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Director's Report

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AWARDS

Property Information Map wins Digital Government Achievement Award

SF Planning was presented the 'Government-to-Citizen, Local Government' award for the popular resource tool, the Property Information Map. The tool was honored at the annual Digital Government Achievement Awards hosted by the Center of Digital Government, an award program open to government agencies around the world.



Congratulations to the project team: Brian Smith, Alton Chinn, Mike Wynne and Gary Chen.

Officially launched in April 2011, the Property Information Map gives the general public access to a wealth of property information simply by entering an address.

Averaging 1,500 unique visitors a day, the site is widely used by department staff, staff of other City departments, realtors and the general public. The popular tool is listed on the homepage of the department's website – www.sfplanning.org.

Award Site: <http://www.centerdigitalgov.com/survey/88/2012>

Powell Street Promenade Wins Design Award

The American Society of Landscape Architects honored Oakland's Hood Design Studio for their work on the Powell Street Promenade, in the General Design category of the 2012 Professional and Student ASLA Awards. The awards honor the top public places, residential designs, campuses, parks and urban planning projects from across the U.S. and around the world.

The Powell Street Promenade has transformed two blocks between Ellis and Geary Streets, and as part of the Pavement to Parks program, is the largest parklet installation in the City.

Congratulations to the staff of the City Design Group that helped with the design and construction of the project.

Award Site: <http://www.asla.org/2012awards>
Feature in [Landscape Architecture Magazine](#)

PUBLIC EVENTS

PROJECT:	DESCRIPTION	DATE(S):
<p>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Investigating New Business Models to Make Cities Smarter and More Successful</p> <p>Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location: San Francisco Planning Department 1650 Mission Street (Room 431) San Francisco, CA 94103</p> <p>Tom Osdoba will discuss how district-scale frameworks can help cities to increase and accelerate innovation toward more sustainable outcomes, and how this approach fosters local business development, engages the community and helps organize capital for needed community investments. The need for greater urban innovation presents significant challenges to cities, and their success will be influenced by the business models used to deliver critical urban 'eco-system' services, such energy, water, food, shelter and mobility. Innovation requires rapid idea creation, testing and deployment, and this emphasis creates serious implications for how cities must operate in the future. The challenges encompass governance and structure, civic culture and staff expertise, public engagement, and finance. The corresponding opportunity of this shift is to help cities embrace greater innovation in ways that will help align project scale with capital financing platforms, and to do so with business models that enable neighborhoods to build wealth. This talk will investigate emerging new business models in order to help attendees think about how to 'build a better mousetrap' for making cities smarter and more successful.</p>	<p>September 5, 2012</p>
<p>GREEN CONNECTIONS</p>	<p>Green Connections at Sunday Streets</p> <p>Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Location: Western Addition / N. Panhandle Alamo Square</p> <p>Info: Come visit us at Sunday Streets. Draw your route to the park! For event information visit http://www.sundaystreetsf.com</p> <p>How to get to Sunday Streets? MUNI: For trip planning and other Muni-related info, go to www.sfmta.com BART: For trip planning, go to www.bart.gov</p>	<p>September 9, 2012</p>