Free toilet paying off: Use soars

CBD’s experiment brings relief, less waste on street

BY TOM CARTER

THERE first big success in the Tenderloin CBD’s campaign to staunch rampant outdoor pee- ing and pooping in the neighborhood comes from the humble little john that could — and did — throw its door open to the public.

The Rescue Mission bathroom, open weekdays, is averaging more than six times the flashes it got last year. One busy month recently, it averaged 11.5 uses every hour. Over a three-month period in 2011, when the pilot began, the average was 11 uses for the whole day.

Seeking what impact the enhanced use might have on human waste on the street, The Extra asked the San Francisco Clean City Coalition, which sweeps the CBD’s 29 blocks of sidewalks and gutters, for comparative data over a similar period. The CBD paid for the mission’s toilet to open up to the public. The total has seeded a compostable loo, too.

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The total number of incidents of human waste and urine that Clean City reported January through April was 1,680; last year’s total was 1,355. “It appears there’s been about a 20% decrease in the total reporting of incidents compared to 2011,” said Gia Grant, executive director. “As always, there are several things to consider and I definitely believe that increased access to restrooms, such as the Rescue Mission, makes a difference.

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CONSTRUCTION on Boeddeker Park's $6 million renovation will start in August, months earlier than expected, a Trust for Public Land spokes- man said at the park Friends Meeting.

The Trust got the $500,000 it needed to reach the $6 million goal for renova- tion, so bidding and permitting can begin, said Trudy Garber, project associ- ate. The Trust, a partner with the Rec and Park Department on the project, got the millions from the state and pri- vate donors.

The park will close for construction for 18 months.

"There's no exact date," she said. "But we are fully funded now and can move forward. We think the park will close Aug. 1." That would cancel plans to make the park the central gathering place for the neighborhood's annual National Night Out, Aug. 14, police Capt. Joe Garney said, adding that another venue with similar dates will be found.

"But we are fully funded now and can move forward," Garber said.

The renovation will rid the park of its much-criticized, prison-like fencing. The park will be reconfigured on four tiers and get a new, glassy clubhouse.

Carol Marie Daniels, Arts Com- mission spokeswoman, said the park's outdoor sculptures will be removed in June and stored in the East Bay, to be returned after the renovation. The sculptures are: "Ark," by Bruce Hasson, Redding School, Self Portrait, by Ruth Asawa and "Untitled," by Anthony Jerome Smith. "Ark" and "Untitled," bronze pieces weighing 700 and 800 pounds, respec- tively, went into the park in 1986, a year after it opened. Each artist was paid $20,400. "Ark" shows chiseled animals. "Untitled" is a sphere held by a pair of hands. The sphere has 14 life-size, inset faces of neighborhood nota- bles, including Smith, who the commis- sion is trying to find to alert him that his work is being moved.

The Asawa piece is a tribute to Father Alfred Boeddeker, the Franciscan priest who founded St. Anthony's Dining Room and is the park's namesake. The 4- by 16 ½-foot piece "will not survive the reinstallation costs ($46,000), the 11- by 14-foot piece "will not survive the Boeddeker Park renovation," Daniels said.

Rec and Park's Steve Cismowski asked at the meeting what hours peo- ple wanted the park to be open until construction begins. Now, it's open to all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, with the children's playground open until 5 p.m. for kids accompanied by an adult.

I can only afford 15 hours a week," said Cismowski, referring to his city's ability to pay an on-site Rec and Park director.

"I have a group of a dozen favored noon to 3 p.m. Cismowski said he would try for that.

Earlier he'd said the park's custodi- ans have discovered a rash of needle dumping, up to 20 needles daily in the last two months, tossed over the per- manently closed Ellis Street gate and over the Eddy Street fence, near the children's play area. "But no injuries that we know of," he said.

Weekend volunteers' work has been suspended, said Betty Traynor, Friends chair. But performers can regis- ter for the July 14 Talent in the Tenderloin show until the end of June.

Money in early for $6 million park makeover

Boeddeker will close 18 months: construction to start in August

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Evolution of a community leader

renewals. 21 days total. Jenks fought harder than anyone to stop it. The city owns nine shelters run by nonprofit contractors who critics say are reluctant to oppose HSA policies, fearing reprisal. Jenks told HSA it can take way longer than 21 days to find permanent housing for the homeless, and turning people back out into the street was not planning to stay there. The plan was scuttled.

"She's pragmatic but not afraid to stand up for folks," says Frederien who has worked with Jenks on raising the city's standard of care in shelters.

The Hospitality House budget is balanced like a portfolio: 48% city government funds, 38% state, 6% federal and 8% private donations. But 92% public money makes it highly vulnerable. The city has threatened cuts seven times in Jenks 10 years as executive director. Former Mayor Brown, who Jenks daily sat down with Chris Daly got the supes to restore 8% private donations. But 92% government funds, 38% state, 6% federal

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THOUSANDS DROP IN

The heart of Hospitality House is the drop-in self-help center at 290 Turk St. Last year, 15,000 people deeply scarred from trauma, half of whom were homeless, made 72,000 visits. They used the free phones, bathrooms and the grabby lounge to rest their street-feet and to socialize. Programs are optional.

Jenks is proud of her peer, drop-in center staff hired from the neighborhood.

"They are able to relate to people at a deeper level because of their own experience," she says, "and they gave back to the community as role models who have gone through rough times. And we know people over the course of years — we always thought that was special," Jenks says, knowing people during their ups and downs. At the heart, it's where people can get things when they need them and at a low threshold entry point. No eligibility requirements, anyone can come to us in various states of mind. We don't ask a lot of questions.


"We're still a community center but we are part of people's lives at different points," Jenks says. "Someone may get help from us and later seek employment, or volunteer to help us. Some become donors or supporters. Maybe they were one time in our shelter."

MILLION-DOLLAR SHELTER

Hospitality House's shelter at 146 Leavenworth began in 1962 after the homeless population exploded. It was a terrible winter and a line stretched around the corner to snap up one of the 25 second-floor beds for the night. The popular art program that now attracts 2,000 artists occupied the main floor.

As the years wore on, the place got a pass on ADA compliance because of its long-term occupancy and the 1920 building's age. When the owners decided to sell in 2008, it gave Hospitality House first bid. And when the state helped swing the purchase, Jenks started thinking about bringing the shelter up to ADA code was possible for the cash-poor nonprofit. It was unacceptable that people on crutches and wheelchairs had to negotiate the stairs for a bed. It was time to "treat everyone with dignity."

With finally landing enough grants, including $1 million from the state, the $1.2 million renovation, which included an accessible second-floor elevator base, was finished in May. The dignitaries attending the May 4 reopening were full of praise.

Former Mayor Brown, who Jenks had sold hard on Hospitality House in its budget crises, was impressed with the accomplishment. He remarked at the podium that it "took hundreds and hundreds of hours just to get to that elevator." On a building tour later she described Jenks for The Extra as a "rare, dedicated human being who doesn't form stereotypes and who should be replicated in all nonprofits."

Introducing Bevan Duffy, the city's director of Housing Opportunity, Partnerships and Engagement, Jenks reported once she won the mayor's City Hall to find support. She showed up at then-Supervisor Duffy's office, unannounced. He welcomed her and went around the room asking everyone how they would be affected by the budget cuts, "pubic relations stuff. I'll always remember that as a special day."

Duffy calls her fearless. "Sadly," he adds, "she's had to battle so much for her program. But she stood tall, held her ground. I hope we stop making it so tough on her."

This year's budget strife began March 29 when Districts 6 and 8 interests converged at a jammed Mayor's Town Hall meeting in the Tenderloin Community School's auditorium. It was a community input-only session for the mayor's revolutionary two-year budget. Hospitality House, on the ropes again, was eying a proposed $29,000 cut. Randomly chosen speakers made pleas microphones before the mayor, department heads and Supervisors Kim and Christina Olague, all seated in front. In the first half hour, a half dozen speakers passionately enthused their cause in the Blue Tenderloin as Jenks and some staff watched from the back, ready for another all-out effort.

One formerly homeless man, a Mission Hotel resident through Hospitality House's help, evolved the image of a homeless man in a wheelchair in the rain seeking overnight shelter from a doorway: "We need two or three more Hospitality Houses" he blushed.

In late May, the tables turned. Mayor Ed Lee restored all the cuts and Hospitality House, through its contract with the Department of Public Health, was sold for two years.

Jenks was "very relieved" and especially happy over the mayor's extra measures to strengthen the city's nonprofit contractors. He included a 1% increase on nonprofits' cost of living, a 3% funding boost, an increase in cost of doing business and institutional prebid get meetings with the nonprofit stakeholders in the neighborhood. Already, Jenks was moving with the momentum.

Insiders say Jenks has retained the qualities the interviewing panel first saw in her 17 years ago. But as she has matured and moved in her role one major change has been obvious.

"She used to have inaps," says Paul Boden, a close adviser. "Now she has sway.

Jenks introduced Boden as a main speaker at the shelter reopening and "a mentor, a friend and rock to me."

Boden, homeless at 16 after the death of his mother, was in line and dodging torrential rain for a Hospitality House shelter bed in January 1983. The day after, better now, he told the crowd, the Gordon knot of homelessness still exists and is its daily chal lenge.

Boden was Friedenbach's prede- cessor at the Coalition on Homelessness for seven years and a founder of the Coalition Housing Partnership, its board president for 10 years.

Jenks 'bought into the Housing House mission' and has stayed steadfast to it. Boden later told The Extra. "He's a very 54-year-old man but he knows what he wants. He's a very passionate 54-year-old man but he knows what he wants. He's a very passionate"

Jenks' INIMITABLE STYLE

Her courage, again, is what strikes insiders. She has "inimitable style," Boden calls it, "hard core."

Program Director Elvis Byrd, 28, remembers meeting her 10 years ago as a teenager. She later hired him as a shelter staff substitute. For years, jug-

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"It's a cliché, but Hospitality House is the perfect place to meet so many people. That was a lot of questions."
The importance of supportive housing in the city’s strategy to combat homelessness was made clear by the stories of four formerly homeless people at DISH’s second annual Tenant Appreciation Party.

Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing (DISH) took over the Kroc Center gym May 16 to throw the party, a tribute to the homeless who the Department of Public Health’s Direct Access to Housing program helped leave the streets and move into a stable home.

DISH, a 6-year-old nonprofit, contracts exclusively with the DPH housing program to provide front desk, custodial and maintenance services at six SRO hotels — the Camelot, Empress, Le Nain, Pacific Bay Inn and Windsor in the Tenderloin and the Star on Mission Street — homes for 450 formerly homeless who have a history of special needs: mental health issues, substance abuse problems or chronic medical conditions.

With 70 employees, DISH keeps the hotels running smoothly. “Everybody can use a good concierge,” Director Doug Gary said.

In this city of tight housing and cutthroat high rents, a property manager dedicated to your comfort is a bonus for a tenant; a property manager who throws a party in your honor is a rare bird, indeed.

More than 100 formerly homeless adults, many wreathed in neon green and yellow Mardi Gras beads, dined on chicken, pasta and burgers, sang along and applauded a local open-mic talent show and alternately cheered and groaned at the calling of winning raffle numbers.

They took keepsake four-to-a-strip face photos in old style booths and munched cart-popped corn and chocolates by the bagful. And they proudly accepted the DISH tribute for leaving homelessness and seeking safe housing.

Housing the homeless is the simple solution to a vexing city problem, but the nuts and bolts of housing and, more importantly, supporting the homeless through the oft-perilous transition from life on the street to a settled home requires the combined efforts of landlord and tenant.

DPH supplies support services in-house — case managers, social workers, nurses and home care aides — to the tenants. DISH manages the property.

One thing DPH knows: If the homeless can settle into a stable residence, their ongoing dependency and demand on hospitals, emergency ambulances, police, probation and courts lessen and the costs to the city go down.

The key to that happening is housing the homeless properly. Give them a lot of help. And be patient.

Event gives testimony to how on-site staff help recently homeless find they can go home again

BY JONATHAN NEWMAN
DONNA FOWLER, 54

She came to the Empress Hotel on Eddy Street eight years ago, after unsuccessful attempts at alcoholism and depression. Her 22-year marriage ended in 2002 and court orders severed access to her two teenage sons. She had no money and no job, but found a place to live in a faith-based recovery program in San Jose. It didn’t work.

She returned to San Francisco, living outside during the day, using shelters at night. “I thought I’d do the hippie thing,” she says. “You know, live out- side, be free.” But she didn’t find a welcoming community in Golden Gate Park.

“I was scared, scared of being beaten, robbed, raped. I kept myself, she remembers. When the winter rains came, she couldn’t keep warm and dry. She

ROY IS 63

He lives at the Pacific Inn on Jones Street. “I get good help. These people know things. They’re like my family,” he says of the house staff and support personnel.

Roy came to the city from Chicago in 1975 already addicted to heroin and a cocaine user as well. Still, he managed with his wife to cobble a place to live and to find work as a way to cudge a few hours indoors away from the cold and damp. It was her first exposure to homeless lives in the city and the first time she listened to some- one’s advice.

“When I was working at the Coalition, they saw I wasn’t acting right. They said I could get help and I guess I was tired and scared enough to listen,” she says.

Donna accepted a referral to Com and House and began thera- py at the city’s South of Market Mental Health Services. She got the proper diagnosis and eventually the right medications for her obsessive-compulsive disorder and manic depression. She learned that she qualified for Social Security disability benefits from her work 20 years earlier with the Theatrical Employees Union and she qualified for sup- portive housing.

“I’m safe here. I live in a clean and quiet unit. There are nurses on duty who help me with my medication and para- transit,” she says. She hasn’t yet seen her now-adult sons, but has stopped drinking.

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where she died. Roy was homeless and selling and using drugs. “I’d hustle, stay in abandoned build- ings, flop with friends when I could,” he says. He got robbed, charged with heavy possession, con- victed and sentenced to San Quentin. In time the correctional system transferred him to Tracy. After five years he was released to San Francisco county. Referred to Walden House, he sought stable housing through the city. He turned to take responsibility for myself, to start choosing better things,” he says. “Street life destroyed my family and it destroys other families, too.”

Sometimes, Roy thinks of returning to Chicago’s South Side where his brother lives.

“There’s a community of us here, I never saw anybody eating out of a garbage can in Chicago.”

44-YEAR-OLD JOSHUA H.

He has lived at the Star Hotel for six months, after a lengthy stint on the street. “I sleep in the shelves, take my meal-a-day at the free places and drink. I’d pan- handle, scavenge cans and bot- tles, enough for the booze. I was self-medicating, but I didn’t know it.”

Before homelessness, Joshua, born in the city and raised in Sonoma County, worked con- structing owned a commercial fishing boat and a home. When he and his partner split, the legal bills in the ensuing property dis- pute mounted. The custody bat- tle for his 8-year-old son over- whelmed him and he fled to the street.

“I couldn’t see my son. The only place I had was the playground, and that wasn’t good enough — not right for the boy,” he says. Eight years later, a street brawl over alcohol left him with multiple stab wounds, he spent a long recovery at S.F. General, where he was eventu- ally diagnosed with bipolar dis- order.

He has a case worker now at the Star Hotel and he takes his medications regularly. He has stopped drinking, but he’s ashamed to be eating his meals at St. Anthony’s and Glide. “Too much like the street days. All I want now is a job,” he says.

SHE’S 43 YEARS OLD

She doesn’t want her name used. “You can call me Margaret,” she says. She once worked in advertising in the international offices of a global corporation in Hong Kong and Japan, but lost her job in 2008 when the economy tanked. She returned to the city, found odd jobs and part-time work. Then she contracted MRSA, a rare staph infection that can mutate to resist antibiotic treatments.

“Thank God for Healthy SF. It got me through,” she says, referring to the city’s mandated private employer health insurance. Still, the disease ravaged her health and her small savings. She spent months at S.F. General and lost her apart- ment. When deemed well, she was discharged with a voucher for extended stay at Lutheran Services’ women’s shelter, but the infection returned and back she went to General Margaret has lived at Pacific Inn for three months. Her case manager monitors her Social Security disability income and Margaret is growing adept with her wheelchair, a necessity to offset weakness of her back and legs from her serious infection. On weekends she works with cats and kittens at the city’s Animal Care and Control.

“I love them,” she says. “I don’t trust people who don’t like animals.” She drops her voice. “If there’s one thing I could change about DISH, it’s their no- pets policy.”

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Free toilet use soars; street waste plunges

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Mindful of disgusting filth in the streets and mounting complaints about it, the CBD tried to get a number of nonprofits last year to open their restrooms to the public but had no luck — until it turned inward.

CBD Fire Chief Ladine is Rescue Mission’s program director. He helped form an agreement for the mission’s bathroom at 140 Turk St. to be open for public use during a three-month pilot.

Soon after, the CBD intensified its campaign in another direction. It awarded Hyphae Design Laboratory in Oakland $20,000 seed money to develop a compostable outdoor potty for the public. It would be the nation’s first.

Hyphae’s plan for the prototype, based on its neighborhood surveys and feedback from public meetings, is to be delivered to a CBD committee June 10. Hyphae needs $100,000 total to finance the toilet’s development but has only the CBD grant.

Meanwhile, recent data from the mission’s tour show that CBD’s garbage has paid off.

Results for the last three months show the toilet was used about 4,500 times, a great leap from the pilot’s 748 uses for the same three months in 2011 when, on average, just 11 people a day visited the john. By fall the average had climbed to 52 per day.

Ladine attributed the popularity of the street — 30 or 40 — who we see a sense of pride in the neighborhood, he said. “I get calls from (Hospitality House’s) ‘Hi, hello’ people who want to know how it’s going so they can send people down here. The numbers were so low in the beginning because it was new. But when it got consistency, and word was on the street, people started rolling in.”

Typically, twice as many men as women use the toilet.

Ladine worried in the beginning that the program might get wrecked by plumbing stoppages that the mission couldn’t afford.

“I thought we’d have problems with people shooting up, the toilet getting clogged and having hassles with people. But it hasn’t been bad. We had one stoppage and I bought a $40 snake and fixed it. A couple of times we’ve had to knock on the door to get someone out. But it has been a good surprise. Maybe we’re just lucky. It’s a model that can work in other places — with people taking care of it, it gets respect.”

The CBD pays $1,300 a month for supplies and a monitor, Carlos Jackson, who keeps an eye on things and maintains the data from the clipboard hanging on the wall next to the bathroom door. The CBD approved the project for all of 2012, with a review due this month.

Ladine and Jackson said they expect the toilet’s usage during summer to increase.

Meanwhile, Hyphae has ended its major public outreach after holding a monthlong informational drop-in at the Luggage Store’s 509 Ellis St. storefront. The staff was available weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for toilet talk, to hear ideas for a dream compostable W.C. in the Tenderloin, or to listen to groaning about the crap on the concrete outdoors.

“We got a lot of people living on the street — 50 or 40 — who we wouldn’t see at public meetings,” said Bucknum. “Sometimes we had to walk out on the sidewalk to talk to them. We’ve met a lot of characters, junkies, too,” Bucknum said. “But you see a sense of pride in the neighborhood. Someone wanted to just talk about issues like crack and cocaine. So we’d talk about that, then ask how they’d design it (a toilet) so that wouldn’t happen (inside). They came up with 15 to 20 features to consider.”

On the storefront’s outside, a sign invited people to write something, anything, about toilets with dry eraser markers on the windows. A lot written was illegible. Sidewalk conversations varied. One man suggested the toilet should have a vibrating floor to signal when a user’s time was up, and shake hard enough to wake a sleeper.

The ecological public toilet would be portable, maybe a three-unit stall, one each for men, women and disabled. Waste would be trucked to the Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant on Jerrold Street where 80% of the city’s sewage is treated, including porto-potty “humanure.” Hyphae hopes its contributions will return to the TL as “soil” to fertilize inedible vegetation.

If the toilet uses water, possibly the city’s or rainwater, it would be only in a sink and for maintenance.

When perfected, Hyphae wants to sell models for $50,000 to $80,000 each.

Delivering the master plan will end the CBD’s contract with Hyphae. The CBD will decide next steps then — whether to stand pat and let Hyphae go on its way alone, seeking grants, or to hook up with them in another arrangement,” Hilliard said.

May I use your restroom? Nearly 1/3 of businesses say yes

H yphae Labs hosted a “public toilet workshop night” April 12, a rainy evening meeting attended by 14 people, most connected with Hyphae. On one wall were results of an unusual survey, accompanied by neighborhood crime data from one week in December to indicate ‘hot spots’ unsuitable for sitting the toilet.

The survey sought to find how hospitable Tenderloin and SoMa merchants are to someone off the street needing a bathroom. In both areas, nearly a third of the businesses said yes, an encouraging show of civility.

Hyphae had sent a white, formerly homeless man out in the Tenderloin and SoMa on sunny weekdays between 4 and 6 p.m. for a month. He was clean and casually dressed, carrying Hyphae’s Julia Schmitt. He asked markets, shops and hotels if he could please use the restroom. He visited 123 places in the Tenderloin, Schmitt said, and 40 said yes (32.5%). In SoMa, he hit 240 places and 70 said yes (29.2%).

In the evening, though, I think people would have more problems,” Schmitt said. “There were a lot of variables, so I took it with a grain of salt. Maybe it depends on the person coming in. We’ll send a different ethnicity next time, or a woman. I think our guy looked too much like a tourist. He was wearing a sweatshirt,” suggesting that a shabby person would be less welcome.

Bankrolling the survey was $3,000 from an anonymous donor. There’s money left for a second survey, which Hyphae intends, Bucknum said.

Hyphae preferred anonymity for the businesses helping to welcome a noncustomer in need. Yes-and-no dots on a map showed no dominant area. Larger ringed areas showed four main spots where public voting last year suggested placing a public toilet. The main site was a Jones Street parking space near Golden Gate Avenue.

— Tom Carter

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The Rescue Mission’s toilet survived a six-fold increase in usage and incurred only one plumbing problem.
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