

Tax break tech help too tech for the TL

Yammer's training
uses software that
group doesn't have

By MARK HEDIN

THE TAX-BREAK TECH companies got an earful from some of the neighborhood organizations they're benefiting, and a warning from a city official to keep the benefits flowing, at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting in September.

The city also got lambasted by community members for lax monitoring of the community benefit agreements.

Representatives of several nonprofits came before the committee to describe how the promises of tech support made by Twitter, Microsoft, One Kings Lane, Zendesk, Zoosk and 21Tech in their agreements have been working out.

The six "beneficiaries" who spoke up expressed gratitude for the help they've gotten, yet were unafraid to point out some shortcomings.

Diana Yu, employment specialist at Vietnamese Youth Development Center, was effusive about three students landing \$15-per-hour, part-time summer internships at Zoosk and Zendesk.

On the other hand, she said, Yammer's training at a lab in the Westfield Centre used equipment more advanced than the youth center's, "so we can't use the shortcuts and could not utilize the training."

Kathie Lowry, Larkin Street Youth Services chief development officer, said Twitter granted the agency \$15,000 last year, even before it had signed its CBA, but still doesn't have a system to request a renewal, as she normally does with other benefactors. Lowry was asked by panel member Robert Marquez about the promotional tweets that Twitter's report touted as part of its contribution to Larkin Street.

"We don't have the capacity to take advantage," Lowry said. "Ad campaigns are something we weren't able to engage in." She added that Larkin Street would "welcome people who are experts in the (tech) field" along with "training, hardware and software — and money."

Dilraj Kahai, 21Tech co-founder, had in tow the head of a local firm it says it is mentoring. He presented Joe DiPasquale, CEO and founder of Regroup, a mass-messaging company he was teaching such things as procuring government contracts and how to register with the city as a minority-owned company.

Because Regroup has numerous and varied investors, DiPasquale told the committee, it has been unable to register with the city as a minority-owned firm. Kahai took pains to inform the committee that DiPasquale is part of the LGBT community, but that is not a qualification for a minority-owned designation for purposes of winning city contracts; only ethnicity counts.

Under questioning from the panel, DiPasquale said he met Kahai some years ago at a Silicon Valley event and kept in touch, and had recently moved his company to San Francisco.

DiPasquale told the committee that 21Tech's assistance — begun last year, prior to 21Tech signing the CBA — has been

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'SHE'S A SAINT'



Rev. Glenda Hope, founder and executive director of S.F. Network Ministries, drew a crowd of 360 at her farewell dinner, a fundraiser for her pet project, the SafeHouse for former prostitutes.

HOPE RETIRES

Ministry ends after 41 years serving the TL

STORY AND PHOTOS BY TOM CARTER

REV. GLENDA HOPE shrewdly put it all on the line by linking her retirement swansong to a fundraiser for one of her cherished programs, S.F. SafeHouse for women escaping prostitution. And it paid off.

More than 360 guests who had been touched by her 41-year career with Network Ministries converged Sept. 25 for the festive evening at Patron Hall in St. Mary's Cathedral to honor the diminutive 77-year-old Presbyterian minister and use their credit cards. Most paid \$125 to be there.

It was also the 15th anniversary of SafeHouse, started by Hope and Sister Rosina Conrotto, and Hope's biggest fundraiser ever. SafeHouse has graduated more than 250 women.

Her announced goal from the raffle and auctions was \$25,000 and, hopefully, she said, someone might toss in a house that the program could call its own. Now, SafeHouse is in a leased building in the Mission. It accommodates 10 women for up to two years, its programs helping them reshape their lives. But expenses are hefty, such as \$1,000 for eight weeks of psychotherapy and \$500 for eight weeks of case management.

"I had a dream that Larry Ellison moved to New Zealand and gave his house to us," Hope said at the lectern, her typical wit nearly bringing down the house. "But," she added wishfully, "there's someone here tonight who is going to give that house to us."

SafeHouse began after Hope had sought out women of the street, not for religious conversions or repentance, only to ask what they needed most in their lives. A safe place to live, they said. And that became Hope's goal. "The women broke my heart, the way they were broken," Hope said.

Among the crowd that had trolled vegetarian food islands during the silent auction were several SafeHouse graduates. One, Toni Eby, was a featured speaker. A military veteran who fell on hard times in her early 20s, she said she had become homeless and dispirited. An addiction led to prostitution. She was broke, she said, with no hope for the future, then no will to live.

"Six years ago I came with nothing but the clothes on my back," Eby said, her voice quavering. "And I was greeted by a loving staff."

Treatment programs followed that helped her deal with the trauma of street life. SafeHouse paid for her college courses. Now she works at the SafeHouse desk, has a 3.67 GPA and is well on her way toward a degree.

"It truly, truly works. She gave us hope."

Eby got the second of three standing ovations of the evening. The others were for Hope.

The entire evening was a Glenda Hope lovefest. At the hall entrance, sipping a glass of red wine, her hair stylist hovering, she greeted most with her trademark warm hug.

People not just in the Tenderloin but throughout the city and the Bay Area have known her as a multidimensional woman of the cloth with ideas and action, resolve and stubbornness tempered with a droll sense of humor, aggressively supportive and alternately defiant. Her low, slow Georgia drawl seems incongruous for her slight, 100-pound frame and white hair. Her clerical collar, winsome smile and compassionate blue eyes have worked wonders for her from the street to City Hall. In battle, the smile vanishes and the eyes glaze into an icy stare. She's been

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Experimental public urinal recycles the waste

By TOM CARTER

RESULTS FROM the 12-day public toilet offering on Ellis Street in July show a surprising success, Dina Hilliard, executive director of the Tenderloin CBD, reported at the Friends of Boeddeker Park meeting in September.

The trial run was to see how the open-top PPlanter urinal created by Hyphae Design Lab of Oakland would be received in the neighborhood. Hilliard said there was no graffiti during the trial and “20 to 30 gallons of urine was collected” during the trial. The urine was combined with water from 50-gallon barrels next to the urinal to nourish the PPlanter’s attached bamboo vegetation.

The PPlanter is now retired and vacationing at the Tenderloin National Forest but will be used for a new facility that Hyphae is building. It will feature a toilet and two urinals and is planned for the street in February.

“We’ve applied to the Department of Public Works for a permit for it for a year,” Hilliard said. But DPW was not eager originally, she said, puzzled because “all the money” for the new design came from the city. The city contributed a \$35,000 Community Challenge grant and an \$80,000 block grant.

Earlier, Mohammed Nuru, DPW director, said he isn’t sure if there’s a need for this facility or if a short-term pilot could adequately assess the neighborhood’s problems and determine benefits. But Hilliard said from subsequent discussions she’s had with DPW that the department favors the chosen new location — one parking space on Ellis in front of Boeddeker’s north gate. Before going ahead, DPW wants to see feedback from the CBD’s outreach to

the new site’s neighbors. The CBD will be sending them letters, Hilliard said.

The CBD has been in the forefront of establishing a portable public toilet for the Tenderloin, whose sidewalks and streets are relentlessly abused as an outdoor bathroom. The CBD gave Hyphae the first \$20,000 in 2011 to develop a prototype.

The PPlanter occupied two parking spaces in a white zone in front of Youth With a Mission, which volunteered the space. YWM on Friday afternoons offers free showers to the public.

Hilliard later gave more details of the July 12-24 trial run. About 75 people used the urinal, based on estimates from Wayne, a man “who had been sleeping on Ellis Street” and monitored the project and performed nontechnical maintenance for “a minimal amount” of money.

“He was checking every two hours for 24 hours a day, but obviously couldn’t be there all that time,” Hilliard said. “If it was trashed, he cleaned up.”

There were no needles found, she said, but the first day had three instances of “pooping” in the urinal. A no-poop sign was made showing a squatting man encircled in a red ring with a line through it “and it never happened again,” Hilliard said. “Pretty incredible. We didn’t know what to expect. People were really respectful once they knew.”

But after the PPlanter was removed, many feces piles appeared near the area, according to Hilliard, “a reason to put it back there.”

It was assumed that men only used the facility. It is uncovered and the feet and head of a person using it can be seen. “We had one complaint over a lack of privacy,” Hilliard said. ■



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The PPlanter, developed with \$115,000 from the city and \$20,000 from the Tenderloin CBD, has a planter box that is attached and filled with growing bamboo, the greenery nourished with the diluted urine.

Homeless can spruce up aboard bus with a shower

“Lávame” means “wash me” in Spanish. With a little twist to personalize a great idea, the word became Lava Mae, a new nonprofit raising funds to customize a bus with mobile showers.

“It would have two completely separate showers,” says Lava Mae founder Doniece Sandoval, “and the bus would move daily on a schedule we’d set with partner organizations — public and private — that lack showers for their homeless clients.”

Sandoval’s figures \$75,000 will outfit one bus. She hopes to raise enough money to take delivery of the bus by November and begin testing the service early next year in the Tenderloin.

She’s going after public and private funding and is doing crowdfunding through IndieGoGo. That’s already brought in \$47,000, and a little goes a long way: A \$25 donation can pay for a day’s worth of showers — 100 chances to get clean, Lava Mae estimates.

The plan is to have the side of the bus carry the organization’s motto: “Delivering dignity, one shower at a time.” ■

— Marjorie Beggs



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21Tech names Silicon Valley crony as local group it helps

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“a godsend for us.” Although Regroup is 21Tech’s poster child for providing tech help to the community, DiPasquale conceded: “I don’t know what a CBA is.”

Regroup’s Website lists no street address, and The Extra’s attempts to contact the company, just like all of our attempts to reach 21Tech, failed to get a response.

Michael Anderer-McClelland, vice president for mission at De Marillac Academy, in reply to a question from CAC member Brad Paul, said that on Twitter’s and Yammer’s “Days for Good” events, dozens of volunteers swarmed his school but only a handful ever returned.

What a school needs from its volunteers, he said, is “consistent, regular, long-term relationships” for sustained after-school programs, tutoring and workshops.

The one-day events, he told the CAC, “are more orientation for them than volunteering.”

Raymon Cancino, program director at Catholic Charities, and Joe Wilson, community building program manager at Hospitality House, also addressed the committee.

“The issues of jobs, housing, displacement and affordability for non-profits remain,” Wilson said. “We are concerned with the significant development that’s going to affect nonprofits.”

“Our organization has benefited, but we’re only one organization, there are only two companies,” he said. (Hospitality House has received benefits from Twitter and Yammer.) “We need to make sure that happens in as many organizations and companies as possible.”

“From our perspective, the CBAs are about ensuring public benefit for

public resources,” Wilson said. “The city needs to be more actively engaged.”

Hospitality House Development Director Daniel Hlad, a member of the CAC until his organization got \$10,000 from Twitter for its art program — forcing him to step down to avoid violating the CAC’s conflict-of-interest rules — told The Extra that Twitter had also provided some training workshops on how to use its technology to promote Hospitality House, and had vowed to encourage staff to support a fundraising event Oct. 24 at Arc Gallery on Folsom Street.

Hlad criticized how the city administrator has handled the CBA process — for example, not responding to CAC members’ repeated requests to reconsider the conflict-of-interest rules — and he thought the May purge of four CAC members over an unusual and complicated attendance rule was extreme because it was based on a “technicality.”

The city’s lack of active oversight of the benefit agreements was also cited by Cancino, who pointed out that Twitter’s quarterly report lists providing 30 laptops for a new Catholic Charities youth program, dubbed Laptops for Success. However, he said, the computers “have not happened yet.”

A few days later, he told The Extra that Twitter had told him the laptops awaited only identification stickers before being delivered. He said he’d simply been trying to drive home his impression that Mayor Lee and his staff “have not been invested in making sure that we’re taking advantage of the situation.” Twitter “dictated” who got computers, he said, and “that’s been the whole process. They dictated terms to the city administrator’s office, in my opinion. The CAC doesn’t have much” say-so with the deals.



PHOTO BY MARK HEDIN

Microsoft subsidiary Yammer offered training sessions at its Westfield mall store.

(Twitter provided Catholic Charities six MacBook Pro laptop computers, with the stipulation that they go to families, thus leaving out the organization’s many senior clients.)

The committee elected Marquez of S.F. Mental Health Clients’ Rights Advocates vice chair, and added an Oct. 3 meeting to its calendar in hopes of reviewing this year’s CBAs and providing feedback for next year’s agreements before the city administrator and the tax break companies get too far along in negotiating them.

“We’re not in on the negotiations, we’re in the prediscussions. If we’re going to evaluate, it’s going to take a few months,” Marquez said, recalling how little public or CAC input went into fine-tuning the six CBAs being executed this year. “That opportunity to really engage in discussions wasn’t there.”

The city administrator is responsible for negotiating the CBAs with the companies seeking the Twitter tax break, and for taking CAC input into consideration when doing so.

Two representatives of the city administrator’s office were present. One, project manager Bill Barnes, gave a cursory review of the firms’ first quarterly

reports and said he expects all six firms currently enjoying the tax break and executing CBAs to reapply for 2014 and be joined by the music-sharing Website Spotify, which is moving into the Warfield Building.

Barnes said the companies, in general, were making “good progress” toward meeting their commitments, but he also fired a warning shot across their bows.

“If you complete less than 80% we’re not going to even discuss a CBA next year, or the tax break.”

(The 80% completion figure is written into all the CBAs as the threshold companies need to meet to be compliant.) Unofficially, the companies are expected to spend approximately 30% of the value of their tax break on their CBA commitments, two community liaisons have told The Extra.

Barnes also told the panel it had the option, but not the requirement, to make a six-month progress report to the Board of Supervisors and said that he would work with District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim to request a hearing if the CAC wished. The panel voted to make the report, with the expectation that the hearing would likely be scheduled for mid-October. ■

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FARMERS ON THE ROOF

Community gardens are producing in the Tenderloin

By PAUL DUNN

NINE STORIES HIGH on the roof of a Tenderloin building, the sun is by day a micro solar flare hotter, the moon by night a nightingale's breath brighter.

Up here — in the heart of the battered 50-square-block neighborhood — fast, trouble-free food is king and verdant vegetable plants quiver at the warm touch, the sun powering the nourishing produce to resist the Tenderloin's pull toward prepackaged food. When the sun sets and the moon rises, the peaceful garden reclines, awash in soothing silver until morning when it will stretch awake. By day and by night, this is another world.

This is Curran House, a 67-unit community family housing jewel in a tin setting that is the Tenderloin. The residence at 145 Taylor St. — which houses more than 100 low-income and formerly homeless people — is one of more than two dozen buildings owned and managed by the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corp.

Its rooftop garden celebrated its first birthday on Sept. 19. Residents, TNDC officials and others gathered there that sunny afternoon to celebrate the one-year anniversary of its progressive green sanctuary.

It isn't the first rooftop plot in the Tenderloin (that distinction belongs to Glide), but Curran is coming of age at a time when gardens are growing in the TL and are playing a variety of roles in spreading the gospel about fresh food.

Janet Chevalier, a Curran resident for six years, helped anchor the event, greeting guests and preaching the benefits of good food. She's done just about everything the garden has asked: watering, plucking crops and now simply "making sure things are up to snuff up there."

'IT TASTES BETTER'

"There's nothing better than getting something fresh right out of the garden," said Chevalier, 56, a retired emergency medical technician. "I eat everything we grow in the garden. It tastes better than the grocery store."

Event emcee Dave Seiler wouldn't argue with that. Though he lives in another TNDC building, the 60-year-old drops by Curran every week to work in the garden. This day — wearing a glittery gold top hat above his luxuriant salt-and-pepper beard — Seiler extolled the rooftop garden's virtues.

"It is extremely helpful to grow your own vegetables," said Seiler, a TNDC board member. "The harvest is sufficient enough to allow people to participate and be productive, and it gives them hands-on experience."

Sergio Flores, who has lived at Curran House for five years, will soon dirty his hands in the garden's soil, too. He hadn't so far, because the rooftop space originally accommodated 25 individual plots awarded to residents by lottery, and his name hadn't surfaced. But in September 2012, organizers converted the garden so that all plots are now shared equally.

"That's great to know," said the 56-year-old, who relishes the garden's atmosphere and has made salads from

"We want our gardens to be tools for us to reach out and organize the residents, and for them to lead healthy lives by eating the food."

Lorenzo Listana
TNDC COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

crops others harvested. "I go up there and enjoy the garden to reflect. It's a great place to be."

He's looking forward to working the earth. "The benefit is enjoying taking care of the plants," he said. "They are like your little pets or babies, and you take care of them and watch them grow."

On a sparkling morning a few days before the anniversary, Lorenzo Listana was doing just that. The slender, soft-spoken Filipino wielded a garden trowel to pore soil in one of the 25 galvanized metal feeding troughs the garden uses for planters.

The bright silver, 6-foot-long bathtub-shaped planters — which together contain about 9,000 pounds of soil — nurture green beans, corn, kale, squash, mint, rosemary and more. Monthly harvests range from 18 to 40 pounds; in the first year the troughs bore more than 400 pounds of produce.

This particular day, Listana planted Great Lakes lettuce. The erstwhile gardener is an oddity of sorts: He eats the rooftop food he helps cultivate because he has lived at Curran House for seven years, since its opening, and he educates other residents about gardening as a TNDC community organizer. He became acquainted with the TNDC gardens in 2010 as a volunteer at the pioneering People's Tenderloin Garden.

Listana, 52, oversees monthly garden meetings for Curran House residents. "We want our gardens to be tools for us to reach out and organize the residents and for them to lead healthy lives by eating the food."

Though it's the latest to celebrate a birthday, Curran House garden is not only child. It has TNDC-owned siblings on the roofs of Kelly Cullen Community, Polk Senior Apartments and SOMA Studios & Apartments. Like Curran, the three gardens — funded through the TNDC general fund and augmented by grants and donations — are exclusively for residents and produce similar types of vegetables.

According to Ryan Thayer, TNDC community organizer: Food Justice, the aptly named "sodbusters" at the 110-unit Polk residence, demonstrate their gardening skills using six large concrete planter beds. The Polk rooftop garden was established in July 2012 and so far has yielded 250 pounds of vegetables, about 40 pounds per month.

Residents at the 172-unit Kelly Cullen Community plant in a dozen 6-foot troughs like those at Curran House and have produced 30 pounds of food so far. Opened in May, it's the newest garden among TNDC's subsistence farms.

But Cullen Community will soon yield that distinction to 88-unit SoMa Studios, where a garden was planted in late September in the building's second-floor courtyard. Like its neighbor, it will also have a dozen 6-foot trough planters.

The rooftop gardens, though prized examples of high-flying spirit and innovation, are small potatoes compared with TNDC's ground-level Tenderloin People's Garden.

Inaugurated in March 2010 at the corner of Larkin and McAllister streets — a cabbage throw from San Francisco City Hall — the community garden is open to gardeners willing to hoe a row and others who just want greens.

The sumptuous plot produces about 3,000 pounds of vegetables a year and relies on 400 volunteers to maintain it. Vegetables are harvested on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and distributed to an average of 400 people; the most recent harvest yielded 330 pounds of food, Thayer said.

PUSH FOR 'FOOD JUSTICE'

The people's garden — and subsequent rooftop gardens — were created in response to TNDC's push for "food justice," which helps address the difficulty low-income people have securing healthy food.

"Food Justice is the notion that access to healthy, fresh and affordable food is an essential right for people," explained Thayer, 28. "TNDC's Resistance Sprouts Gardens empower residents to increase their own access to healthy and fresh food. Through the gardens, we've wanted people to be able to feel, touch and taste the results of their work and realize an immediate benefit."

Thayer is also trying to establish a people's garden in SoMa and recently organized a first meeting with interested parties to discuss the idea.

Lush, edible greenery is sprouting elsewhere in the TL, too.

Project Open Hand, for instance, provides daily meals to seniors and critically ill people in San Francisco and Alameda counties.



Green thumbs Clockwise from top: Communications Director Maria Stokes, left, and Director of Building Operations Steve Hunter inspect one of Project Open Hand's two empty volksgarden hydroponic garden wheels, which they filled with plants in late September. Lorenzo Listana, TNDC community organizer, plants Great Lakes lettuce recently in the Curran House rooftop garden. Emcee Dave Seiler greets guests at the Sept. 19 anniversary celebration of the rooftop garden at Curran House Family Housing. Graze the Roof Project Manager Lindsey Dyer, left, leads a recent Sunday morning tour of the Glide church rooftop garden.

PHOTOS BY PAUL DUNN

In late September, it converted a 285-square-foot food distribution room into an indoor greenhouse, complete with two "high-tech Ferris wheels." Called "volksgardens," — yes, they look like large Volkswagen tires fashioned from molded plastic — the 6-foot-4-inch-tall wheels cradle 80 built-in hydroponic planters that slowly rotate around a 600-watt sodium halide light that mimics sunlight.

Each volksgarden accommodates 660 square feet of plant growth and should yield from 40 to 60 pounds of produce per harvest, according to Steve Hunter, Project Open Hand director of building operations.

Hunter will focus on green, leafy veggies at first — such as basil and lettuce — "because a lot of this will be figuring out what works well with the wheel. Basil will be the star."

Open Hand's Room to Grow campaign was seeded with \$10,000 from PricewaterhouseCoopers and its funding goal reached through Indiegogo, an online crowdfunding tool.

The volksgardens won't do much to offset the cost of providing food to its 8,700 Bay Area clients. "But it will engage the community and volunteers," Stokes stressed. "It's important to have

our own staff and chefs be able to pick their own food. And there's an energy, excitement and engagement factor in doing urban gardening in the middle of the Tenderloin."

That excitement also rings true at Graze the Roof, inaugurated in fall 2008 atop the offices of Glide Memorial Methodist Church on Ellis Street, and at Glide's other rooftop garden sowed in 2010 at Cecil Williams Glide Community House, 333 Taylor.

'EVERYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE'

Graze the Roof — the Tenderloin's first rooftop garden — features what Graze Project Manager Lindsey Dyer terms "permaculture," a sustainable, self-sufficient gardening system designed to "create abundance with low impact on the environment."

Drip irrigation waters the planters made from earth boxes, 5-gallon plastic buckets and milk crates. Worm composting, beehives and an educational mural add to the site's ambiance.

Graze "grows everything you can imagine," Dyer said. "We are very experimental here, and we even have unknown plants in the garden."

The garden's highlights include culi-

nary herbs, medicinal plants such as mullein, and obscure tubers like the South American yacon, which tastes similar to apple and jicama. Situated throughout the rooftop, fig, apple, peach, plum, almond, lemon and lime fruit trees anchor their green neighbors.

Graze, funded through Glide Foundation donations and grants, works its magic on a \$12,000 annual budget, which is used to purchase garden materials and pay the salaries of Dyer and her husband, co-manager Nikolaus Dyer.

The garden is cultivated exclusively by community volunteers — usually from two to 10 people, Lindsey said — who work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays when Nikolaus is there to supervise.

Weekly harvests range from 5 to 15 pounds, most of it donated to the Glide soup kitchen, which serves about 2,500 meals a day, which is a bit of a reality check on expectations for rooftop gardens.

Children in the Tenderloin from kindergarten through fifth grade visit the garden three times a week to learn about cooking, nutrition, planting, stewardship and ecology, Lindsey said.

Glide's Cecil Williams House rooftop garden sports a miniature greenhouse, rainwater harvesting, worm composting systems and resident-designed mural.

The garden was originally funded through a partnership with the San Francisco Zen Center and augmented by a \$20,000 San Francisco Community Challenge grant awarded in 2010 through the mayor's office. More recently, Twitter has twice helped sustain the garden by donating garden supplies, and it and other of the tax-break tech companies send volunteers regularly.

ABUNDANT CROPS

Though garden organizers can't say how much produce has been harvested at the site, they point to abundant, flourishing crops of lettuce, spinach, collards, tomatoes and berries growing side by side with fig, lemon and lime trees.

For residents, the rewards are just a short vertical jog for the taking.

"If they want greens for their dinner, they go upstairs and harvest a few greens," said Deborah Whittle, Glide Community Housing executive director. "If they need certain herbs, they can

take a pinch of herbs."

Any extra food residents can't eat is shared with the community at the site's weekly farmers market.

"To me, the garden is a really good example of how we live in the community," explained Ari Neulight, Glide Community Housing clinical program director. "It includes working together to solve problems, celebrating together and honoring the whole process."

Some residents still have not warmed to the idea, and it can be a challenge to introduce spinach and tomatoes to people who are less concerned about proper nutrition than they are about surviving. Whittle sees the rooftop garden as a viable starting point to help bridge the gap.

"We kind of backed into this project," she explained. "How could we get the community to be healthy, and how could we introduce them to something that was not a part of their lifestyle and educate them around the broad concept of vegetables? We are trying to get people excited about eating different-ly." ■

Hope retires after 41 years of serving TL

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on picket lines in demonstrations and gone to jail for peace and justice.

As she strolls grimy Tenderloin streets it's not uncommon for a homeless person to ask her for a prayer or blessing, a request she cherishes and what she says she'll miss most, "the people."

Rev. John Hardin, a Franciscan priest long associated with St. Anthony Foundation, said that in the early 1980s, when he was looking for a project to join, someone told him about "a little piece of dynamite" that might have his answer, his description of Hope drawing the crowd's knowing laughter. Hope didn't greet him with open arms, he said. She told him, "If you're here to convert people, get out." More laughter.

Hardin stayed on, though, and they created a ministry in a room in the Ambassador Hotel — managed by the "Teresa of the Tenderloin," Hank Wilson — for what Hope called "drop-in chaplainizing." Memorials were sorely needed.

"A hundred died in a year," Hardin said. A room called the Listening Post still exists at the Ambassador. Hope remained available to residents during afternoons, weekly, for many years.

"I think she's a saint," Hardin concluded. "I'll canonize her any day."

Sister Rosina, SafeHouse co-founder, said the "feisty redhead" is known for her "faith, vision and courage. Who among us is not inspired by Glenda?"

In her "Reflections" during her night in the spotlight, Hope talked of the many ventures she has undertaken in her career, often referencing "the love of God" as the sustaining spark for action. A retrospective slide show brought a round of smiles when early photos showed her sweet face and dark red hair at her ordination at Old

First Presbyterian Church where she became assistant minister in 1970. Two years later, she created San Francisco Network Ministries because of need she found in the Tenderloin. She was then married to Scott Hope, a San Francisco State professor, who died in 1997.

Now, Network Ministries will be no more. "People often ask what I'm going to do in retirement," Hope said. "Listen to what God has in store for me."

She will continue her 35 year practice of going on semiannual meditation retreats south of Carmel to the House of Prayer run by the sisters of Notre Dame. She'll stay active in the Older Women's League, about 200 strong in San Francisco. She chairs its 15-member political activity committee and tackles, for example, issues surrounding Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

She is also involved in a campaign to organize "community living" in her Cayuga Terrace neighborhood as an alternative to assisted living. Community living gets neighbors knowing each other, their needs and resources in a caring network.

"It's entirely residential," Hope says. "I've been working on it a year. We barter and trade. Like, someone does yard work for me in exchange for using my front load washer."

Some things will not fall far away from the Network Ministries tree as the doors close at 559 Ellis St. The Tenderloin Tech Lab at 150 Golden Gate Ave. that she started with St. Anthony Foundation to give homeless and low-income access to now 38 computers will be taken over by St. Anthony's.

San Francisco Night Ministry will organize and lead Hope's annual Dec. 21 interfaith memorial for homeless people who die on the street each year that has grown into a Bay Area-wide



The evening ended with the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth." From left, Mary Russell, June Keegan, Jane Martin, Trilla Jentzsch, Glenda Hope and Gail Kennedy.

event. Hope started the moving ceremony more than 20 years ago after being startled to read that 16 people had died of exposure. She organized a memorial that walked to each site where someone had died. Now, starting in Civic Center Park across from City Hall, a list of the deceased is read, prayers from many denominations are said, a bell is struck for each name announced and at the end the list is burned. Lists have grown to 100 names, as homeless who died in other cities get included.

Rev. Paul Trudeau of City Church will be available to do memorials in the Tenderloin and SoMa.

Hope conducted more than 1,000 memorials in SROs, dating to 1977. She began after a chronically depressed, diabetic woman she knew jumped out of a fifth-floor SRO window to her death. Hope and a nun and a priest held a memorial in the lobby. It was well attended and appreciated.

In recent years, The Extra has covered the memorials. Last year a selection of 99 obituaries, plus four features about the neighborhood, were published in "Death in the Tenderloin."

June Keegan of Network Ministries will keep the Ambassador chaplaincy going at the Listening Post. "If she stops, TNDC will take it over," Hope said.

The Network Journal, a collection of news briefs and Hope sermons or es-

says with limited circulation, will cease publishing after the October issue.

Hope will step down as chair of the Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, which meets monthly in the police station Community Room. She started it in September 2001 to share information about issues affecting the neighborhood. As chair, she was blunt and fair, notorious for running a tight meeting, enforcing time limits with a firm if not iron hand, and allowing only questions, no rambling. Several bouquets at her seat greeted her when she arrived at the September meeting. "Thank you for tolerating me being your moderator, even when I stepped on your toes," she told the group of 25. Several people showed interest in succeeding her.

SafeHouse will continue under the aegis of Network Ministries Housing Corp. Hope expects to increase her time spent with the graduates.

"Regrets?" she repeats the question. "Of course. How much time do you have? There is so much work to do. Political priorities need to be changed. Redirect our money from military to peaceful — we could end poverty, we just don't have the will as a nation. It's money for bombs, not people."

"And, you know, instead of putting prostituted women in prison, fund things like SafeHouse."

Where there's a will, there's hope. ■

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WILLIAM McLEROY 'The Piano Man'

If you walked the narrow streets in the Financial District, or shopped at Heart of the City Farmers Market, or hung out at the cable car turnaround on Powell Street any time in the last 15 years, chances are you caught the jaunty notes of a ragtime tune from an electric piano keyboard sounding through the air from a small portable amplifier.

The piano player was William McLeroy, tall, thin with a mop of red hair. Mr. McLeroy died of cancer Aug. 30. He was 56 years old.

A dozen friends gathered Sept. 13 at the Arlington Hotel, Mr. McLeroy's last home, to celebrate his life and to remember a quiet man of soft-spoken politeness.

"Yeah, The Piano Man. That's what I called him. We met at Medical Respite (a convalescent hospital) about 10 months ago. We both moved into the Arlington the same day," Darren Barrett said. "Both of us were into keyboards. He said he was from New Orleans.

"I don't know if he had any next of kin. He never mentioned family. He was a heavy smoker and he used to be a heavy drinker. When you played in those clubs, they kept the liquor flowing," Barrett added.

Before he became a street musician, Mr. McLeroy played at many small joints and bars in San Francisco, mostly around Union Square. But he was proudest of the newspaper write-ups his street playing earned, often showing friends old Herb Caen columns where his ragtime style was noted as a colorful part of the cityscape, or when he was gulled by bystanders who told him they had spotted his stolen piano wheeling down "Harmony Lane."

Melissa Eaton, resident-services manager at the Arlington, recalled



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when she first met Mr. McLeroy. She addressed him formally and Mr. McLeroy corrected her. "I'm from New Orleans. It's pronounced Mac-Leroy," he said. In truth, he was not fussy about his name, friends recalled. "You could call him William, or Tim, or 'Red' and he'd answer you as always," Barrett said.

His neighbor, Frank, recalled first hearing Mr. McLeroy playing his keyboard last Thanksgiving at the Arlington. "I told him, 'Sounds like you got some soul.' He could make that thing talk. It touched you."

His friend, Evelyn Lim, also met Mr. McLeroy at the Department of Public Health's Medical Respite. "I once told him I envied the way he played. I only learned to play by ear," Lim said. "Like this?" she said, Mr. McLeroy joked, gently tapping the side of his head against the keyboard. Lim pantomimed his action.

She remembered when Mr. McLeroy played at the farmers' market last December. It was chilly and damp and tips were low. "You've got to play

Christmas carols," Lim told him. Mr. McLeroy hated Christmas tunes, but finally agreed. After an uptempo medley of "Silent Night" and "O, Come All Ye Faithful," the bills and coins started to drop in the plastic bucket Mr. McLeroy kept nestled beside his amp. A small crowd gathered, recording his playing on cell phones. Mr. McLeroy was happy, but he always insisted he got more money in his bucket when he played on Irving Street out in the Inner Sunset.

Barrett closed the celebration. "He's not suffering anymore. He's in that place of peace and serenity." "Amen," came the reply. Lim played Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer." She may get to keep Mr. McLeroy's old keyboard, a Yamaha PSR E323 plus his Crate amplifier. ■

— Jonathan Newman

BRENDA 'BUCKIE' BOWMAN Spoke from the heart

Brenda Bowman — her friends knew her as "Buckie" — died July 19 at the Arlington Hotel, her home for the past 15 years. Her death at 56 was unexpected.

Ms. Bowman, an only child, was born in Natchez, Miss. She lost her mother as an infant and had no contact with her father. About 40 years ago, she traveled west with a boyfriend and when they reached San Francisco, she decided to stay. Her friends said she often spoke of her youth in the South with a warm nostalgia.

At her Aug. 1 memorial at the Arlington, Rev. Glenda Hope softly reminded friends: "We're here to honor the life and mourn the death of one who lived among us." She asked the mourners to share stories of Ms. Bowman.

Johnnie Norris Jr. lived across the hall from her. "Her death was questionable. She was young. She was a loving

person, gave me food. I still can't believe it. It hasn't hit me yet," Norris said.

Her doctor, Monica Gandhi, an award-winning physician and teacher at S.F. General Hospital and a noted author of texts used to train clinicians treating HIV/AIDS patients, recalled an affectionate Ms. Bowman. "When I saw her she was always expressive. She always spoke from the heart," Dr. Gandhi said.

In 2009, Ms. Bowman became a patient at S.F. General's Ward 86, a clinic famous for its cutting-edge treatment of HIV infections. She had contracted pneumonia the previous year and her HIV disease was discovered during her recovery. Ms. Bowman was an exemplary patient, Gandhi said, taking her med cocktails regularly and steadily improving throughout her treatment.

Melissa Eaton, the SRO's resident services manager, remembered Bowman as warm-hearted: "She was fully involved in all our activities here. She was always a bright spot in my day."

A man named Frank spoke. "She was a warrior. If she saw something not right, she was on it, and she was big enough to admit it, when she was wrong. I'm going to miss her."

Her neighbor, Ms. Vee, recalled, "She always called me Mama. I told her, 'If I was your Mama, I'd probably tan your bottom.' But she was a good friend and, if she was your friend, she was your friend for life."

After the memorial, Dr. Gandhi reflected: "Her death is shocking. She was thriving, doing well, taking her medications. We'll know more when the coroner's report comes in. She was a very loving and extremely grateful person in the clinic who always appreciated anything that was done for her.

"We will all miss her terribly at Ward 86," Dr. Gandhi said. ■

— Jonathan Newman



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tenants Associations Coalition of San Francisco 15th anniversary event, Oct. 25, noon-3 p.m., 201 Turk Street Community Room. Award ceremony, door prizes, refreshments. Info: 339-8327.

ARTS EVENTS

HeART of Market: Dance, Create, Connect, annual free event. LINES Ballet dancers and kids from the Tenderloin Boys & Girls Club and De Marillac Academy perform, Oct. 5, noon-3 p.m., Mint Plaza. Info: blog.linesballet.org/2013/09/03/dance-at-mint-plaza.

Tango at Mint Plaza, Oct. 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Mint Plaza. Demonstration and lessons by Tango & More Argentine Dance, plus LINES Ballet students perform works from upcoming fall performances. Info: blog.linesballet.org/2013/09/03/dance-at-mint-plaza.

Litquake 2013, Oct. 11-19, 160 events at venues citywide with 800 Bay Area authors and journalists appearing, including Piper Kerman, TC Boyle, Mary Gaitskill, Delia Ephron, ZZ Packer, Sandra Tsing Loh, Lewis Lapham, Ann Packer, Isabelle Allende, Andrew Sean Greer, Michele Tea, Viola Di Grado, Adam Mansbach, Kevin Sessums, Jane Smiley, Anne Perry and Beth Lisick (Lisick will be at Edinburgh Castle, 950 Geary, Oct. 13, 4 p.m.) Many events in the 14-year-old annual literary celebration are free, but some require tickets. Info: litquake.org.

Twisted Sister: Reimagining Urban Portraiture, Oct. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m., North Light Court of City Hall, opening reception. Traveling exhibition, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the sister city relationship between San Francisco and Zurich, showcases 15 emerging and established artists' conception of modern cities. Artist and curator panel discussion, Oct. 17, 6:30-8 p.m., SF Camerawork, 1011 Market St. Both events are free, but RSVP: aimee.leduc@sfgov.org

Sidewinders, Oct. 18, 8 p.m., EXIT on Taylor, 277 Taylor. Preview of the first play of Cutting Ball Theater's 2013-14 season of experimental new plays and classics. Other previews of Sidewinders, an "absurdist-Western romp through gender queerness," Oct. 19 and 20, and opening gala Oct. 25. Info and tix: cuttingball.org.

REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco,



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Lines Ballet dancers, kids and adults from the neighborhood work on a routine at the 2012 Dance, Create, Connect at Mint Plaza.

1st Wednesday of each month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

CBHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of month, 5-7 p.m., 1380 Howard St., room 537, 255-3695. Consumer advisers from self-help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of month, 1010 Mission St., Bayanihan Community Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home services, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning. Light lunch. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-3474.

Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition, 4th Thursday of the month, 3 p.m., Kelly Cullen Community Building, 220 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd floor auditorium or 5th floor gym. Public meetings to discuss legislation that encourages corner stores to sell fresh food and reduce tobacco and alcohol sales.

Info: Jessica Estrada, jessica@vydc.org, 771-2600.

SAFETY

SoMa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 538-8100 x202.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of month, 6 p.m., Police Station Community Room, 301 Eddy St. Call Susa Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com, a districtwide improvement association.

Central Market Community Benefit District, board meets 2nd Tuesday of month, Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St., 3 p.m. Info: 882-3088, <http://central-market.org>.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Wednesday this month, 3 p.m., Police Station Community Room, 301 Eddy St. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact Betty Traynor, 931-1126.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of month, 5 p.m. Works to protect SoMa resources for all residents. Gene Friend Rec Center, 270 Sixth St. Info: Tim Figueras, 554-9532.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District. Full board meets 3rd Monday at 4 p.m.. Call 292-4812 for location or check nom-tlcbd.org.

Safe Haven Project, 4th Tuesday of each month, 3 p.m., 519 Ellis St. (Senator Hotel). Contact: 563-3205, x115, or centralcitysafehaven@gmail.com.

SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee, 3rd Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudine del Rosario, 701-5580.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.-noon, Tenderloin Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Presentations on issues of interest to neighborhood residents, nonprofits and businesses. Info: 424-0957.

Tenderloin Neighborhood Association, 2nd Friday of month, 842 Geary St., 5 p.m. Nonprofit focuses on health and wellness activities to promote neighborly interactions. Info: tenderloinneighborhood@yahoo.com.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

Mayor's Disability Council, 3rd Friday of month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Senior & Disability Action (formerly Planning for Elders/Senior Action Network), general meeting, 2nd Thursday of month, 9 a.m.-noon, Universal Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. SDA Housing Collaborative meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m. HealthCare Action Team meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 1010 Mission St., (Bayanihan Community Center). For info about SDA's Survival School, University and computer class schedules: 546-1333, www.sdaction.org.

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