South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday January 10, 2022

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6:00PM-7:00 PM

ZOOM VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETING

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4 Officers. 3 Directors, 2 Presenters, 26 residents

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NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: MONDAY 2/7

A Conversation with D6 Supervisor Matt Haney

• **WELCOME** (Alice Rogers)

• A Conversation with D6 Supervisor Matt Haney

Supervisor Matt Haney and his legislative aide Monica Barnett joined us for their annual visit to review and discuss various topics of concern to our residents.

Matt began with a **recap of 2021** by addressing the pandemic impacts. He focused on various challenges: the city's pandemic response, public safety, mental health issues, housing, small businesses, and the budget. He pushed hard for the city's masking, testing and vaccination efforts, especially in the Tenderloin and Treasure Island. As Chair of the Budget Committee, he worked to make sure the new Mental Health SF legislation which he co-sponsored with Supervisor Ronen was reasonably funded. And making streets safer (bike lanes, slow streets) continues as a priority.

Pre-submitted questions from residents included the following topics: In 2022, what are the top areas of concern and what's the plan to address them? They are tied into the pandemic (business closures, lower tourism, etc.). Homelessness, mental and behavioral health issues, and fentanyl overdosing continue to be among our biggest challenges. Matt has been pushing for results and transparency from the various agencies addressing these matters. We need transitional and stable housing options, and support for the drug and mental health issues.

There has been some progress on Mental Health SF but not enough. Legislation was passed but then the pandemic hit. Included as part of the implementation is the **Street Crisis Response Team** (click <u>here</u> for info).

Funding for more Police was included in the latest budget to help address the various public safety issues throughout the city.

Beginning July 1, 2022 the reorganization of the Department of Public Works will begin. A commission will be appointed to hire a new Director. This department will go thru an overhaul to implement new training, public oversight, input and focus in order to deliver clean and healthy streets.

Citywide, Covid Testing sites are overwhelmed due to a surge in covid cases (far higher than last year's peak) and staff shortages at the sites (staff are calling in sick). Matt wants all hands on deck, including assistance from the State level.

Followed by more Q&A

Other topics included: an extended power outage at The Crossing at The East Cut (which was resolved the following day!); comments, questions and citings of unsafe driving behavior on 2nd Street since the new layout was completed. (Matt

and his office will look to set up a meeting with the SFMTA to address the various issues); a rise in crime (auto/garage break-ins, assault, homicide) and the police response; the next use for the site on which the Embarcadero Navigation Center is located (The Port is working with a developer for this site and there is a <u>meeting</u> January 19th on the proposal; details <u>here</u>).

For any further questions for Matt Haney, please email HaneyStaff@sfgov.org

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder for those who wish to pay the **NA Annual Dues** (\$15 for Single, \$25 for Family/Household). Dues are not mandatory to attend our meetings. Dues help to cover administrative costs such as our NA website and our NA Zoom account. Paid Members can vote and are eligible to run for a NA Board seat. To pay NA Dues, see Membership Application <u>here</u>.

In March we will hold our annual **NA Board Elections**. Four seats (out of 7) are up for election, each for a 2-year period. Paid Members in good standing are eligible to submit their name for consideration. Contact **sbrmbna@gmail.com** for more information or to announce your interest in running for a seat.

For anyone not currently on the **NA Google Group** (to receive email updates and notifications), please contact <u>GaryPegueros@sbcglobal.net</u> to be added.

To view the Zoom meeting recording, click <u>here</u>. Password: jC4T#d3%

NEXT MEETING: Zoom Virtual Meeting – SPECIAL DATE Monday February 7th or 28th, 6 PM (as our regular meeting date falls on Valentine's Day). Final date and details TBD.