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Jessica Christian/S.F. Examiner

Friends and family gather to set up a memorial for Joshua Mejia in San Francisco's Tenderloin District in San Francisco last Monday. Mejia was shot and killed near Geary and Polk streets in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 17.

Local Man Murdered in SF's Tenderloin

Dennis Evanosky

An Alameda man is dead and another hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries after a shooting early Sunday morning in San Francisco's Tenderloin District.

The San Francisco medical examiner has identified the man shot and killed after a bar fight as Joshua Mejia, 26. San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) reported that the shooting happened about 2 a.m., in front of the Marquette Hotel, 965 Geary St.

SFPD spokesperson Sergeant Michael Andraychak told *SFist's* Eve Batey that patrons leaving a

bar "became involved in a physical fight." After "the dispute had subsided," Andraychak said that a black BMW pulled up to the crowd. "The suspect exited the car and fired several shots."

Paramedics arrived and pronounced Mejia dead at the scene. They transported the second victim to the hospital. His injuries did not appear life-threatening, Andraychak said. He remains in stable condition.

Witnesses reported a crowd arguing just before the shooting. They said that a member of the group ran from the scene saying "hide the hammer."

Mejia's wife, Marlene DeLeon told the *San Francisco Examiner* that her husband was born in the Dominican Republic. He worked at Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, a mental health crisis unit, DeLeon said.

Police have no description of the suspect and ask that anyone with information about the shooting call SFPD's anonymous tip line at (415) 575-444, or text a tip to TIP411, start the text with "San Francisco Police."

Mejia's killing marks San Francisco's 29th homicide of 2016.

Infill Projects Move Ahead

Dennis Evanosky

Next Monday the Planning Board is scheduled to consider, among other items, applications for commercial buildings at 1926 Park St. (at Blanding Avenue) and 712 Lincoln Ave. (at Webster Street).

Last October, the Planning Board approved Park Esquina, LLC's development at 1926 Park St. that featured several buildings made of repurposed shipping containers. In December, the City Council overturned that decision and told Park Esquina to redesign the project without shipping containers.

The developer has now returned to the Planning Board with a mixed use complex with office, retail and residential units sans shipping containers. According to the city staff, the project now features a pair of two-story mixed-use buildings made of conventional building materials with a pair of interconnecting public courtyards: one building on the northwest corner of Park Street and Blanding Avenue, the second setback from Blanding to create space for a public courtyard.

Staff expressed its displeasure with the Blanding Avenue unit's deep setback and location at the rear of the parcel. "This is not consistent with the minimum setback established by the North Park Street zoning district," staff stated in its report. Staff pointed out the maximum allowed for a setback supports a pedestrian and transit friendly environment.

At staff's request Park Esquina prepared a plan that moves the second building onto Blanding Avenue, creating a more private inner courtyard.

On the West End, Kevin Lam has submitted an application to build a 7,100-square-foot, two-story mixed-use commercial building at 712 Lincoln Ave., just east of the southeast corner of Webster Street and Lincoln.

Last April the Planning Board held a study session about the project with its ground floor retail and two second-story residential units. After that session, the board directed Lam to address several items in his plan before returning for approval. Staff has now stated that Lam has addressed all the board's concerns.

For example, he revised the building design to utilize a more traditional commercial building form

that complements existing Webster Street buildings. He also added bike racks to the front of the building and substituted one parking space adjacent to the existing residences with landscaping.

Staff reminded the board that it could approve the one parking space reduction by finding that the parking demand of the project will be reduced by providing transit passes and bicycle parking facilities. Lam also created additional space for on-street parking

by shifting the driveway six feet to the east.

"The revised design for the two-story building is a traditional commercial building form that incorporates contemporary architectural features," staff stated in its report. "The new building utilizes a flat roof embellished by an open cornice around the top of the building."

The Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2623 Santa Clara Ave.

Seaplane Lagoon the Talk of the Town

Navy about to transfer another large piece of former air station to city

Sun Staff Reports

The City of Alameda is conducting a public tour at Seaplane Lagoon to celebrate the second phase of land conveyed from the Navy Saturday, July 23. The purpose of the tour is to learn about future development plans and to take in the beautiful waterfront.

The free tour will be divided into three segments. The first is a kayak tour along Seaplane Lagoon. Sixty Alamedans — there are a limited number of spaces for residents on the kayak tour — will be given the opportunity travel on the water to view and discuss the future plans. Joe Stack, owner of Stacked Adventures, will lead three tours of 20 kayakers each. The three tours will take place at the following time slots: 9 to 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To attend the kayak tour, participants must fill out liability waivers. To print out waivers, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/seaplane-lagoon-celebration-tickets-26282745399. Participants must be at least 18 years old to take part in the tour.

Spots are only available on a first-come, first-served basis. Organizers suggest wearing comfortable clothing that allows for quick drying. Light-weight T-shirts and shorts are recommended. Organizers ask that participants wear comfortable shoes and bring sunscreen and binoculars.

The second phase of the event will be a walking tour that will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. Organizers ask that participants arrive at 9:45 a.m. The tour will span 2.5 miles. There will be stops at three locations to highlight upcoming developments of interest.

The last phase of the event is the short conveyance ceremony. The ceremony will commence around midday after the walking and kayak tours. There will also be a lunch provided by Pacific Fine Foods.

A simple RSVP and arriving on time are the only items required. Those with mobility constraints should e-mail the event coordinator at azieba@alamedaca.gov and ask to reserve space on a shuttle provided for the tour.

Tours will gather at Taxiway H on Seaplane Lagoon at 1700 Ferry Point. To RSVP for the event or to ask any questions, call 747-7440 for assistance. Members of City Council are expected to take part in the tour.

This is the second phase of land conveyed from the Navy. The transfer officially took place in March. Phase two comprises 183.44 acres of land at Alameda Point: nine parcels with 29.83 acres of uplands and two parcels with 153.61 acres of submerged land.

The uplands include five parcels or clusters of parcels: one along the Oakland Estuary and the others west and southwest of Seaplane Lagoon. The submerged land includes both Seaplane Lagoon and the waters where the Maritime Administration (MARAD) ready reserve fleet and the *USS Hornet* are docked. This phase is the second of four transfers scheduled to occur.

Scheduled developments along Seaplane Lagoon include a ferry facility for the Water Emergency Transportation Agency and the Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal.



Courtesy photo

Plans for Seaplane Lagoon include a waterfront promenade like that shown in this artist's rendering.

Clinics on Tap from Housing Authority

Sun Staff Reports

The city's Housing Authority is hosting free clinics for landlords and tenants on Wednesday, July 27, and Thursday, Aug. 11. The clinics will address the city's rent stabilization ordinance. The Housing Authority is the ordinance's program administrator. The clinics will examine tenants' new rights and landlords' new responsibilities under the ordinance.

At the clinics, the Housing Authority will take a close look at the landlords' rent-increase and termination-of-tenancy notices. It will address these notices' timing, language and service. It will also provide examples. Landlords are encouraged to bring their notices for review. Interested parties must sign up for the clinics online at www.alaemdarentprogram.org.

Clinics will have 20-minute sessions and 10-minute one-on-one sessions with rent program specialists to review notices or answer noticing questions. The Housing Authority does not provide legal advice. Each landlord and tenant is responsible for seeking the advice of legal counsel on any matters or documents.

Landlords and tenants who register for workshops are guaranteed seats. The authority points out that the times and location of the workshops are subject to change or cancellation. If the Housing Authority cancels or moves a workshop, it will give a two-day notice by email to landlords or tenants who have registered. Learn more about the clinics by calling 747-4346.



Dennis Evanosky

Sherman Lee, stands among the youngsters he put through the paces at last Saturday's "Defend the Rim" clinic at the Parrot Village Apartments. Fellow Encinal High School alumnus Jeff Brown, far left, helped Lee with the clinic.

Local Kids Learn to 'Defend the Rim'

Dennis Evanosky

Encinal High School (EHS) graduate Sherman Lee loves sports. Even better, he loves teaching sports. Lee graduated from EHS in 1957 and — along with his son Michael, EHS class of 1982 — is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The elder Lee played football, track and basketball for Encinal. His son played on the school's 1980 NCS championship football team. Michael then attended Santa Clara

University on a baseball and football scholarship.

With help from the city's Housing Authority, Lee has coached dozens of kids from Alameda at his "Defend the Rim" basketball clinic. He has been putting on the clinic at Parrot Village Apartments at the foot of Wood Street.

"It is important to allow all kids the opportunity to learn the game in a clinic like this even if they can't afford it."

— Sherman Lee

Jeff Brown and Richard Maggay both helped put the young players

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