

GOOD NEWS for...

BETTY TRAYNOR Hooray for one of our own: Betty Traynor, chair of Friends of Boeddeker Park and a park stalwart since 2003, is one of three finalists in the Cox Conserves Heroes program. Founded four years ago by Trust for Public Land and Cox Enterprises, parent company of KTVU Channel 2, the contest honors everyday conservationists, awarding \$2,500 to the three finalists' environmental nonprofit of choice plus \$7,500 to the winner. Traynor says that if she wins, the entire \$10,000 will go to the Boeddeker renovation, scheduled to start in October. In this contest the public picks the winner. Go to coxconservesheroes.com, click on "choose a location" on the left and select San Francisco Bay Area. Click on the **Vote Now Through September 24** link and vote for Traynor. "In all my dealing with the public, she stands alone," says Jake Gilchrist, formerly with Trust for Public Land. "She's quiet, humble, extremely effective. All the changes at Boeddeker are a direct credit to her," he, the makeover's main fundraiser, said modestly. Voting closes at 5 p.m., Sept. 24.

ST. ANTHONY'S After years in the planning, St. Anthony Foundation is almost ready to demolish its building at 121 Golden Gate Ave., home of its dining room since 1950, which serves 3,000 meals a day — 40% of all free meals in San Francisco, they say. Meals have been served in temp quarters at 150 Golden Gate since February. Demolition begins this month. When the dust settles, construction will start on the 10-story building. Watch for a groundbreaking ceremony in January. The new main-floor dining room will serve 43% more people. St. Anthony's free clothing program and social work center will fill the building's second floor, with Mercy Housing's 90 units for seniors on the floors above. The \$22 million construction project is expected to be done in mid-2014 with a grand opening that fall.



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Rendering of St. Anthony's new building.

NONPROFIT HOUSING Community Housing Partnership, TNDC, Chinatown Community Development Center, Mercy Housing, Asian Inc., Homeownership San Francisco and Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco — all developers of affordable housing in the central city — are among 17 San Francisco and East Bay housing nonprofits to share grants totaling \$425,000 from Bank of America. They'll use the grants to add housing and expand services to help revitalize our needy neighborhoods. BofA, this year distributing \$22 million across the United States to 650 national and local community nonprofits in 34 states, expects its grants to benefit more than 31 million people, providing 8,000 new housing units and rehabbing 11,000. ■

The CPMC deal on the table — what's in it for the Tenderloin

BY MARJORIE BEGGS

NESTLED WITHIN California Pacific Medical Center's troubled \$2.5 billion hospitals project are modest perks for the Tenderloin — \$200,000 to construct a permanent Safe Passage sidewalk, \$3.5 million for traffic calming and safety improvements on Eddy and Ellis streets, and an unstated portion of a \$20 million fund for some Tenderloin clinics.

CPMC's development agreement also promises that, over 10 years, 400 permanent workers will be hired from six "underserved" neighborhoods, including the Tenderloin, to fill new, entry-level, full-time, part-time and per diem jobs, but none in construction.

There's also \$150,000 to help launch a Lower Polk Community Business District in the area, plus \$1 million for public improvements.

That's about all in the evolving agreement that for sure would benefit the Tenderloin. Less certain are promises of affordable housing, perhaps here, and \$15 million to add to the pot for transit improvements.

The Cathedral Hill Campus at Geary and Van Ness, abutting the Tenderloin, is CPMC's linchpin — a 555-bed hospital joined by an underground tunnel to a nine-story medical center across the street. St. Luke's Hospital in the Mission and Davies Medical Center in the DuBoce Triangle also are in the mix.

Mayor Lee introduced the development agreement he'd negotiated with CPMC to the Board of Supervisors April 3. Rosy projections for a quick approval were dashed after the California Nurses Association, Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association and four other organizations appealed the Planning Commission's mid-April certification of the project's final EIR.

The supes reversed Planning's approval and began Land Use Committee hearings June 15, then stopped them abruptly 10 days later when an anonymous whistle-blower leaked internal CPMC documents that seemed to give the lie to its promises on jobs, charity care and, especially, its commitment to maintain a new St. Luke's for at least 20 years. July 17 the supes voted to delay any decision on the final EIR until at least Nov. 20, and CPMC parent company Sutter Health agreed to work with a mediator to settle its dispute with the city.

When it's settled, here's what's in store for the Tenderloin, according to the April 26 version of CPMC's development agreement.

SAFE PASSAGE

An 11-block route for neighborhood children to walk safely to and from Tenderloin schools has been in place since 2006. The route's partially painted sidewalks stretch along Golden Gate Avenue, Turk, Eddy and Ellis streets between Leavenworth and Jones streets, with an additional block on Ellis extending to Hyde. Police-trained volunteers along the route watch out for the



PHOTO: COURTESY TENDERLOIN CBD

The Safe Passage sidewalk design needs to be burned in to become permanent, work that would be funded by a \$200,000 grant from CPMC.

kids, with officers present at some intersections.

The program is 6 years old but still considered a pilot, says Dina Hilliard, manager of the Tenderloin Community Benefit District. The CBD, Tenderloin Boys & Girls Club, Chinatown Community Development Center at 201 Turk, and La Voz Latina, a Tenderloin Housing Clinic project that helps Latino immigrants develop leadership skills, comprise an informal committee that directs Safe Passage.

"We'd hoped for \$500,000 from the CPMC agreement so we could hire a coordinator," says Hilliard. "I'm not sure how the \$200,000 figure was decided on, but I know that Randy Shaw (THC executive director) and Supervisor Kim felt it was important to include."

Some of the 11 blocks currently are painted with colorful designs

marking the route, but the paint might not last long. To burn in the designs, making them permanent, will cost about \$200,000, Shaw estimated, a figure he got from a contractor who did something similar for Berkeley Arts District.

"Also, a small amount of the \$200,000 is for a nonprofit to solicit bids and process the paperwork," Shaw says. That could be THC or the CBD or some other nonprofit.

Language naming "Tenderloin Housing Clinic or another nonprofit" in a draft version of the development agreement was changed to read that the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development will "enter into a grant agreement" with a nonprofit that OEWD selects through competitive bidding.

Hilliard calls Safe Passage a suc-

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Correction

Photo captions on page 5 of August's Extra misspelled the names of Luggage Store Gallery artist/barista Chad Hasegawa and Little Cafe grill-er Louis Campbell.

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