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Volunteers have chaired and administered this strictly informational forum since its inception in 2001, when it picked up where the Lower Eddy/Leavenworth Task Force left off scrutinizing neighborhood improvement plans.

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Group gets space for private use — a policy breach?

By Marjorie Begooy

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Kim opens door to massage 18 years after Yee shut it

By JONATHAN NEWMAN

S upervisor Jane Kim, in December, took one of her last acts as a member of the board’s Land Use Committee, introduced legislation that would amend a 17-year-old Planning Code provision prohibiting new massage parlors in most of the Tenderloin.

That 1998 rule, sponsored by then-Supervisor Leland Yee, was the result of heavy community lobbying against liquor licenses and prostitution that was associated with storefront massage parlors of which there were none in the Tenderloin. That prohibition was a first for the neighborhood, “he said. Supervisor Kim did what I’m sure a lot of people were calling for naturally — if it passes after a Planning Commission hearing — could be Olsen Holics’ Spa and Tea Room, a Japanese-themed restaurant and spa. Olsen’s owners, husband and wife Sunny Simmons and Car-

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Kim’s proposed ordinance would allow a new business to provide massage as an accessory to its main business — in Olsen’s case a restaurant — if it gets a conditional use permit from City Planning. Applicants for conditional use permits must persuade the Planning Department that their proposed use is necessary or de- sirable to the neighborhood, resolve any questions of potential negative impact and demonstrate compliance with the city’s General Plan. A showing of balance between the neighborhood business and the surrounding residential footprint is basic to answering the conditional use question.

Michael Nulty, executive director of the Housing Authority of For a Better District 6, remembers the multiyear campaign to rein in the proliferating liquor licenses and store-front massage parlors back in the day. Great work was done by Jim Thompson, property manager of the board’s Land use Committee, and David Baker of North of Market

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FORUM FOR ACTIVISTS Look- ing for ways to get more involved in central city politics and policymaking? Every Wednesday, Hospitality House, a Tenderloin agency founded in 1967, hosts a Community Organizing Working Group. The drop-in meeting, 2:30-4 p.m. at 290 Turk St., is open to anyone interested in learning about organizing, building community or just socializing with neighbors. Topics are driven by who’s in the room,” says Julia Galloty, community organiz- ing peer advocate. How to give pub- lic comment at City Hall? Residential and commercial developments in the pipeline for the neighborhood, how to start a flea market in the Tenderloin and getting involved with the Central Market Citizen’s Advisory Committee are some recent topics, Galloty says. Info: gallyot@hospitalityhouse.org.

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Gentrification casualty: Tet Festival

No celebration in the hood for 1st time in 25 years

By Mark Heiron

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THE GENTRIFYING Tenderloin, the party’s over for tens of thousands of Vietnamese Americans. For the first time in at least 25 years, there was no Tet Festival, the Vietnamese community’s Lunar New Year celebration.

“Tet is a very big celebration,” said Judy Young, Vietnamese Youth Development Center executive director. “Family comes out, children come out. The festival would feature ‘food, flowers, entertainment and a fashion show showcasing the beauty and clothing of Vietnamese culture. If the culture becomes a tradition, the annual party would extend along a T-shaped constellation of closed-off streets.”

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Browsing through the Extra’s listing of the collaborative’s gatherings on the same day for 13 of the Collaborative’s 15 years, he says. He said clients and volunteers who run the collaborative often have the space available.

But the organizer of the Tet Festival said its office is just two blocks away.

When Nulty first went to the station to book meetings Oct. 21, “Nulty told The Extra, “I first went to schedule the collaborative meetings and books the meetings a year in advance at the police station. But he got a surprise when he went to the station in mid-November to book for a public-interest group with no funding, it’s free and is neutral turf.”

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Last on the agenda was a presentation by Abbe Yant, vice president for mission, advocacy and community health at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. She summarized the work of Saint Francis Foundation’s Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership, a 2-year-old effort that coordinates neighborhood health data and makes significant grants — it funded $1 million for TL health initiatives in 2015 and is committed to the same this year.

“Seeding Change” is TenderloinHIP’s 2015 report about its work. For copies, contact Yant at abbie.yant@dignityhealth.org.

The next Tenderloin Futures Collaborative meeting is at the Police Station, 501 Eddy, Thursday March 17, 11 a.m.
Tenderloin roots for single dad, son

A young father is trying to make ends meet with a network like his son has as a senior at Mission High School. His story is just one of many in the Tenderloin where families are struggling to get by.

Daniel Byers, 42, lives in a rooming house in the Tenderloin. He has no steady job and lives off disability payments. His family is struggling to make ends meet.

Byers' son, Jason, a senior at Mission High, has a part-time job as a waiter and gets financial support from the family. They live together in a rooming house and Jason helps his father with household chores.

Jason, 17, is studying to be a chef and hopes to get a scholarship to attend the Culinary Institute of America. He works part-time to help support his family.

Byers, who is single, has been on disability for several years due to a medical condition. He relies on government assistance and his son's financial support to make ends meet.

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JAMES BETTANCOURT

‘That light shone through’

A dozen men and women gathered in the Raman Community room Feb. 9 to note the death of James Bettancourt, who’d wrought mischief in their lives for as long as anyone there could remember.

‘Nobody parted harder than Mr. Bettancourt,’ said one admiring attendee during the memorial service. Later he added, ‘He deserves some honor,’ and suggest ed ‘a Legends of the Raman’ display, a framed image, which he offered to pay for, ‘as a gift to the agency.’

‘I don’t have anything good to say about him. He was a mess, period,’ said another attendee, who said they still mother Jones. She left before the proceedings began. They were led by Quentin Maddox, a 12-year-old in training as a companion by trained Darryl Starks, attending his second memorial, who sat silently throughout the ceremony.

‘I cried when I heard the news,’ said another early bird, who called herself Stephanie Robinson, who recalls he drove the bus for children from home to school, 24 hours a day.

Mr. Patton was an original member of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, working primarily to implement the group’s breakfast for children program in the city. ‘Dad was a lover of life and giver to the community,’ he said. ‘He had too much need for people,’ his son, John Jr., said.

Another social worker spoke about the Anthony siblings, saying, ‘He was very charming … that magic he had to touch people’s hearts,’ one of the social workers said. ‘I miss him,’ said Mattie, until recently the agency’s receptionist. ‘He had a large, nontraditional family,’ she agreed.

Mr. Patton worked many jobs in his lifetime. He was a chef at Foster’s, a ubiquitous restaurant, and throughout the Bay Area.

Mr. Patton with daughter, Stephanie Robinson, who recalls he drove the bus that took kids to school. Area. He met his wife-to-be, Dolores, an assistant chef whose famous blackberry cobbler drew loyal diners, at the Foster’s at Market and Van Ness. Mr. Patton drove dump trucks for the companies that built housing at Middle Point and West Point roads and the recently demolished Candlestick Park. For 25 years, he drove school buses, transporting children from home to school and back. For a time, his young passengers included his own children.

Stephanie Robinson, Mr. Patton’s daughter, recalled how she worried when she let her home in Hunters Point go to school in Diamond Heights, at a time the city was buying students to other neighborhoods to redress the de facto school segregation. ‘Tell him, ‘Dad, do I really have to go to school?’ Yes, you get a better education.’ He was right, of course.’
Gentrification kills Tet Festival

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Nation was ‘a big loss to the community. We need this festival,’ he said. ‘We should have something to showcase the community, especially Little Saigon. Every time we have the festival there’s a big promotion to support and attract businesses.’

Losing the festival this year, in the wake of the demise of the Vietnamese Community Center, which Nguyen said had organized the festival since 1996, was a surprise. ‘We didn’t know about it,’ said Le.

The Tenderloin was the beating heart of the Vietnamese refugee newcomers in the 1970s and 80s, their first stop out of the old country into the new, a starring role the neighborhood no longer enjoys. Le said that a couple of years ago, 4,000 to 5,000 Vietnamese Americans were living in the Tenderloin. The 2010 census counted 12,800 citywide, about 10% the size of San Jose’s Vietnamese community. Le remembers organizing the neighborhood’s first Tet Festivals in the early 90s, when they offered free telephone lines for refugees to make calls to family and friends in Vietnam.

Over the years, festival guests included Leland Yee — from his time on the Board of Supervisors through his stint as state senator — and Mayor Willie Brown, Art Agnos, Frank Jordan and Gavin Newsom. There was ‘deep access to the political machine,’ Le said.

In lieu of the festival this year, VYDC and Vietnamese Family Services hosted a modest celebration on Feb. 20 from noon to 3 p.m. at 201 Turk St. that was open to the community.

There, Young presented Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen as the festival in San Jose’s Vietnamtown, he said. ‘I’m sad a little bit,’ he said at the Turk Street party. ‘I think they should have the festival, new year, for the children. We miss it. Somebody should organize it, for the children.’

Mac-Quoc-Cot, speaking through an interpreter, said, ‘We celebrate here to make sure the kids don’t forget, know which day is the New Year.”

‘It is for the kids to learn about their traditions,’ said Linh, another celebrant. ‘Without this, they will forget their culture.’

‘It’s really about remembering the past, paying homage and bringing in prosperity and luck in the new year,’ Young said. ‘The festival is meant to highlight the values and culture of the community, a way to create visibility and embrace the community, making sure we’re honoring and respecting elders, those who came before us.’

When the speeches on Turk Street had finished, partygoers lined up for food. “We didn’t greet each other and smile,” he said. “There wasn’t a day since that passed we didn’t speak to each other and smile.”

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Mr. Patton is survived by his son, John, daughters Stephanie Robinson and April Patton, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
SPECIAL EVENTS
Asian Pacific Islander American Women Making History: March 12, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Main Library, Latino/Hispca Community Meeting Room. Games and craft activities for all ages. APA Women Wall of Fame, display of books by and about APA women. Info: sjpl.org.

ARTS EVENTS

Conservatory of Music free concerts, 100 Oak St., March 6, 1 p.m., Hot Air Music Festival; March 7, 8 p.m., faculty recital; March 17, 8 p.m., alumni artists; March 15, 7:30 p.m., chamber music master class; March 16, 7:30 p.m., Bornomo String Quartet; March 29, 28 p.m., faculty recital. No tickets required. Info: sjmusic.org.

WritersCorps Live at The CJM, March 10, 6:30-7:30, Contemporary Jewish Museum, 736 Mission. Free multi-genre readings by WritersCorps elementary, middle and high school poets, teachers and award-winning author Chrisa Hodge. WritersCorps is a joint project of the San Francisco Arts Commission and the Public Library Info: writingcommission.org.

REGULAR SCHEDULE
HOUSING
Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of each month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH
CBHS Client Council, 3rd Tuesday of month, 3-5 p.m., 1380 Howard, Room 515. Consumer advisors from self-help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome. Info: 255-3695. Call ahead as meeting location may change.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of month, 1010 Mission St., Bayview Community Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home services, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning. Light lunch. Call Lisa M. Montana, 546-1333 x4315.

Hoarding and Cluttering Support Groups, weekly meetings at various times, conducted by Mental Health Association of San Francisco, 870 Market St., Suite 926. Info: 421-2665 or mentalhealthsf.org/group-search.


Mental Health Board, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-9474.

Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition, 2nd Thursday of month, 5 p.m. Works to protect SFHA resources for all residents. Info: Tenderloin Rec Center, 270 Sixth St., room 278. Info: 951-2726.

Safte Haven Project, 4th Tuesday of month, 3 p.m., 519 E. 11th St. (Senator Hotel). Contact: 656-3285, x175 or centralcayouthshelters@gmail.com.

SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee, 3rd Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudia del Rosario, 701-5980.


SENIORS AND DISABLED
Mayor’s Disability Council, 3rd Friday of month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 408. Call: 554-1918. Open to the public.

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