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PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



San Francisco Planning Department Welcomes Gil Kelley as Director of Citywide Planning

The San Francisco Planning Department is pleased to announce that former Director of Planning for the cities of Berkeley and Portland, Gil Kelley, has joined the San Francisco Planning Department as the Director of Citywide Planning. Mr. Kelley will manage the development of long-range plans, urban design and planning policies for the City and County of San Francisco.

Mr. Kelley has 35 years of extensive experience with both the public and private sector in city and regional planning, economic development, urban design and public administration. He comes to San Francisco from Portland-based Gil

Kelley & Associates, where as Principal and Owner he advised both public and private clients on strategies for sustainable urban development, addressing climate change, partnership formation and organizational development.

As Director of Planning for the City of Portland, he oversaw planning efforts for the Pearl District, West End and South Waterfront/Marquam Hill and created the City's River Renaissance Initiative, a multi-agency project to revitalize the city's waterfront and watershed system. As Director of Planning and Development for the City of Berkeley, California he led efforts to revitalize downtown Berkeley and West Berkeley and implemented the City's first California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance program. Mr. Kelley did his graduate work in Urban Studies and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and a Lincoln Loeb Fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

EVENTS:

African American History Project Open House #1

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2014

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bayview Library, 5075 3rd Street

African American History Project Open House #2

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ingleside Presbyterian, 1345 Ocean Ave

The African American History Project is a public outreach effort to document the history of African Americans in San Francisco through story-telling, oral histories, and personal photographs. The information gathered from the History Project will be included in the African American Historic Context Statement, a document to organize, examine and interpret history.

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The Planning Department is hosting an open house to update the community on the progress of the context statement and to hear more of the personal stories and experiences about the history of African Americans in San Francisco. But in order to uncover and fully document the African American experience in San Francisco, they need to hear from you. Please join the Planning Department and be a part of recognizing, celebrating, and protecting African American contributions to San Francisco. For more information about the African American History Project, visit <http://africanamericanhcs.sfplanning.org>.