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# PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### General Advertising Sign Program Team Recognized for Eliminating 700 Illegal Billboards



*Photo L to R: Kimberly Durandet, Christine Lamorena, Jon Purvis, and Dan Sider received their recognition certificates at the SF Beautiful Award Ceremony.*

Earlier this month, the department's General Advertising Sign Program (GASP) team was recognized by Scenic America and SF Beautiful for their work on eliminating 700 illegal and non-conforming billboards from the City's streetscapes.

The team helped build and maintain an inventory of all general advertising signs in San Francisco, correct advertising signs that violate the Planning Code, and remove unlawful signs.

The Planning Department would like to thank Dan and the GASP team for their hard work in protecting the beauty and unique character of San Francisco.

### New Bicycle Parking Requirements Approved by Planning Commission

The San Francisco Planning Commission approved a legislative proposal to amend the current bicycle parking requirements in the Planning Code, in response to increased bike use in the city. The proposal categorizes the bicycle parking requirements into two types:

1. long-term parking geared towards residents and employees of buildings; and
2. short-term parking serving commercial building visitors.

In addition, requirements for required bike parking will vary depending on the building use, and the building's volume of bicycle trips. The proposal is anticipated to go before the Board of Supervisors in June 2013.

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**PUBLIC EVENTS:**

**Green Connections: Dogpatch and Potrero Hill Project Update**

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: University of California San Francisco, 654 Minnesota Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Please join the Planning Department for a Green Connections project update. The team will present design concepts and next steps for a Green Connection linking the Potrero Hill Recreation Center with the Dogpatch Commercial District and Warm Water Cove Park. For more information about Green Connections, visit <http://greenconnections.sfplanning.org>.

**Green Connections Concept Design in Bayview**

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Time: 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Joseph Lee Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room 2, 1395 Mendell Street

The Green Connections project team has developed a streetscape design to improve walking and biking on Oakdale Avenue between Joseph Lee Recreation Center and the Southeast community facility. The design builds on the Bayview Hunter's Point Community Revitalization Concept Plan.

The Planning Department and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency would like to hear from you on how to prioritize the use of this funding on Oakdale Ave. Join us for an open house; we want to understand your priorities for this street! For more information about Green Connections, visit <http://greenconnections.sfplanning.org>.

**Central Corridor Draft Plan Workshop**

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mendelsohn House, 777 Folsom Street

The Planning Department will be hosting a series of monthly roundtables on key topics in the Draft Plan. These collaborative, informal sessions will be focused on specific policy or design matters related to the Draft Plan, and will help us refine the Plan, especially its zoning controls and design guidelines, for adoption in late 2014.

This session will not dive into a specific topic, but will be used as a brainstorming session to develop a list of topics that you would like to focus on for one or more of these future sessions. We want to make sure we know what you want to discuss, and which issues are your priorities. Based on conversations to date, a partial preliminary list of these topics include:

- Specific use controls (e.g. hotels, formula retail)
- Lot consolidation
- Incentives for retention of non-historic buildings
- Floor Area Ratio/Transferrable Development Rights
- Setbacks, building bulk controls
- Key development site design guidelines
- Open space design

For more information about Central Corridor, visit <http://centralcorridor.sfplanning.org>.