

South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting

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09.14.15

6:00PM-7:00 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM
HARBOR SERVICES BUILDING
AT THE PIER 40 MARINA

ATTENDEES	3 Officers, 3 Directors, 1 presenter, 13 members/neighbors
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TOPIC	Funding for SF City Parks
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- **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS (Alice Rogers)**

- **Funding for San Francisco's Parks**

- District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell, supported by aides Margaux Kelly and Hyun Shin, opened discussion centered upon securing stable funding for the City's parks, recreation and open spaces. Supervisor Farrell, in association with the San Francisco Parks Alliance, will be introducing legislation at the September 22nd Board of Supervisors' meeting to carve out a portion of the City's General Fund budget allocated specifically to support maintenance and expansion of recreation and open space; the legislation will not create a new tax but rather define a specific set-aside from the City budget. If the required number of other Supervisors do not endorse the measure, Supervisor Farrell is prepared to gather signatures to bring it to ballot.

Supervisor Farrell requested neighborhood input on how such funds might be used. Suggestions included making sure the funding also included non-Recreation and Parks Department properties such as Port open spaces and redevelopment area parks such as those in Mission Bay, and adding open space/recreation areas to District 6 since it ranked lowest by far in per capita on open space in the City. Additionally, it was noted that 'soft-costs' (management and implementation-related costs) made City-implemented projects more expensive than private-sector building, so attention should be paid to cost-efficiency or alternative building models, as well as increased funding.

Supervisor Farrell also highlighted the Shared Schoolyards project, a fund-raising effort he began some years ago to reopen schoolyards that are now closed (due to budget shortfalls) on weekends. The Supervisor invited all to attend this year's benefit party on October 2nd and to sign on as Shared Schoolyard supporters (<http://www.sfsharedschoolyard.org/>); see also related attachments:

WHAT: Shared Schoolyard Project

WHEN: Friday, October 2, 2015 from 6 - 9PM

WHERE: Fort Mason, General's Residence

Followed by Q&A.

- **Announcements**

- Gary advised all of the upcoming two-hour FREE Emergency Preparedness Workshop, scheduled for Thursday 9/24 at 6:30pm at the Mission Bay Community Room (adjacent to the new Mission Bay Police/Fire Station).
- Bruce advised of the next South Beach D6 Democratic Club "2015 Endorsement Program" scheduled for Thursday 9/24 from 7p to 9p at the South Beach Harbor Community Room.

- There was general discussion around the Central SoMa Plan: how the scheduled November presentation might be structured; whether any neighbors might want to form a working group to influence the plan, and whether the presentation was for information only. Information related to the plan, as well as to a parallel proposal by TODCO, will be posted to the NA Yahoo Group.
- **NEXT MEETING**
 - October 12th