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HMART LOOKS TO OPEN AT OCEANVIEW VILLAGE IN LATE 2019

Hmart held a pre-application meeting at the vacant OceanView Village supermarket site on November 13. Attended by well over 100 community members, Senior Director Sam Kim and Executive Vice President Vince Colatriano presented their vision for Hmart at OceanView Village, and answered numerous questions from those in attendance.

A detailed brochure of Hmart was given to everyone in attendance, along with a short video and slide presentation outlining Hmart's high quality products and their commitment to customer satisfaction. Sam Kim explained the background of Hmart and their commitment to the areas that they serve. Vince Colatriano discussed Hmart's centralized and efficient procurement system and their high quality products for diverse ethnic groups. He further stated that Hmart will listen to the community to offer products that clientele request.

In Hmart's brochure it states, "Hmart offers a full line of Asian groceries as well as a broad range of Western groceries to compliment its full scale offerings to that of a traditional supermarket. While many other Asian supermarkets are designed to target only specific ethnic core groups, Hmart is dedicated to serve the immediate surrounding communities as well as a broad range of international customer base."

When opened, sometime in late-2019, Hmart will offer Asian and Western groceries, meats, seafood, produce, bakery items, housewares and many "ready to eat" items, plus a dine-in food court.

Also introduced at the pre-application meeting was Viktoria Dostal, Director of Business Services with San Francisco's Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, who along with Kate Skjerpding, Program Manager in the Business Acceleration Program and Diana Ponce De Leon, Director of Invest in Neighborhoods will guide Hmart through the permitting process and offer critical support for a successful opening.

The Planning Department will hold a Consent Agenda Item on February 14th at 1:00 pm at City Hall in Room 400. More information will be presented at the February 12th METNA meeting.

At the next several METNA Meetings, thanks to Sam Kim, a free \$50 gift certificate to Hmart will be raffled off to a lucky METNA member in attendance. Plan to attend the next METNA meeting on Tuesday, February 12 for a chance to win.

MAJOR CHANGES COMING TO WEST SIDE OF JUNIPERO SERRA/19TH AVE.

Three major projects are planned for the west side of Junipero Serra, north from Brotherhood Way and 19th Avenue, north to Winston Drive.

The first of the three projects projected to begin this year is the demolition of the garden apartments and the construction of high rise buildings at Parkmerced. Construction of new buildings will begin throughout Parkmerced, including two 14-story towers at the north-west side of Junipero Serra and Brotherhood Way. METNA is now being told that the buildings could actually be 17 stories tall. Prior to construction, we are told, the intersection of Chumasero and Brotherhood will be moved further west and the pedestrian overpass will be removed. A new intersection with signal lights is planned. METNA is on record as stating that the pedestrian walkway is essential for pedestrians to cross busy Brotherhood Way safely, especially for the elderly residents at Alma Via and the numerous students who use the overpass to attend St. Thomas More and the

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RESILIENT MET MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
6:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue; with guests
Capt. Erica Arteseros, NERT
Daniel Homsey, NEN

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME TO ATTEND

METNA MEETING

Tuesday February 12, 2019
7:00pm, Palmetto Meeting Hall
640 Palmetto Avenue
(between St. Charles and Chester)

Invited Guests

Supervisor Norman Yee
District 7
SF Board of Supervisors

Nick Rainsford, Captain
Taraval Police Station

Joaquin Torres, Director
Diana Ponce deLeon
Invest in Neighborhoods
Viktoria Dostal, Dir. Business Services
Mayor's Office of Economic and
Workforce Development

Sam Kim, Executive Director
Vince Colatriano, Executive Vice
President, Hmart Companies, Inc.

Daniel Homsey, Director
Neighborhood Empowerment Network

Bert Polacci, Parkmerced

Jason Porth, V.P., University Enterprises,
San Francisco State University

ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

I am very proud of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association (METNA) outreach to the community and the accomplishments we have made over the past two years in making our neighborhood safer and improving the quality of life for our residents. Working with a very supportive executive committee, and especially with Vice President Glen Hatakeyama we have expanded our Resilient MET program.

With the leadership of METNA member Kim Mayor, and with the excellent support of Patti Spaniak, with the Cayuga Community Connectors, we have developed a very successful Merced Extension Triangle Community Connectors (METCC) Program. The success of METCC goes back to Supervisor Norman Yee's Participatory Budgeting and the vision of former METNA Secretary Terry Watson. The program brings added services to seniors through District 7 funds with the support of the Community Living Campaign. METNA wishes to thank all those who have offered services to the METCC, including Marina Lazzara and our Always Active exercise leaders.

METNA over the past two years has worked with city, regional, and state departments and agencies to make our corner of San Francisco one that we truly can be proud of. Our accomplishments include: (1) securing a supermarket with the support of District 7 & 11 Supervisors, the help of Broe/Citivest, and with the firm commitment from the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development; (2) working with Public Works on developing Sisterhood Gardens, with Public Works' financial commitment, and the volunteer greater neighborhood residents in making the gardens a success; (3) working with Public Works on the Brotherhood Way Tunnel Lighting Project, with partial funding from District 7 Participatory Budgeting; (4) working with SFMTA and Supervisor Norman Yee's office to secure Interactive Radar Signs on Brotherhood Way, also partially through District 7 Participatory Budgeting, as part of the Vision Zero Pedestrian Program; (5) the formation of the MET Community Connectors Program for seniors through District 7 Participatory Budgeting with the continued support from the Community Living Campaign; (6) working with the Public Utilities Commission and Public Works to realize a sidewalk on lower Brotherhood Way and Lake Merced Boulevard; (7) working with a coalition of neighborhood groups, city and state agencies, and Parkmerced developers to focus on air and soil monitoring once the Parkmerced Renovation Project begins; (8) ongoing work with Public Works on the Brotherhood Way Greenbelt and the Alemany Brotherhood Dog Park.

In the next two years METNA will focus on the following projects: (1) the opening of Hmart and its sustainability; (2) improving our Resilient MET program by reaching out for more neighbors to participate, (3) expanding the MET Community Connectors program; (4) increasing pedestrian safety awareness at the intersection of Alemany, St. Charles/ Palmetto with SFMTA and SFPD support, which according to SFMTA has very few options, (5) continuing to work with Parkmerced and now San Francisco State on air & soil sample monitoring during their demolition(s) and construction; and (6) making sure that a pedestrian/bicycle overpass remains on Brotherhood Way for the benefit of all residents in the area.

We have truly been blessed to work with so many city, regional and state agencies to improve the safety and quality of life for our residents and businesses. We thank the men and women of BART, CalTrans, SFDPH, SFDPW, SFMTA, SFPUC, SFSAFE, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and Recology for their continued work and support to our neighborhood and greater community. We thank each and everyone who has contributed quality services.

I must continually acknowledge and thank our elected leaders at the local, regional, and state levels who provide ongoing support to our area of their districts. Above all, much thanks goes to District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee and his talented staff for their varied work in our community.

I further wish to acknowledge Police Chief William Scott, former Taraval Police Captains Denise Flaherty and Robert Yick and the police officers at Taraval Station for their continued crime suppression and community service,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

METNA MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00pm at the Palmetto Meeting Hall @640 Palmetto Avenue (between St. Charles & Chester):
 Tuesday, February 12, 2019
 Tuesday, May 14, 2019
 Tuesday, August 13, 2019
 Tuesday, November 12, 2019

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

at the Golden Gate Church @201 Head Street (at upper Palmetto Ave) 10:00am Tuesdays & Thursdays: Always Active senior exercise class.

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

3rd Tuesday of each month @the Taraval Police Station 2345 24th Ave, unless otherwise posted.
 Visit: www.taraval.org for time & location

OCEANVIEW VILLAGE HOA MEETING

@ OceanView Village HOA Office.,
 Tuesday, March 19, 2019
 Tuesday, May 21, 2019

SISTERHOOD GARDENS

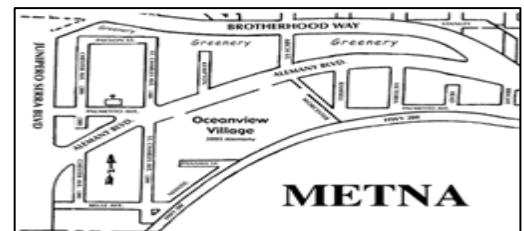
Located @ north-east corner of Brotherhood Way and Arch St. Workshops at the Garden are free & open to the public: community work day,
 Saturday, February 2, 2019, 10:00-3:00

OCEAN VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

@ 345 Randolph, at Ramsell Hours: M-Tue.10am-6pm, Wed. 12n-8pm, Thur 10am-7pm, Fri. 1pm-6pm, Sat. 10am-6pm, and Sun. 1pm-5pm

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and to BART Police Chief Carlos Rojas and his staff for their police presence in and around the Daly City BART Station and our neighborhood.

Also a grateful thank you is included to Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, the men and women serving at Fire Station 33, and surrounding fire stations, for their continued service and commitment to the safety and well being of all San Franciscans.

A very special thank you is extended to our two church partnerships at 640 Palmetto Avenue for allowing METNA to use their facilities for our quarterly METNA meetings, for the past nineteen years, and to the congregation at 201 Head Street for hosting our MET Community Connectors program over the past year and a half.

METNA has a wonderful and outstanding working relationship with Daniel Homsey and the leadership he provides to the Neighborhood Empowerment Network. Daniel keeps the METNA leadership on task to provide many services regarding safety, quality of life, and resilient concerns.

Furthermore, I want to express my gratitude to Rich Zerga, METNA's treasurer over the past nineteen years, who has diligently kept track of the METNA funds.

Lastly, I wish to thank all of the neighborhood residents who have supported METNA over the years, including our newest members. Your support is so valuable for us to carry out our community work.

Glen Hatakeyama and I look forward to continue to work with Hmart to facilitate the earliest possible opening and for the success of Hmart at OceanView Village.

As I leave the office of president of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association, I am proud of our many accomplishments over the past four years and I look forward to working with everyone, especially those in the community to build upon the work that has been done as we look to the future.

Please consider joining us in that effort.

-Marc Christensen

DOWNLOAD THE NEW OFFICIAL BART APPS

BART has just launched a free official BART app on both iOS App Store and Google Play Store.

It will provide riders with end-to-end trip planning, real time departures with data straight from BART, plus service advisories. An exclusive feature to the app is BART's new Trip Planner offering end-to-end multi-modal trip itineraries.

The BART app provides many exclusive features, which will help answer and respond to rider's questions and issues, such as:

- >Real-time departures, schedules, timetables and fares
- >Station information, including information on secured bike parking and auto parking
- >Escalator and elevator advisories
- >Real-time service disruption information on the Trip Planner
- >Step by step navigation with personalized preferences
- >Saved favorite stations and trips
- >Time saver modalities
- >Information on last train of evening and first train in morning at each station
- >Safety features for immediate notification and response
- >Spanish and Chinese language translations

The BART app links to the BART Watch app which riders can use to report suspicious and illegal activity in the stations or on the trains. Riders using the official BART app will be re-directed to BART Watch app if they have both apps on their smartphones or to a download link if they do not already have BART Watch.

BART is also introducing a new BART to Airport App as a one-year test of mobile ticketing at BART. The app not only simplifies getting to either SFO or Oakland Airport but will also provide discounted tickets in advance for airport trips with the stored tickets on the buyer's phone ready to use at any time.

To download the free apps go to: Apple App Store or to Google Play Store.

METNA OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

The following METNA members were elected to office at the November 13, 2018 meeting for the term 2019-2020:

President: Glen Hatakeyama

Vice-President: Marc Christensen

Secretary: Eric Berquist

Treasurer: Rich Zerga

Sergeant At Arms: Glenn Rogers

Remaining on the Executive Committee are:

Neighborhood Improvement: Steve Heide

At-Large: Neil Hunt

Added to the Executive Committee is:

At-Large: Celia Herman

METNA COLLECTING DUES FOR 2019

The Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association is collecting dues for 2019. Membership levels are as follows:

METNA residents/property owners: \$20

Associate members (living outside the METNA boundaries): \$20

Business members: \$50

Sponsor: \$100

Benefactor: \$250

To join, make a check payable to:

"Merced Extension Triangle N.A." and mail to:

Rich Zerga, Treasurer
1095 Clayton Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BART SERVICE**

Starting February 11, 2019, morning weekday BART trains will begin service one hour later, at 5:00am. This change is necessary for vital repairs and critical earthquake safety work throughout the system. No completion date has been given, when morning service will return to normal.

Alternative bus service will run between 3:45am and 6:00am. Check the schedule at www.bart.gov

MET COMMUNITY CONNECTORS OFFERS SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The successful MET Community Connectors program continues to offer Always Active senior exercise classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00am to 11:00am at 201 Head Street, corner of Upper Palmetto Avenue, just two blocks east of OceanView Village.

Do you want to stretch and exercise in a friendly environment at your own pace? The free exercise program is open to all senior residents living in the Merced Extension Triangle. Other senior activities are offered through a partnership with the nearby Cayuga Community Connectors program, as a joint venture.

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Mayor London Breed at METNA meeting, Nov. 2018



Supervisor Norman Yee honored at MET Community Connectors, Nov. 2018

RESILIENT MET MEETING

Resilient MET will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00pm, just prior to the quarterly METNA Neighborhood Meeting.

Topics for discussion will be Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training and the MET Block Captains Program.

METNA encourages previous participants to attend, plus MET Community Connector participants, and any interested neighborhood residents who have not previously attended.

NORMAN YEE ELECTED PRESIDENT AT BOARD

In a 10-1 vote on Tuesday, January 8, District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee was elected president of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Yee, two years into his second four-year term, will preside over the Board of Supervisors eleven-person legislative body. As Board president Yee will set committee appointments and chair the supervisorial meetings at City Hall.

We congratulate Supervisor Yee on his election to this respected position.

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several other schools on the southern side of Brotherhood Way, west of the pedestrian bridge, under the Vision Zero Pedestrian Safety guidelines. We insist that a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge be built by Parkmerced developers to replace the one being removed.

San Francisco State University has unveiled a new master plan: Future State 2035. Under this plan, which has begun with the demolition of garden apartments along the south side of Holloway, SF State will be building student housing. Further west on the south side of Holloway plans call for more student housing and an events center. Additional student housing is planned on the north side of campus from Buckingham Way north to Winston Drive and the edge of Stonestown. A new Creative Arts building is currently under construction on Tapia Drive at the Holloway-Font intersection. A new high rise hotel is envisioned along Buckingham Way, across from the Stonestown Galleria. SF State is requesting immediate funding to replace the Science Building, located just west of 19th Avenue.

Most recently, a third project is on the drawing board. The owner of the Parkmerced Plaza Shopping Center, located on Cambon Drive, is looking to demolish the two block strip mall and build a new mixed use project with three 17 story towers, with ground floor retail over a subsurface parking garage on the property. The Costa Brown Architectural Firm has made a preliminary community outreach stating that the towers would house an elder care facility as well as senior housing, with an "initial 20% affordable housing component."

Much remains to be heard of with regards to each project. METNA has invited representatives of Parkmerced and SF State to make brief presentations with a question and answer period at our February 12th METNA Meeting, and will invite the Costa Brown firm to a future METNA meeting as their preliminary plans materialize.

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DIST. 7 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FOR 2019

METNA is sponsoring the Resilient Merced Extension Triangle Preparedness Block Champions Program. Funding will provide emergency supply kits to be used by block captains and neighborhood residents to be used in emergency situations.

We need everyone's vote! Voting for the METNA proposal, as well as other District 7 sponsored topics will take place in March. Voter information will follow in a neighborhood flyer explaining when and how to vote. Please consider voting for funding this important neighborhood resource.

WALKWAY COMPLETED ON LAKE MERCED BLVD., BROTHERHOOD WAY WAITING FOR FUNDING

Public Works added an asphalt walkway along the east side of Lake Merced Blvd. from Brotherhood Way to Lake Merced Hill Drive, in December.

When additional funding becomes available an asphalt path on the south side of Brotherhood Way from Lake Merced Blvd to Church Access Drive will be added. This will complete a safe pedestrian walkway on the entire south side of Brotherhood Way.

SFMTA TO ADD BUS SHELTERS IN TWO LOCATIONS

METNA has been advocating for two bus shelters at two locations for the past several years.

The first bus shelter is to be located on the north-east corner of Alemany Blvd. at Arch St. The shelter will serve the 28R and 54 Muni bus lines.

The other location is on Lake Merced Blvd., at Lake Merced Hill Drive, where a new asphalt walkway was constructed in December. The much needed shelter at that isolated location will serve the 57-Muni bus line as well as SamTrans Route 122.

SFMTA has indicated that the shelters will be installed at the two sites within the next few months.

METNA REMINDER

CHECK YOUR CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE ALARMS

Back in July of 2011, California State law required owners of all single family homes attached to a garage or to a fossil fuel source to install a carbon monoxide detector. As we approach the eight-year anniversary of that law, METNA wants to remind all neighborhood residents to periodically check your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms. Most new alarms come with a ten-year battery included.

Make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home, especially in every bedroom, along with a carbon monoxide detector. Check your detectors monthly to see that each is working properly, and clean for dust buildup every six months.

A properly working detector/alarm may save your life.