

# What TL gets out of deal with CPMC

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cess and isn't concerned that its operating structure isn't permanent.

"The idea was always to have the project sustainable by being volunteer-run," she says. "It's a committee effort that any group supporting the idea can join. We don't want anyone to own it."

Meantime, the CBD has put \$15,000 into Safe Passage, \$12,000 of which went to the artist for the temporary path. Kelly Moore Paint Co. donated the paint, worth an estimated \$25,000. Chinatown Community Development Center got an \$8,000 State Farm grant for vests, hats and training for volunteers, and has applied to Met Life for \$15,000 to sustain the project.

## CALMING TRAFFIC

Ellis and Eddy streets are major thoroughfares through the Tenderloin. In April, the city finished partially converting these routes — one-way since the early 1960s — into two-way, a traffic-calming measure straight out of S.F. County Transportation Authority's 2007 Tenderloin-Little Saigon plan, which said that Tenderloin accident rates were six times higher than the city's. (Last year, Walk SF reported that in 2010, 240 people were hit in District 6, four of whom died.) Planners believe the change to two-way, plus adding corner and bus bulbs, widening sidewalks, and changing traffic signals, will discourage speeding and cut pedestrian accidents.

Where Eddy and Ellis intersect with Van Ness is only two blocks from the proposed Cathedral Hill campus.

CPMC agrees to pay up to \$3.5 million toward the completion of the two-way conversion and \$4.5 million on related pedestrian improvements. Phase 1 of the project made Eddy west of Leavenworth and Ellis west of Jones two-way. In a BeyondChron article,

residents and businesses surveyed by Central City SRO Collaborative said the streets feel safer for pedestrians.

Phase 2, expected to cost \$10.7 million, will expand the two-way traffic to Cyril Magnin and add the rest of the improvements. CPMC's \$8 million contribution will help the city leverage funds to complete that work, says Rachel Hiatt, SFCTA senior transportation planner.

## INNOVATION FUND

CPMC's agreement contains complex commitments to offset accusations that it falls short in serving the city's uninsured poor. Medi-Cal is an option for these residents, but most nonprofit clinics lack the systems to track, monitor and coordinate services for Medi-Cal managed care. The Tenderloin's primary care clinics include St. Anthony Free Medical Clinic, Glide Health Services and Curry Senior Center.

CPMC will create a \$20 million Innovation Fund to help add 10,000 Medi-Cal enrollees in the Tenderloin, Western Addition, Bayview, Mission, South of Market and Excelsior.

To administer the \$20 million, CPMC and health Director Barbara Garcia chose San Francisco Foundation, whose executive director is Sandra Hernández, a former city health director.

Mark Cloutier, foundation program director for public policy, community health and civic engagement, says, "This should be relatively straightforward. DPH's involvement will make the process of deciding who gets the money more directive, but not more complicated."

Cloutier, who will be on the committee of fund advisers with DPH and CPMC reps, was executive director of Continuum and the SFAIDS Foundation before signing on with San Francisco Foundation. He's unsure of how much the Innovation Fund will affect the Ten-

derloin, in part because how the \$20 million will be split is unclear.

CPMC will pay into the fund in two stages — \$3.5 million within 30 days of the date the agreement becomes effective and \$1.65 million within 30 days of the city approving permits to begin construction.

Once the money is in hand, the fund will publish an RFP, but clinics won't reply directly. The grants have to go through MSOs (management services organizations). CPMC will contract with one existing MSO to enroll 8,500 new Medi-Cal recipients in the six neighborhoods, and one new MSO whose primary care providers are in the Tenderloin to care for 1,500 new enrollees.

John Gressman, president and CEO of San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, explains MSOs: "Nonprofit clinics have to contract through another organization to play in the Medi-Cal field. An MSO has a set of functions, almost like an accounting service, that supports the work of the providers."

Of the six MSOs in the city, only three are likely candidates for the "existing" category, Gressman says — Hill Physicians, North East Medical Services and Chinese Community Health Plan — none affiliated with Tenderloin clinics. He figures leaders of TL clinics will form a new MSO to take advantage of the undecided portion of the \$20 million.

Curry Senior Center Executive Director David Knego says the lead in forming an MSO would likely go to Glide or St. Anthony, with his center third in line. Like others The Extra interviewed, he's uncertain of the fund's benefits for his clients and others in the Tenderloin.

"All the providers could use more capital funds to do our work," Knego said. "Space is an issue — we're all filled, so it's going to be hard to expand to serve more people." ■

## OBITUARIES

### LARRY MAES

#### He died alone and unknown

A memorial was held at the Ritz Hotel for Larry Maes, a resident who died July 5 at the age of 62.

A trio of Mexican religious candles — *veladoras* — surrounding a vase of

red roses and yellow bird of paradise flickered on the Formica table of the third-floor common room. The vacuum cleaner of TNDC janitors working in the hallway hummed in the



background and the whine of a truck on Eddy Street came through the open window as Rev. Glenda Hope began reading the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

One other person was present, and he knew very little about Mr. Maes, who was born Jan. 5, 1950, and died at UCSF. After 10 years as a resident of the Aarti Hotel on Leavenworth Street, Mr. Maes moved to the Ritz Hotel less than two years ago.

A friend, Lee Landry, said, "From what I knew he was a nice guy. He loaned me his TV, I loaned him my DVD player. He was a generous guy, bought people sodas."

Rev. Hope said the green pastures and still waters of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm may seem foreign to urban lives, but the biblical story of wanderers in the desert finding solace and relief is the story of the journey of all lives.

Staff at the SRO remembered Mr. Maes as quiet, courteous and hampered by vision problems. He loved to play lottery scratchers, but had to bring his tickets to them for review; he couldn't see well enough to verify winning numbers. ■

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