



Lots of Activity Swirls Around 8 Washington Project



BIKES NOT CARS—The Neighbors to Preserve the Waterfront’s “Vision Plan” would recommend construction of a Bicycle Emporium on Seawall Lot 351, instead of luxury condos and a large underground parking garage. A similar facility in Chicago’s Millennium Park has garnered world-wide praise for its innovation.

America’s Cup Part of Major Waterfront Impact

BY JUNE A. OSTERBERG

IMPACT, the noun, is the key word for this issue of the BCNA Record--the anticipated *impact* of the 34th America's Cup on District 3 residents' lives and on the waterfront's future, and the *impact* on our neighborhood of the looming but not inevitable 8 Washington project.

CEQA is a valuable resource--see Page 4--for assessing the *impact* of developments on our northeast community close to San Francisco Bay.

The big picture of the *impact* of the oncoming America's Cup event on the waterfront emerged in the DEIR which was to be heard at the City Planning Commission August 11 (as this newsletter was being printed).

One way to put it is that the then Mayor Gavin Newsom and the

negotiators gave away the store.

How else to interpret this choice bit of information in the DEIR found by Bob Harrer, BCNA Board member:

"Long-term development rights under the Host Agreement could result in development of Piers 26, 28, 30-32, 19, 19-1/2, 23, 29, and Seawall Lot 330.

"For the purposes of this EIR, it is assumed that this development would consist of about 250 residential dwelling units, 261,000 square feet of retail uses, 533,000 square feet of office uses, and 264,000 square feet of entertainment and assembly/commercial uses."

The DEIR concluded that such development would have significant and unavoidable *impacts*.

Harrer had these impressions from reading the Transportation and

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You practically need a scorecard to keep up with all the legal and political activity surrounding the controversial 8 Washington project proposed for construction at The Gateway’s Community Recreation Facility and Seawall Lot 351.

Within the past few weeks here’s what’s happened:

1. Vision Plan Presented. An alternative to the City’s “Northeast Embarcadero Study” was presented to the Planning Commission on July 7. This is the document that was created by Asian Neighborhood Design as part of a constituent-based approach to urban planning.

The study was financed by the coalition of residents and groups known as *Neighbors to Preserve the Waterfront*. The group wants to maintain open recreation in the City and believes there should be a blueprint for development on all the Seawall Lots north of the Ferry Building—not just 8 Washington.

The Vision Study also favors bikes over cars, wants better pedestrian flow through to the Embarcadero from Chinatown and other areas, and projects substantial income for the Port if hotels and moderately-priced housing were built on Seawall Lots north of Broadway.

The Planning Commission is now taking the study under advisement. It is the hope of the Coalition that the document is adopted as official City policy.

2. Coalition Lawsuit Delayed. On July 2, Coalition Environmental Law Attorney Susan Brandt-Hawley reported “Judge Ernest Goldsmith, is unexpectedly taking a personal leave for two months. So the hearing on the merits of our case, which had been scheduled for July 13th, is now continued by court order until the third week of September at the earliest.”

The lawsuit involves the Planning

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Department giving height and structure parameters to the 8 Washington site without proper environmental review as required under CEQA. (See story on Page 4).

In addition the suit wants to overturn the Term Sheet the developers have signed with the Port.

3. 8 Washington DEIR Released.

In an unexpected move, the developers completed their Draft Environmental Impact Report on the 8 Washington project and public comment on the document was heard at the Planning Commission on July 21.

Dozens of individuals testified at the hearing, with a large majority questioning the completeness and adequacy of the DEIR.

Among the areas that more witnesses

felt needed more study were parking impacts, transit use, pedestrian safety, shadowing of parks, view blockage and how the huge proposed garage would toss aside the City's policy of Transit First.

Those wanting to add their written comments to the DEIR could also do so by written means. Depending upon when you are reading this, the comment deadline is/was August 15.

4. Core Sample Drilling Begun.

Residents of the Commons and The Gateway noticed some unusual sounds during mid July.

Developer Simon Snellgrove belatedly notified Arden Realty, the owner of the commercial space below the Commons townhomes, that core sample drilling would be occurring at more than half a dozen locations around Seawall Lot 351 and the Recreation Facility.

These studies will determine exactly what is under ground beneath his proposed development and are indicated in the DEIR for the project.

5. Rec Facility Kids' Camp.

Friends of Golden Gateway (FOGG) chair Lee Radner reported that the Rec Facility's Summer Kids Camp was again a success this year.

"We exceeded our expectations, and many thanks also to the cooperation of the Club's management, the Kids Camp Director, Laura Safran, and her dedicated staff," said Radner.

"This year we sent kids from low income housing in Chinatown, and also were able to include those from the South of Mission area."

America's Cup Impact

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Circulation chapter:

- America's Cup causes significant and unavoidable impacts ("potential gridlock") at 18 of 44 intersections under study.

- But the DEIR can't speak to the effectiveness of the People Plan to mitigate the problems at those intersections. Except for the Broadway/Embarcadero intersection, their analysis seems tolerable from Bay to Mission Street.

- Bikes and pedestrians: DEIR foresees no real problems or hazards to either group.

- Parking supply and conditions: "San Francisco considers parking as a 'social impact.' Thus, parking supply and conditions per se aren't relevant to CEQA.

- "The DEIR predicts the northern tier (Presidio to Fisherman's Wharf) will be woefully short of parking compared to demand... No mitigation is proposed.

- "Embarcadero and Downtown are supposed to have enough supply to handle the demand in their respective areas."

While the function of the DEIR is to provide a worst-case scenario, city planners for America's Cup are using it to identify potential problems and prepare

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Paul Renne Joins Board

At the Annual Meeting of the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association on June 26, Paul Renne was elected to fill a vacant Board seat.

In addition to regular BCNA business, President of the Board of Supervisors and Mayoral Candidate David Chiu addressed the members, answering numerous questions about public policy. Minutes of the meeting are at www.barbaryneighbors.org.

Exhibit C: Northern Waterfront Alternative Venues, Uses, Delivery Date, and Date Ready for Use

Location	Short or Long Term Use	Event Use	Port Delivery Date	Date Ready for Use
Pier 19	Short	Team storage	December 31, 2012	January 1, 2013
Pier 23	Short	Team offices & storage	December 31, 2011	TBD by Authority
Pier 27*	Short	Team & Sponsor hospitality and race viewing platform	Commencing sufficiently before December 31, 2012 to complete improvements	January 1, 2013
Pier 29	Short	Media center	December 31, 2011	TBD by Authority
Pier 26	Short or Long	Team offices and storage	December 31, 2011	TBD by Authority
Pier 28	Short or Long	Team & Sponsor hospitality	December 31, 2011	TBD by Authority
Piers 30-32	Long	Team industrial bases	December 31, 2011	TBD by Authority
Brannan Street Wharf	Short	Race yacht viewing	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2013
Piers 14-22½ water area & Piers 30-32 – Pier 38 water area	Short or Long	Superyacht center & mooring	December 31, 2011	TBD by Authority
SWL 330	Long	TV compound, parking	December 31, 2012	May 15, 2013
Pier 80	Short	Berthing of USA 17 Temporary heliport Temporary facilities during construction Staging of Pre-regattas	February 1, 2011	

* Exclusive use for regattas Jan 1-Oct 1, 2013.

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for them, according to Peter Albert, Manager of Urban Planning Initiatives for MTA (Municipal Transit Agency).

Albert spoke at the August 3rd NEWAG (Northeast Waterfront Advisory Group) meeting and listed ideas and plans for meeting the demands of the predicted huge influx of visitors.

Items of interest:

- The old streetcars of the F Line will go all the way to Jones Street.
- The new E Line will be rolled out, from Mission Bay to Fisherman's Wharf.
- Buses can be pulled in from other cities if needed.
- The 93 and 94 Golden Gate Transit buses will go down Van Ness Avenue and also come from the Presidio and can take riders to Crissy Field, if this can be worked out with Golden Gate Transit and the City.

- The Clipper Card will be pre-loaded for easier use of greatly augmented bus service.

- Increased ferry service. Ferry service from the East Bay to Treasure Island is being explored. This would involve agreement with the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

- There will be supplements to Caltrain.

- Bike sharing will be rolled out by spring. It is proposed to expand bike sharing along the waterfront and going to Crissy Field.

- Satellite parking facilities will be available with the notion of "getting" out-of-town attendees when they drive into town. It was noted that parking near The Embarcadero will be snapped up first. Facilities might even be closed or used for other high-occupancy vehicles.

Albert said the MTA and other planners are treating the America's Cup event like an Olympics.

He also said "Safety will trump every other consideration."

He emphasized that in performing outreach, "We're listening to people's concerns, and hoping to leave a permanent legacy of transit improvements."

Albert invited people with questions about planning for the America's Cup to phone him at the MTA, (415) 701-4328.



PARK PRUNING—At the urging of the BCNA, the Rec and Parks Department has trimmed back the foliage along the diagonal path cutting through the West portion of Sue Bierman Park. The narrow concrete pathway runs from Davis and Washington to Drumm and Clay. The BCNA found that residents felt unsafe along this path due to the ease of individuals hiding amid the plants and shrubs, especially during evening hours. In future years, the walkway will be widened and curved as part of another project.

Notes From The

GOLDEN GATEWAY TENANTS ASSOCIATION

Residents along Jackson Street have complained of loud noise and rowdy behavior on Saturday nights, especially about 2:00 am when the bars close. This is a little too close to the wild west tradition of the old Barbary Coast, which we appreciate more as past history than as a continuing tradition. Neighborhood representatives have met with a Jackson Street saloonkeeper to express concern, and also with Officer Steve Mathias of SFPD's Central Station and deputy director Nicholas King of the SF Entertainment Commission. We hope these informal meetings will moderate the level of Saturday night bacchanalia. Anyone seriously disturbed by nighttime noise can call the SFPD non-emergency number (415) 553-0123 and ask that a patrol car be dispatched to the location of the disturbance. Gateway residents can call their switchboard at (415) 434-2000 and ask Gateway security to take a noise reading and make a log entry for future use.

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Plans for a children's play structure in Sidney Walton Park were abandoned after management from The Gateway indicated that they were not comfortable with the possible increased liability of a playground. The park is privately owned by The Gateway, but deed-restricted and maintained by the apartment owners. Gateway management indicated they would support a playground in Sue Bierman Park or Justin Herman Plaza, both politically and economically.

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The dais just got larger with Ed Lee announcing that he is now a candidate for Mayor. The GGTA and the BCNA are jointly sponsoring a Mayoral Forum at KGO-TV, 900 Front Street, on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011 beginning at 6 pm. All major candidates have been invited to participate in this informational session and debate. All members of the BCNA and GGTA are welcome to attend.

California Law Primer: What Exactly Is CEQA?

BY JUNE A. OSTERBERG

CEQA is the acronym for the California Environmental Quality Act enacted in 1970.

Its far-reaching provisions were intended to prevent or minimize impacts on the environment.

The following "Brief Overview" was written years ago by Michelle C. Messinger, Historian II, of the State Office of Historic Preservation, to delineate its stipulations.

The California Environmental Quality Act was modeled after NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act, a United States environmental law that established a U.S. national policy promoting the enhancement of the environment.

The law was conceived to require public agencies' decision makers to document & consider the environmental implications of their actions.

It applies to all governmental agencies at all levels in California.

CEQA Act

- Authority is codified in California Public Resources Code (PRC). Statute 21000-21177.
- CEQA Guidelines 14 California Code Regulations 15000 et. seq.

Purpose of CEQA

- Protection of the Environment.
- The Act was enacted in response to the well-documented failure of state and local governments to consider fully the environmental implications of their actions.

Four General Principles

1. Information: Inform decision makers and public about significant environmental effects of proposed activities.

2. Identification: Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced.

3. Prevention: Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through use of alternatives or measures when the agency finds changes to be feasible.

4. Disclosure: Disclose to the public the reasons why an agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if

significant environmental effects are involved. (Code 21001 (d) Guidelines 15002)

CEQA has a substantive mandate. It is not just procedural.

Public agencies must deny approval of projects with significant environmental effects if "there are feasible alternatives or mitigations measures" that can substantially lessen or avoid those effects. PRC 21002.

Enforcement of CEQA

CEQA Is a self-executing statute. That means that public agencies are entrusted with compliance with CEQA, and its provisions are enforced, as necessary, by the public through litigation and the threat thereof.

Those who can and do sue are private citizens, organizations, and public agencies.

CEQA applies to Discretionary projects.

In the Act's context, a project is defined as "any activity which may cause either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

CEQA Exemptions

- Common Statutory exemptions are ministerial or emergency projects.
- Categorical Exemptions: The CEQA Guidelines created 33 Classes.
- No public review/comment is required for adoption of exemption.
- Notice of Exemption: Optional filing starts 35-day statute of limitations.

Exemptions for Historical Resources (Class 31, Exemption per 15331)

- Projects must conform to the Secretary of Interior's Standards and are limited to repair, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, reconstruction and maintenance.
- Section 15300.2 precludes use of Class 31 for (1) substantial adverse change in significance of historical resources, and (2) reasonable probability that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Initial Study

If a project is not exempt, an Initial

Study must be prepared. The purpose is to:

- Facilitate early environmental assessments.
- Decide whether to prepare an ND (Negative Declaration), an MND (Mitigated Negative Declaration), or EIR (Environmental Impact Report). An Initial Study is the supporting decision for an ND or EIR.
- Unnecessary EIRs can be avoided by mitigating impacts.
- If an EIR is necessary, it must focus on significant effects.

§ CEQA Guidelines 15063

Types of Environmental Impacts

- Direct effects
- Reasonably foreseeable indirect effects
- Growth-inducing effects
- Cumulative effects

§ CEQA Guidelines 15126 & 15130

Threshold for Preparing EIRs: Fair Argument Standard.

An EIR must be prepared when it can be:

- Fairly argued,
- Based on substantial evidence,
- In light of the whole record,
- That a project may have a significant environmental effect.

§ CEQA Guidelines 15064

Substantial Evidence

Consists of facts, fact-related reasonable assumptions predicated on facts, and expert opinion supported by facts.

Substantial evidence is not: argument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion or narrative, clearly inaccurate or erroneous information, or socio-economic impact not linked to physical environmental impact.

Negative Declaration

- Basis for "Neg Dec":
- No substantial evidence that project may result in a significant effect.
- Initial Study
- Supporting reports and studies
- Other evidence in record
- Neg Dec is the agency's finding; the IS supports that finding.

Basis for a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

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Initial Study shows potentially significant impacts, But:

- Revisions in project plans agreed to by applicant before public review
- would mitigate to below level of significance
- No substantial evidence in record of a significant effect of revised project
- No substantial evidence that mitigation will be inadequate

§ CEQA Guidelines 15070

The Parts of the EIR Process

1. Initial Study
2. Notice of Preparation
3. Scoping
4. Draft EIR Review
5. Responses
6. Recirculation
7. Certifying the Final EIR
8. Findings

Lead Agency Response to Comments

- Must respond to Final EIR to comments received during DEIR public review period and extensions
- Must consider and may respond to late comments
- Must provide detailed explanations supporting position of significant disputed issues

Must make good faith, reasoned responses, not unsupported conclusory statements

§ CEQA Guidelines 15088

EIR Certification

A Lead Agency must certify that:

- Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA
- Final EIR was presented to decision-making body and reviewed and considered by decision-making body prior to approving project
- Final EIR reflects Lead Agency's independent judgment and analysis

§ CEQA Guidelines 15090

Three Possible CEQA Findings:

- Project has been changed to avoid or substantially reduce impact magnitude, or
- Changes to project are within another agency's jurisdiction, and such changes have or should be adopted, or

- Specific economic, social, legal, technical, or other considerations make mitigation measure or alternative infeasible

§ CEQA Guidelines 15091

Statement of Overriding Considerations

- Is used when approving a project with unavoidable significant impacts
- Includes specific, written statement of reasons supporting approval—economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits
- Must be supported by substantial evidence in record
- Should be mentioned in Notice of Determination (NOD)

§ CEQA Guidelines 15093

Comment Period

- Lead Agency must consider comments prior to acting on project
- Comments can be submitted during public review period

- Draft ND or MND: 20- or 30-day period
- NOP (EIR): 30-day period
- EIR: 30- or 45-day (60-day) period
- The review period is not the end of the comment period
- Comments may be submitted until the final action on the project

Notice of Determination

- To be filed within 5 working days of project approval (CEQA Guidelines 15075 and 15094)
- Starts clock (30 days) on Statute of Limitations for CEQA challenge (CEQA Guidelines 15075, 15094 and 15112)
- If NOD was not filed, then Statute of Limitations is 180 days (CEQA Guidelines 15062)

Administrative Record is

- The Cornerstone of Judicial Review.
- The Record tells the story of the Lead Agency's proceedings in connection with CEQA. (PRC 21167 (e))



ESMERALDA VISITS THE CITY—The Esmeralda, a controversial four-masted Chilean Navy ship, visited San Francisco's Pier 27 July 22 for a four-day visit. The ship has docked in 300 ports worldwide, and this is its 7th trip to San Francisco. But to some, the ship is a reminder of the brutal military coup that brought down President Salvador Allende in 1973. Some minor protests occurred on the San Francisco waterfront on Saturday, July 24. Because the Chilean Navy has not formally apologized for the violence perpetrated against on-board prisoners, the ship has been greeted with global protests since 1974. Protesters want a memorial to the victims of violence to be permanently placed inside the ship by the Navy's high command.

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On The Waterfront

More and more people will be talking about the America's Cup as it will continue to reveal the results of planning for the Olympic-size event. However, the races on the Bay are not the only major happening in 2013.

It is also the year of the 150th anniversary of the Port of San Francisco, and there will be celebrating.

And then there will be the long-awaited opening of The Exploratorium in its splashy new location at Pier 15, according to the Port's Project Manager Phil Williamson.

He said at a NEWAG (Northeast Waterfront Advisory Group) meeting August 3rd that the contractors' work will be completed by November/December 2012.

Then the task of moving everything from the landmark Palace of Fine Arts to settle in at the revived Piers 15-17 will take several months. The opening is slated for Spring 2013.

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And Teatro Zinzanni will be moving its large tent just across The Embarcadero, probably, to the north side of the Broadway/Embarcadero intersection.

Yes, it's about the America's Cup takeover of the waterfront next year.

This announcement came in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

This relocation requires approval of the Historic Preservation Commission by virtue of the dinner theater's rather a long time site in the Northeast Waterfront District and to comply with Article 10 guidelines.

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Still more America's Cup *impact* news.

On August 5th many important public health and conservation organizations sent a letter to Michael Martin, America's Cup Project Manager at the City Hall Office of Economic and Workforce Development--expressing concern about the temporary shutdown of the publicly-funded Shoreside Power installation for cruise ships at Pier 27 for two to three years.

The \$5 million air quality project had been in operation less than a year, the letter stated. It decried the fact that the project would be shut down "without any plans to mitigate the 20 to 30 tons per year of criteria pollutants that will be released."

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We have been following the ups and downs for years of the five-member Port Commission and its problems sometimes in obtaining a quorum because of prolonged delays in mayoral appointments.

Port Director Monique Moyer welcomed the newest addition, Doreen Woo Ho, the nominee of Mayor Ed Lee, to the May 24 session and noted slyly that the Commission now has four women and one man.

Commissioner Ho brought a new perspective that first day when she participated in a Commission discussion of the America's Cup People Plan being presented.

She said she attended the Beijing Olympics and "noticed a little bit of how they managed the event." Ho stated that she doesn't know from the Event Authority the type of visitor that comes to the America's Cup...but "her impression would be it's probably a middle to upper middle class type of tourist."

She went on, "They're looking for a certain amount of amenities when they come to San Francisco...Obviously we're going to have the super yacht crowd, and they're going to expect to be treated with velvet gloves..."

"We have to understand what people's expectations are going to be...and design it for different kinds of expectations..."

Ho said she and Commissioner Katz had the idea the day before of having hot air balloons over the Bay for watching the races.

Commissioner Ho also said she "did not see any issue with people who want to have better service paying for a covered stand and that corporations will pay to host customers as well."

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A model of a sculpture of the late labor leader Harry Bridges that will be placed in the plaza in front of the Ferry Building was wheeled into the recent NEWAG meeting and sparked considerable interest.

The 12-foot statue is a fine likeness and will be cast in bronze on a stone base.

It will be a perfect example of a man from Australia who made an *impact* on San Francisco when the city had one of the world's great shipping ports.

RESTAURANT ROUNDUP

One down, two to go. That's the status of the "Big Three" new restaurants in nearby North Beach that have a lot of Barbary Coast diners quite interested. Now open is **Bottle Cap**, the new incarnation of the Washington Square Bar and Grill. Their reasonably-priced menu is straight-ahead American with dishes like Chicken in Pastry, Flat Iron Steak, Pork Chop and such. Entrees range from \$12 to \$23. Walk-ins only. No reservations. *1707 Powell St.* www.bottlecapssf.com.

In the "Coming Soon" category are the other two big-name openings around Washington Square in North Beach: First up will likely be **Park Tavern**, an offshoot of SOMA hotspot, Marlowe. It is occupying the old Moose's space, and is scheduled to open in September. *1652 Stockton St.* www.parktavernssf.com. Then later in the fall, look for the opening of **Original Joe's** in the space that last housed Joe DiMaggio's Steak House. It moves to North Beach after almost four years of hassles after their Tenderloin location had a devastating fire. The menu should be virtually unchanged from the open-kitchen approach they

have had for nearly 80 years. In a recent job posting on Craigslist for an Executive Chef, the owners stated, "Because our menu has been an iconic piece of the fabric of San Francisco, our ideal candidate must have an understanding and respect for our core menu items." Chicken Parmigiana anyone? *601 Union St.*

Despite the fact that few people outside of northeastern Spain can pronounce it, **Txoko** (say, *choke-oh*) is getting rave reviews from a number of literate foodies in the Bay Area, including three stars from the Chronicle's Michael Bauer. This is the reincarnation of Enrico's by the folks who made a name for themselves with the co-located Naked Lunch facility. The menu features lots of extremely innovative and generous Basque small plates and a casual, hip décor. Look for dishes like Fish and Beans, Grilled Quail and Crispy Lamb Tongue. *504 Broadway.* www.txokosf.com.

Although a bit of a walk from the Barbary Coast, another restaurant that

has been a long time coming is **Bluestem Brasserie**. On the drawing boards for several years, this stylish American bar and grill is open on Yerba Buena Lane just off Market Street. The menu features plenty of steaks and fish, plus interesting daily specials like Beef Short Rib Pot Roast, Coq au Vin, and Jambalaya. *1 Yerba Buena Lane.* www.bluestembrasserie.com

Being from the Bordeaux region of France made it easy for owner Sylvain Castet to name his new North Beach restaurant. It's **Le Bordeaux** and it's on the stretch of Union Street, next door to Don Pisto's. The place might best be defined as a "French Steakhouse." The hors d'oeuvres consist of items like fried camembert, charcuterie, duck terrine, and a "duet" of foie gras. The entrees feature a "Beef and Duck Menu", which includes several duck preparations and a choice of seven beef choices. Steak prices range from \$18 to \$45. The lunch menu has two options: three course prix fixes of \$29 or \$39 dollars. There is no liquor license, but you can bring your own wine. *524 Union St. (415) 529-1674.*

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President's Perspective **By Bill Sauro**

I was as surprised as anyone that the developers of the proposed 8 Washington project were able to get a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) completed so quickly.



When I read it I figured out how they did it: They simply left out any impacts that didn't suit their glossy view of their controversial development.

But perhaps even more surprising is the lack of recognition that the San Francisco waterfront will be hosting one of the biggest events in its history at the same time the developers plan to demolish and pile-drive.

There is little recognition of the America's Cup in the 8 Washington DEIR. In fact, it blithely ignores the fact that the City has signed a contract with America's Cup that says specifically, *"The City will use all lawful means to restrict noise and debris-generating activities on public works and large private construction projects in areas reasonably proximate to the Event during the America's Cup World Series Pre-regattas and the Regatta."* The Port's Seawall Lot 351 is City property.

There are plenty of other holes in the DEIR. Gauging from the

participation at the Planning Commission's Public Comment hearing on the document, there is a long way to go before anything really happens at 8 Washington.

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Great to see some common sense at the Board of Supervisors when the three absurd ballot measures the Supes cooked up in secret were dropped.

I'm glad the measures decimating Care Not Cash, prohibiting rent controlled housing from ever being replaced and stopping Rec and Parks from renting out facilities, have been taken off the ballot.

But here's a better idea: Let's not do this again. Just because the Supervisors have the power to place initiatives on the ballot, doesn't mean they should do so without any public hearings or transparency.

The whole process was so slimy and self-serving it makes everyone in government look bad.

And I'm glad our Supervisor President David Chiu was not a part of these "end-around" ballot gimmicks.

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And finally, what do Ed Lee and Buster Posey have in common: Neither should be running.



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