

GOOD NEWS for...

TENDERLOIN RESIDENTS can look forward to a lively summer schedule at Boeddeker Park. The \$4.5 million renovation has been pushed back to December at the earliest, a Trust for Public Land spokeswoman said. The city approval processes and the job bidding are behind schedule. The Friends of Boeddeker Park has \$3,600 to keep the park open week-ends and perhaps for some activities such as tai chi classes, family days and Earth Day in April, said Betty Traynor, Friends chair. She said at the Friends' March meeting there also would be at least six weekday noon concerts during the summer, for which the Tenderloin CBD may help with funding. Traynor said she wants to stretch the Friends' money to year's end. Currently, the park is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a director on site; the children's playground is open 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. for children accompanied by adults.

THE COLORFUL MURAL planned for the Post Office at 101 Hyde St. goes before the Arts Commission April 4 and, if approved, work will start in May, according to Dina Hilliard, acting manager of the Tenderloin CBD. The CBD landed a \$50,000 city Community Challenge grant for the project and will contribute up to \$5,000 for anti-graffiti varnish during the five years the CBD will maintain the mural. The CBD got the building owner's consent and design approval from the Post Office. Artist Johanna Poethig will create the mural on the two streetside walls at Hyde Street and Golden Gate Avenue. The theme shows hummingbirds and plants morphing into musical instruments. Poethig did the ceramic pillars and tile floors at Tenderloin Recreation Center, the tile dragon in Boeddeker Park and the hands on the Glide apartment building façade at 125 Mason St.

DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND COSTS

Final disclosure documents filed with the San Francisco Ethics Commission show that \$1,152,555 was raised and spent in the District 6 supervisorial contest.

Candidate	Raised	City contribution	PACs	Total	Votes	Cost per vote
Jane Kim	\$129,838	\$90,817	\$21,932	\$242,587	8,865	\$27
Debra Walker	\$73,669	\$85,314	\$149,819	\$309,180	7,528	\$41
Theresa Sparks	\$85,294	\$89,904	\$175,751	\$350,949	4,334	\$80
Matt Drake	\$14,323	0	0	\$14,323	1,200	\$11
James Keys	\$16,847	\$40,025	\$232	\$57,104	1,148	\$49
Glendon Hyde	\$18,003	0	0	\$18,003	839	\$21
Elaine Zamora	\$33,355	\$50,999	0	\$84,404	746	\$113
Dean Clark	\$6,178	0	0	\$6,178	713	\$8
Jim Meko	\$17,340	\$46,104	0	\$63,444	498	\$127
George Vazhappaly	\$2,747	0	0	\$2,747	284	\$10
h. brown	<\$1,000*	0	0	<\$1,000	205	NA
Matt Ashe	<\$1,000*	0	0	<\$1,000	191	NA
George Davis	<\$1,000*	0	0	<\$1,000	160	NA
Nate Payne	\$3,636	0	0	\$3,636	150	\$24

* Candidates filed a one-page disclosure that they raised and spent less than \$1,000 on their campaigns.
Source: San Francisco Ethics Commission

Candidates' campaign total: \$1,152,555

BY JONATHAN NEWMAN

THE 2010 District 6 supervisorial election campaign cost the 14 candidates combined \$1,152,555, final disclosure documents filed with the Ethics Commission show.

Winner Jane Kim topped all candidates by raising \$129,838 in private contributions and \$90,817 in matching city funds.

Runner-up Debra Walker got \$149,819 from political action committees (PACs), and her campaign expenses totaled \$309,180. (PAC money does not count toward city matching funds.) But the campaign of third-place finisher Theresa Sparks beat all spenders at \$350,949, including \$175,751 from numerous PACs on her behalf.

Even so, Kim ended her campaign in the red with a negative cash balance of \$12,943 and a debt of \$32,024 to her campaign consultants, Left Coast Communi-

cations, which coordinated an appreciation banquet for her at New Asia Restaurant in January.

Avoiding the potential stress of disgruntled creditors, Elaine Zamora loaned her campaign \$8,350 and was able to balance out at zero.

The final weeks before election remained unkind to Jim Meko's campaign. He raised his private contributions by \$930, got \$1,940 more in matching city funds, but his spending rate of \$127 for each of his 498 votes was the costliest in District 6.

A cursory review of how the candidates spent money turns up a lot of pizza and takeout food expenses — keep those hard-working volunteers happy — endless sums for office supplies and many thousands to the U.S. Postal Service to deliver colorful artisan-designed campaign brochures directly to voters' homes.

Those culinary expenses —

less than \$10,000 across the board — were about as varied as the candidates themselves. Walker spent \$3,010 in spots from Chico's Pizza on Sixth Street to the Punjab Kabob House in the Tenderloin, while Matt Drake dropped more than half of his \$318 total food expense for sustenance at Pedro's Cantina on King Street. Kim ranged from TL's upscale Farmer Brown to Folsom Street's Mercury Lounge to Pizza Hut and beyond. For Meko, the fare at Sixth Street's Tu Lan and South of Market's Extreme Pizza eased the campaign rigors.

Not big bucks compared to what the consultants received. The trend readers, poll watchers and public relations spinners scored big. For the wisdom and guidance of Left Coast Communications, Kim paid \$109,553. Walker paid Stearns Consulting \$87,505 and Sparks paid a contrastingly modest \$35,750 to a variety of consultants. ■

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