

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tenderloin-SoMa Town Hall Meeting, Wed., May 12, 6 p.m., Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. A venue for residents, community activists, neighborhood groups, businesses and merchants to share interests and concerns about TL-SoMa. Info and RSVP: David Villa-lobos, 921-4192, or david_villalobos@sbcglobal.net.

Bike to Work Day, Thur., May 20. To help riders, S.F. Bicycle Coalition is sponsoring 11 "energizer stations" around town, with free treats and goodies for bicyclists. Info: 431-2453 ext. 23.

Hospitality House Art Auction, Wed., May 26, 6 - 9 p.m., Andrea Schwartz Gallery, 525 Second St. Auction of more than 120 works by nationally recognized artist such as Barry McGee and Manuel Neri to benefit the Community Arts Program at Hospitality House. Tickets \$30 and \$40. Info: Meg Loomis, 749-2184.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS: REGULAR HOUSING

Consumer Housing Group, 1st Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., Mental Health Association, 1095 Market St., Suite 408. Contact: 241-2926.

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of the month, noon, 201 Turk Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training, facilitate communication.

Supportive Housing Network, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., 111 Jones. Contact: Belinda Lyons, 241-2929.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. CMHS advisory committee, open to the public. Contact: 255-3474.

Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group, 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. 1095 Market, Rm. 609. Contact: 241-2926.

CMHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30-7:30, CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. Contact: 255-3428. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health consumer advocates. Open to the public.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough, 5th Fl. Contact 905-6264. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

SAFETY

SoMa Police-Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6 p.m. Location changes monthly. May meeting is at The Arc, 1500 Howard at 11th Street. Contact: Lisa Block, 538-8100 ext. 202, or Jan Rasmussen, 553-1155.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

North of Market NERT, bimonthly meeting. Contact Tim Agar, 674-6142, or Lt. Juanita Hodge, S.F. Fire Department, 558-3456. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com. Districtwide association, civic education.

Mid-Market Project Area Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. Contact Carolyn Diamond, 362-2500. Market Street redevelopment on Fifth to Eighth street.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy.

Contact Jerry Jai at 358-3956 for information. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses sharing information and taking on neighborhood development issues.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m.,

Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact: Betty Traynor, Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260 ext. 101.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Contact: SOM-PAC office, 487-2166.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact 474-2164. TL 2000, jobs, neighborhood planning.

Tenderloin Merchants Association, contact Jamie Cutlip, 553-4433 ext. 22 or jamie@urbansolutions.org.

Boeddeker Park cleanup, 3rd Saturday of the month, 9-noon, organized by the Friends of Boeddeker Park. To RSVP to work or for information, contact Betty Traynor at the Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

Mayor's Disability Council, 3rd Friday of the month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, Rm. 400. Contact: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Tenderloin Police Station Seniors and Disabled Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 10 a.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Concerns specific to seniors and the disabled.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary's Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 975 Mission #700. Fundraising, first Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pedestrian Safety, second Friday, 10 a.m.; Sr. Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Health, last Thursday, 1:30. Information: 546-1333.

Still in a pickle

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prise. He got elected on a single write-in vote.

New members were added in all four categories.

"We had a dead board," Michael Nulty said later. "People were letting things go, not paying attention. Just making it function - that's necessary - but structural things went by the wayside."

Moving on to the election of officers, Phillips was nominated president and very quickly board member Ed Evans moved to close the nominations and elect Phillips by acclamation. "Whoa," said Michael Nulty. "Let's just wait a minute." After a small amount of discussion, Evans tried a second time and was thwarted again. Then Bernstein's and Michael Nulty's names were added. When Bernstein was elected by a comfortable margin, it momentarily stunned the room, especially Phillips who had been president for two years and vice president the year before that.

"I'm just glad I got 20 votes to stay on the board," he said later.

BERNSTEIN'S BACKGROUND

Bernstein formerly managed the Phoenix Hotel at Eddy and Leavenworth before opening Rx Gallery with her business partner, William Linn, in June 2003. They added beer and wine in February. Bernstein, who lives in Bayview, had regularly attended TL Futures Collaborative meetings but few NOMPC meetings since her first one last fall. She could have immediately presided but ask Phillips to finish out the evening.

The meeting became an open one after all. Earlier, Jenkins, who is the unpaid chair of the city's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, had objected to the board going into closed session. The group then voted to stay open to deal with Urban Solutions' offer.

With Gordon gone, the discussion ranged widely and gave rise to speculations. Of concern first was whether the board president could sign a binding resolution on his own. Most agreed it was a bad idea. The group's bylaws state such an action needs board approval, it was pointed out finally.

The Urban Solutions dilemma was not as easily solved. The board didn't want NOMPC dissolved in any event. That could only be made by a community decision, said Michael Nulty. Nor did the board want any grants NOMPC might receive snapped up by its debtors. So Urban Solutions had a major bargaining chip there. But, at a table with many activists, Gordon's group suffered an image problem, too.

"They are known for a kind of puffery. It (the proposal) doesn't feel right," said board member Susan Bryan.

"I'm still puzzled by what they're offering with the debt and everything," Michael Nulty said later. "The Tenderloin needs accountability, community planning and development. But I don't want to see the neighborhood revitalized to the place where people can't live here. We have over 100 restaurants down here. I want to see them affordable."

The matter was put over until the next board meeting, at 6 p.m. May 19 in the Community Room. ■

CENTRAL CITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

TARC seeks RN's

The Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center, 187 Golden Gate Ave seeks registered nurses for Per Diem work. TARC's health services program operates daily, RNs work as part of the team in conducting onsite client treatment along with street and SRO based healthcare outreach. Resumes to Lawrence Li at resumes2@tarcsf.org or fax to 413-751-9641 More info at www.tarcsf.org"

SERVICES

WOMEN'S DAY AT OASIS

Every Friday it's women-only at the Office of Self Help's Oasis Community Center. Socialize, talk about women's issues, and enjoy a free lunch followed by some group activity. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 1095 Market St., Rm. 202.

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