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PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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PROJECTS

- Update to Community Safety Element Released:** On the 106th anniversary of the 1906 Great Earthquake, the Planning Department released an update of the Community Safety Element of the General Plan. The update devotes new sections on response and recovery, ensuring that the City is able to provide a positive path forward to house those displaced, provide services to homes and businesses, and resume economic and government functions. The Community Safety Element also highlights the numerous City programs already underway to increase earthquake and emergency preparedness. To view the update, visit: <http://cse.sfplanning.org>.

- Planning Department Accepts American Planning Association (APA) Award:** Senior planners Joy Navarrete and Lisa Gibson accepted the National Planning Achievement Award for a Hard-Won Victory for the Candlestick Point-Hunters Point Shipyard Phase II EIR at the national APA conference held in April.



The Environmental Impact Report Team accepts award at the APA conference in L.A.. Featured: Planning Department staff, Joy Navarrete and Lisa Gibson (center row, 3rd and 4th from left).

For details on the award, visit <http://www.planning.org/awards/2012/>.

- Awning Fees Waived for Small Business Month:** In honor of small businesses in San Francisco, small business merchants will get the fee waived for awning replacement permits. Fee waivers apply to permits issued in May 2012 to businesses with 100 employees or less. For more information, call 415-558-6377.
- Excelsior Community Opens First Parklet:** Through the efforts of the Out of Site Youth Center, the Excelsior Action Group, and support from the community, Excelsior's first parklet was officially opened by Supervisor Avalos and John Rahaim and the community on Friday, April 20th. The student designed parklet is located in front of Mama Art Café (4754 Mission Street). To date, there are a total of 27 complete parklets, with 40 more in various stages.



Grand Opening event attended by Planning's John Rahaim, David Alumbaugh and Paul Chasan.

PUBLIC EVENTS

PROJECT:	DESCRIPTION	DATE(S):
BIRD SAFE DESIGN STANDARDS PROGRAM	<p>International Migratory Bird Day at the Academy</p> <p>Location: California Academy of Sciences Details: Celebrate the 20th anniversary of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) with a week packed with fun educational activities. This year's theme is "Connecting People to Bird Conservation."</p> <p>This week-long celebration runs from May 7-13, 2012. Planning staff will be on-hand May 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to answer questions about the Bird Safe Design Standards.</p>	May 12, 2012
GREEN CONNECTIONS	<p>Green Hairstreak Butterfly: A Walk Through an Ecosystem Corridor</p> <p>Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Location: 14th and Rivera Streets (Bottom of Hawk Hill) Leaders: Melanie Trelles and Deidre Martin Details: Bring a bagged lunch and a pen. Some areas may not be fully accessible.</p>	May 20, 2012
EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS LEGITIMIZATION PROGRAM	<p>Community Meeting on the Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization ('Amnesty') Program</p> <p>Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Sports Basement, Grotto Room, 1590 Bryant Street Details: With the Eastern Neighborhoods Amnesty Program extended to November 12, 2012, the San Francisco Planning Department is hosting a community meeting for property and business owners to learn more about the legitimization ('Amnesty') program and to find out if their business is eligible.</p>	May 23, 2012
GREEN CONNECTIONS	<p>Talk: What Are Our Streets For?</p> <p>Time: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Counter Pulse, 1310 Mission Street (between 9th and 10th streets) Details: Pedestrians, bicyclists, and wild critters are all demanding their own ways to cross the city. San Francisco's "Green Connections" project seeks to integrate these new visions into San Francisco's urban grid. Join Andy Thornley (SF Bike Coalition), Peter Brastow (Nature in the City), Elizabeth Stampe (Walk San Francisco), and the SF Planning Departments' Kearstin Dischinger to critically evaluate these competing and complementary visions of a reconfigured San Francisco.</p>	May 23, 2012
ECODISTRICT PRESENTATION SERIES	<p>Discussion on Integrated District Systems</p> <p>Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Location: San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor Details: This discussion will explore questions surrounding sustainable infrastructure at a district scale. The presenters</p>	May 24, 2012

	<p>will share their experience and thoughts on integrated district systems. Presenters include Cole Roberts and Brian Renehan of Arup, Clark Brockman, Co-Founder and Director of SERA's Sustainability Resources Group (SuRG), and Bry Sarte of Principal of Sherwood Design Engineers.</p>	
<p>GREEN CONNECTIONS</p>	<p>Holly Park to Alemany Farm Butterfly Walk Time: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Location: Holly Park (at Bocana Street and Holly Park Circle) Leader: Liam O'Brien Details: Please bring a bagged lunch.</p>	<p>May 26, 2012</p>