Housing

CONSUMER HOUSING GROUP, 1st Thursday of month, 6-7:30 p.m., S.F. Mental Health Association, 1095 Market St., Suite 408. Call 241-2926.

TENANT ASSOCIATIONS COALITION OF SAN FRANCISCO, 2nd Monday of month, 12:30 p.m., 111 Jones Community Room. Resident unity, leadership training, facilitate communication. Call Michael Nulty, 339-8327.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NETWORK, 3rd Thursday of month, 3-5 p.m., 301 Eddy. Call Belinda Lyons, 241-2929.

Health and Mental Health

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD, 2nd Wednesday of month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. Board advises S.F. Mental Health Services. Open to the public. Call 255-3474.

HOARDERS AND CLUTTERERS SUPPORT GROUP, 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. Canon Kip Community House, Pool Room, 705 Natoma St. at eighth. Call 241-2926.

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

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough, 5th Floor. Call 905-6264. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE — Daly, Leno, Maxwell—1st and 3rd Thursday 1 p.m. City Hall Rm. 263.

Safety

S.F. SAFE KIDS, 2nd Tuesday of month. Child health and safety. Call Ana Validzic, 206-3350.

TENDERLOIN POLICE STATION SENIORS AND DISABLED MEETING last Thursday of month, 10 a.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Concerns specific to seniors and the disabled. Call Susan Black, 345-7300.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION NETWORK, last Tuesday of month, 10 a.m., 220 Golden Gate, Rm. 4D. Violence prevention. Call Christina Goette, 554-2741.

NORTH OF MARKET NERT TEAM, monthly meeting. Earthquake safety and preparedness. Call Marvis Phillips, 674-1995 or Tim Agar, 673-1500.

Neighborhood Improvement

TENDERLOIN FUTURES COMMITTEE, 2nd Wed. of month, 10 a.m., 121 Golden Gate. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses sharing information and taking on neighborhood development issues where the Lower Eddy/Leavenworth Task Force left off. Call Roscoe Hawkins, 592-2704, or Katie Mullin, 776-2151 for information.

MID-MARKET PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE, 2nd Wednesday of month, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. Market Street redevelopment on Fifth to Eighth streets. Call Carolyn Diamond, 362-2500.

ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER DISTRICT 6, monthly general and committee meetings. Districtwide association, civic education. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com.

NORTH OF MARKET PLANNING COALITION, meets monthly. TL 2000, jobs, neighborhood planning. Call 474-2164.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE—Newsom, Leno, McGoldrick, 2nd and 4th Thursday 2 p.m. City Hall, Rm.263.

Seniors and Disabled

MAYOR'S DISABILITY COUNCIL, 3rd Friday of month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, Rm. 400. Open to the public. Call 554-6789.

TENDERLOIN POLICE STATION COMMUNITY MEETING,last Wednesday of month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Neighborhood safety. Call Susan Black, 345-7300.

Arts and Entertainment

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN . . . IT'S B MOVIE NIGHT!" — live theatre inspired by B-movies, produced by Ironworkers Local 202. EXIT Theatre, 277 Taylor, Friday and Saturday through Aug. 17. $15 general, $12 students.

EXIT THEATRE, 277 TAYLOR: FRINGE FESTIVAL 2002 BENEFIT. *A Fifth of Arsenic and Old Lace.* Five directors each take a fifth(çwhat's this?) and craft it in their own unique way, inspired by the classic. Aug. 22-24, 8 p.m., $20. Reservations: 673-3847. (Can we say more about the benefit?)

ISIS ARTS COLLECTIVE'S "SUMMER SHORTS: DAYS AND NIGHTS" — five world premieres by Bay Area playwrights and three comic gems from Christopher Durang and Wendy Wasserstein. EXIT Stage Left, 156 Eddy, Friday and Saturday through Aug. 17. $20, $15 for students, seniors.

EDINBURGH CASTLE PUB, 950 GEARY, Every Tuesday 8:30 p.m., the Castle Quiz with host Ahm Phucktifano, "city's biggest and best trivia night." Cash prizes and cheap beer.

A TRIBUTE TO ALFREDO ALCALA: FILIPINO CARTOONIST — Slide presentation, talk by writer Phil Yeh and others, and a free comic book for each attendee (while supplies last), Sunday Aug. 18, Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 1-4 p.m.

MOSAIC: AN EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY YOUNG ARTISTS FROM NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, community opening and reception Thursday Aug. 22, Main Library, Fisher Children's Center, 7 p.m.

Special Events

CANDIDATE FORUM, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Some candidates for District 6 supervisor and Community College Board. Sponsored by Alliance for a Better District 6 and others.

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE TAXICABS AT ST. BONIFACE, Aug. 29, noon-1 p.m.

Plan for Warfield parking garage stalls – idea for grocery store pops up

by Karen Oberdorfer

When Eric Tao, the developer who manages the parking lot at 67 Turk at Taylor, presented his plan for a seven-story, 220-car garage to the Futures Collaborative last month, he said he didn't know that more studies would be required to get the go-ahead for his project from Planning.

Tao, who works for AGI Capital Group Inc. that manages some Fox-Warfield LLC properties, said his group had already received a favorable environmental review, which is needed for City Planning approval of a project.

But the favorable environmental review he was referring to was for an earlier plan — a mixed-use, 106-foot-high project with one story of retail, three stories of hotel rooms, and three parking floors for 76 cars, eight less than the existing lot, said Daniel Pulon, who is reviewing the project at Planning's Office of Environmental Review.

AGI's plans for the site have changed several times, Pulon said. The retail floor morphed into a restaurant, and the three hotel floors originally had been offices. Back in 1999, AGI proposed a 70-foot-high garage with one floor of retail and six floors of parking for 221 cars. But that proposal, opposed by the community and appealed to the Planning Commission, didn't get off the ground.

AGI is scrambling to keep up with fast-changing times: What will make money today?

Since AGI submitted the retail-hotel-parking plan, City Planning has changed the way it analyzes traffic in measuring a project's impact on the Mid-Market area, said Pulon. AGI's project will require a transportation study to examine, among other things, how the nearby intersection will be affected by cars coming in and out of the garage. Not only have traffic analysis methodologies changed, but there now are other neighborhood projects in the works that might conflict with the parking garage idea.

Tao said that originally AGI had planned to divide the 9,500-square-foot ground-floor into three retail spaces and lease them to restaurants. But during his recent neighborhood presentations — to the Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, NOMPC and Alliance for a Better District 6 — locals have been telling him they want a grocery store to go in that space.

Michael Nulty, co-president of the Alliance for a Better District Six, said he was at all three presentations. Members aren't asking for another mom-and-pop store, he said, but for a larger grocery that can offer variety and "something affordable in pricing."

"If that's what the neighborhood wants, we'd be happy to lease the whole ground floor space to a grocery store," said Tao. He said they might even consider two floors dedicated to groceries because 9,500 square feet is small for a major grocery chain.

The required environmental review could take up to three months. At press time, Tao had not yet resubmitted the plans for the new review, Pulon said. We'll keep you posted. ■

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