a gas leak at any time, call 9-1-1. Then call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.

- Keep children and pets away from

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REBUILDING TOGETHER SAN FRANCISCO

Rebuilding Together San Francisco (RTSF) provides home repair and renovation programs for homeowners, renters, non-profit organizations, and community spaces. The work RTSF does “create safer, healthier neighborhoods and makes possible for people to live in their homes longer.” Their mission statement is: “Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, building lives.” Their vision: “Safe homes and communities for everyone.”

RTSF is looking for volunteers to help in their effort. “The goal is to provide a family-like, fun space for our volunteers to serve the city they love.”

Founded in 1989, they have worked in partnership to preserve affordable housing in San Francisco, addressing home safety repairs, deferred maintenance, and code violations. To date they have served over 4,000 low income families and worked with over 300 community spaces in San Francisco. RTSF is a local affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a national organization that includes 130 affiliates serving communities nationwide.

Lydia Fojtik with RTSF has been invited to make a presentation at our Tuesday, February 14 METNA Neighborhood meeting.

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floodwaters and avoid outdoor areas that have been recently flooded. Remove shoes and wipe paws before returning indoors.

- If the power is off, throw away all discolored or foul-smelling food, especially meat, poultry, and fish in the refrigerator. Freezer food may last from 48 to 60 hours if the freezer is full and the door remains closed. *If in doubt, throw it out!*

- Continue reporting clogged catch basins, street flooding, sewer backups, or wastewater odors to 311.

- Check on friends and family who may need assistance after the storm, especially the elderly, homebound, and neighbors with disabilities.

METNA REMINDER

SFPUC REQUESTS CONTINUED WATER CONSERVATION

San Francisco, Northern California, much of the western United States is in the fourth year of extreme drought conditions, even with better than average rainfall this winter. As a result the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and SF-Water (SFPUC-Water) is insisting that residents and businesses continue to conserve water usage.

SFPUC offers personalized water conservation consultations to assist all customers with questions about water consumption both indoors and outside, along with checking for any leaks on your property. SFPUC has an on going program to replace water-wasting toilets and showers heads.

All persons should limit outdoor watering, to avoid future water rationing. Using less water now will allow the limited supplies to last longer. Learn how you can help at sfpub.org/savewater.

METNA OFFICERS FOR 2023-25

The following persons were elected at the November 15, 2022 METNA meeting to serve from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2025:
 President: **Marc Christensen**
 Vice-President: **Glen Hatakeyama**
 Secretary: **Eric Bergquist**
 Treasurer: **Sue Harless**
 Sergeant-At-Arms: **James Lee**

SFPUC LATEST INFO ON PURCHASING PG&E'S POWER GRID

Peter Gallotta, Marketing and Communications at SFPUC, has requested to speak at the Tuesday, February 14th METNA meeting giving the community an update on PUC's interest in purchasing PG&E's electrical power grid to service San Francisco. METNA first reported the PUC's interest and plans in a May 2022 METNA News article.

OMI CULTURAL PARTICIPATION PROJECT

The OMI Cultural Participation Project (OMI-CPP), “is to promote unity and celebrate diversity within the District 11 community (north of Brotherhood Way), and by creating artistic, cultural, social, educational, and community events,” as their mission statement. The OMI-CPP is a non-profit community organization. Their executive director is Maurice Rivers. Their office is located at 209 Ocean Avenue. Their office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays by appoint-

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

HMART BUILDOUT AT OVV

Hmart does plan to expand into the vacated space at 24 Fitness (3951 Alemany) in Oceanview Village. The process involves going through numerous permitting processes with the Planning Department in 2023, prior to any actual renovation of the space. Currently, Hmart occupies 42,168 sq.ft. of retail and storage space, and with the proposed build out Hmart would occupy close to 78,000 sq. ft.

Hmart subleases its current space from Albertsons through 2027, in a 25-year lease of the space (in 2002) from the original retail property owner, transferred to the current retail property owners, Broe & Citivest. No timelines have been given on the permitting process and for the renovation.

7 LEAVES CAFÉ AT OCEAN VIEW VILLAGE

7 Leaves Café is currently still in the permitting process. Once permits are signed, it is anticipated to take approximately 10 to 12 weeks to renovate the site. If things go well, 7 Leaves Café could be open in late spring or early summer. An update will appear in the May METNA Newsletter.

AT&T SIGNS LEASE AT OVV

AT&T will open a retail store at Ocean View Village at the east end of the shopping center in the combined spaces of the former dental office and Hertz. AT&T must first go through the Formula Retail process with the Planning Department before renovating the site. No timeline has been given.

WATER MAIN BREAK AT ALEMANY-ST. CHARLES- PALMETTO INTERSECTION

A water main ruptured in the intersection of Alemany and St. Charles on the afternoon of January 7, 2023. The Water Department closed off part of the westbound Alemany and southbound St. Charles lanes to repair the line. Water was temporarily turned off to residences on the 200 block of St. Charles, during the repair.

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ment only. Their phone number is 415-729-3658. Information on their monthly programs and events can be obtained by visiting their website: www.omi-cpp.org.