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It's Official! No Warehouse On the Hill

by Don Price

Well neighbors, we have finally won the battle of the hill!

As you may remember, in November 1992 City College officials unveiled plans to build a shop and warehouse on the large open hillside adjacent to Judson Avenue. The college took this action without any neighborhood input.

Sunnyside neighbors banded together in force to oppose this building. After many meetings and negotiations it was decided that the warehouse would remain at its present location on Carrol Avenue, and the shop building would be built near the Ocean Avenue parking lot.

Of course, government bureaucracy being

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San Francisco Symphony Concert Tickets

SNA has discount tickets available for the symphony's Community Concert!

See page 2 for information.

President's Message

by David Wall

Good news!

It looks like the City College Shop/Warehouse problem has been solved. Assemblyman John Burton's office just called to say that the governor left in his budget money to complete the project built where it should be — on the other side of campus.

As you probably know, our neighborhood was threatened with a plan to build this industrial facility on the hillside next to our homes with the most logical access for heavy eighteen wheel trucks through one of our neighborhood streets. After a number of meetings, we voted to oppose the plan. Even so, it seemed the City College was being forced to move ahead with the plan by bureaucrats in Sacramento.

We asked for Senator Quentin Kopp's help and we got it.

Then we got an offer for more help from Assemblyman John Burton's office. Julie Brandt, Mr. Burton's assistant, was calling neighborhood associations and, when she learned of our problem, she did a considerable amount of research, which she presented to the Assemblyman.

As it turned out, we needed all the help we could get. Things looked pretty bad there for a

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All San Francisco Symphony Concert Set for Davies Hall on September 12 - Get Your Tickets from SNA

The San Francisco Symphony will hold its annual special concert for San Francisco residents on Monday, September 12 at Davies Symphony Hall.

The program, featuring a variety of classical music, is sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank. This allows a special low price of \$7.00 per ticket for Sunnyside Neighborhood Association residents and their families.

Tickets are offered on a first come, first served basis. To purchase tickets, maximum of four per household, call Don Price at 469-7307 and leave a message.

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what it is, this answer was too simple. State budget officials balked at paying for additional architectural renderings. The financing problem dragged on for almost a year. Finally, in mid-July, the governor signed the 1995 state budget which includes money for the drawings. The Hill will be left as is for now.

Warning for the Future

City College will probably build something on the hill in the future. College officials have promised the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association that all neighbors will have the opportunity to be involved in these decisions.

Please take the initiative to become involved in your neighborhood association. Have a voice in the future of the hillside and any new buildings the college may propose.

If you're not an SNA member, or if it's time to pay your dues (check your mailing label - if you haven't paid in 1994, it's time), please see page 7.

Sunnyside News

Sunnyside News is your source for news about neighborhood activities and the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. Members receive four issues per year.

Your contributions to *Sunnyside News* of news, features or letters to the editor are strongly encouraged. Please mail items to: SNA, PO Box 27615, San Francisco, CA 94127, or better yet, please contact Rita Evans, 587-6234.

Deadline for the Fall issue of *Sunnyside News* is **October 10**.

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while.

I don't think I would have thought of asking for help from both Senator Kopp and Assemblyman Burton. Our two excellent elected representatives are not known to be political allies, but they both offered and we owe gratitude to both of them.

SNA Executive Board

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Please contact any SNA board member if you wish to discuss any neighborhood concerns, or if you wish to attend board meetings.

I am pleased to report that Assemblyman Burton's office, in turn, gives us credit for part of this victory.

"There is no question," they write, "that the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association played a key role in the process. The involvement of the residents was critical."

That's one more for the Sunnyside.

We have decided to vary our meeting format, focusing our programming efforts on four meetings a year. We will continue having these major meetings at the Sunnyside School. The other smaller business meetings we will hold in people's living rooms. Of course everyone who has neighborhood business to discuss is welcome. Just call and we'll tell you where we are meeting.

Ron, the barber, has volunteered to write a new feature for our news letter. I thought it was just going to be jokes, but it turns out to be more than that. When I was in college, I took a course in American Folk Literature. Ron's contributions look just like the local lore I was taught to collect and hand in as homework assignments.

Sunnyside School to Hold Benefit Dance in October

All neighbors are invited to a benefit dance at Sunnyside School in October.

This evening of music, dance, fun and entertainment for all ages will benefit special programs at the school, including funding for the arts and an Internet connection for students.

School alumnae and Sunnyside residents are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Kasey Asberry at 586-1718

Parking and Traffic Reps Featured Speakers At April SNA Meeting

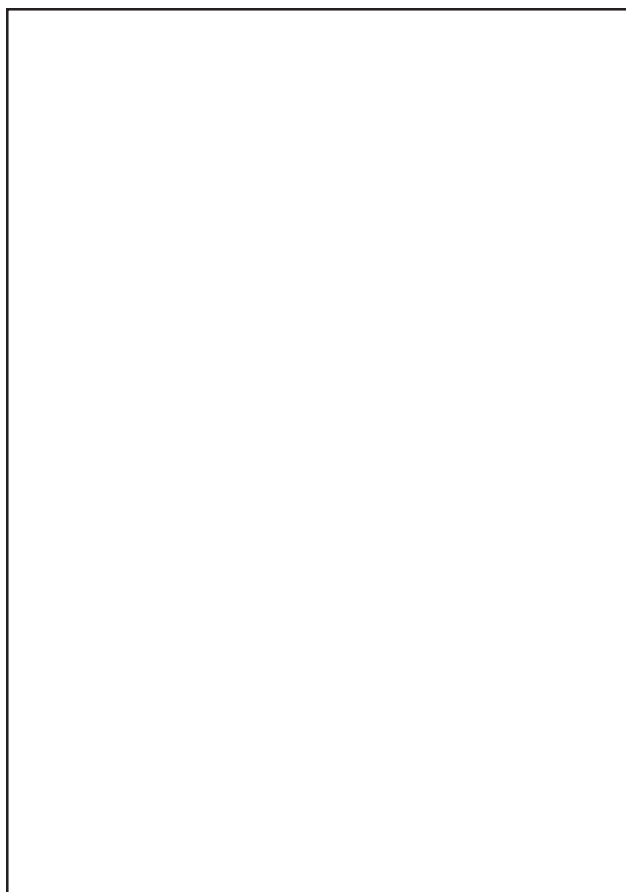
by Don Price

Two representatives of the SF Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) attended the April meeting of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. Jocelyn Kane, an administrative representative, and Julie Lau, a DPT engineer, were on hand to present information and answer neighbors' questions.

Several problem areas in Sunnyside were identified and a letter has been sent to DPT requesting formal action. In short, these are the areas to be reviewed by a DPT engineer for possible change/action:

- The "bend" from Phelan intersection of Phelan and Judson Avenues, a speeding and accident area; and the Phelan "strip," including the two crosswalks, a terrible speeding area where pedestrians have been killed.
- The intersection of Judson and Foerster, at the top of a hill where the street narrows from four lanes to two, and a with a very restricted line of sight, which has long needed a stop sign.
- Parking and speeding on Monterey Blvd. SNA has asked DPT to look into diagonal parking with parking meter installation between Edna and Ridgewood. This would both encourage patronage of existing businesses and establishment of new businesses on Monterey, which is now used mainly as a "highway" through Sunnyside. Additional parking spaces also would be created.

DPT will conduct a formal study of these



areas and will report to us this fall. We asked that the study be done in September or October to be fully accurate in accounting for the thousands of City College students' cars being driven and parked on neighborhood streets.

Other questions were answered during the meeting, and neighbors were happy to have the opportunity to get this type of information. DPT will be invited back in 1995 to give an update on our requests and members will be notified of the date.

If you have personal concerns about traffic issues, call Jocelyn Kane at 554-9811. If you have specific parking control problems, call Martha Gamble at 553-1232.

BARBER CLIPS

*Local Humor and Wisdom
As Collected in the Sunnyside*

by Ron the Barber

A traffic cop pulled over a speeding motorist and asked, "Do you have any ID?"
The motorist replied, "About what?"

Sociologist say that going to the movies is a bonding experience. It probably has to do with the way your feet stick to the floor.

Our three year old granddaughter, Madison, wanted to play restaurant, and she said to Grandma, "What do you want to eat?"
Gramma said, "I don't know. What do you suggest?"

Without batting an eye, Madison said,
"We're all out of what do you suggest."

Not all of us have to possess earthshaking talent. Just common sense and love will do.

Walking through the shopping mall, I noticed two women standing in front of the Directory. The posted map had an arrow indicating, "You are Here."

I overheard one woman say to the other,
"How do they know where we are?"

"You really need a haircut badly." said the barber.

"No," was the reply. "I need it nicely. You did it badly last time."

City College Opens Line of Communication At May SNA Meeting

by Rita Evans

More than two dozen neighbors turned out for a lively SNA meeting on May 10.

Chuck Jackson, Director of Architecture and Planning at City College, was the meeting's featured speaker. SNA has complained for some time of not being informed about the college's plans and policies which effect the neighborhood, and Chuck was invited to provide some information and answer questions.

Parking was the first topic, with both SNA members and representatives from Miraloma and Westwood Park neighborhood associations stating that an already bad problem became much worse beginning last September. A large reduction in the number of parking passes sold for the reservoir parking lot was probably responsible, but Chuck said the policy will change as of the Fall 1994 semester, which should help alleviate the problem.

Chuck said an environmental impact statement must be completed before the south reservoir can be used for parking, and the college is having difficulty finding funds for the study. That's why it isn't open for parking even though CC now has title to it. A neighbor noted that as long as the college has no concrete plans for using that property, it invites proposals for housing, sewage treatment plants, and other facilities to be located there instead.

It was suggested that neighbors write to the college's newspaper, *The Guardsman*, asking students to be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways when parking on neighborhood streets.

Chuck said he'd look into why an opening in the fence along Ocean Avenue, which had provided pedestrians with easy access through

the campus to the Balboa Park transit station, had been closed off.

Other topics discussed included establishment of a Special Assessment District to upgrade the college's deteriorating physical plant, fund a child care center, and provide athletic/recreational facilities. Funds would be tied to community use of the facility. City College will make no further effort to purchase Balboa Park.

Members thanked Chuck for his presentation and candor.

Business matters: Several board members advocated a switch from monthly to quarterly meetings due to very low attendance the past two years. The change was approved, with the next meeting to be held September 13. Board meetings, which are open to all interested members, will be held as needed. Elections for SNA board members will be held at the September meeting.

The board will make every effort to use postcards to notify members a week or two before each meeting.

Friends of the Urban Forest Offers Free Trees to Eligible Residents

Friends of the Urban Forest is returning to Sunnyside to help us plant curb-side trees.

Neighbors living in the area south of Monterey, from Circular to Genessee, are eligible.

The cost of the trees, as well as all city permits, site inspections and removal of sidewalk concrete is **FREE!**

To qualify for a free tree under this city grant for your block:

- placement must meet city regulations
- you must attend two evening meetings
- you must be available to help plant trees on a Saturday tree planting day.

Call Sonny at 584-4443 to be included in this event to beautify Sunnyside.

SNA Annual Membership Dues

Have you sent in your \$10 annual dues to SNA? If you have not paid during 1994, your Sunnyside Neighborhood Association dues are payable now.

You must be an SNA member to continue to receive our quarterly neighborhood newsletter, *Sunnyside News*. We cannot afford to mail the newsletter to non-members, so join us today!

Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn., PO Box 27615, San Francisco, CA 94127.
Make checks payable to SNA. Dues are \$10/year. Thanks!

Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ I want to volunteer _____

SNA September Meeting

September 13 - Candidates for SF Board of Supervisors, SF School Board, and City College Board of Trustees will be invited.

Election of SNA officers will be held. If you'd like to become more active in the association, this is a good time to volunteer.

SNA meets at 7:30 p.m. at Sunnyside Elementary School. All Sunnyside residents are encouraged to attend.

Join Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

We need you to join Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn. We have strength in numbers when neighbors join together. See page 7 for more information.

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