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Community Breakfast to Launch Hayes Green

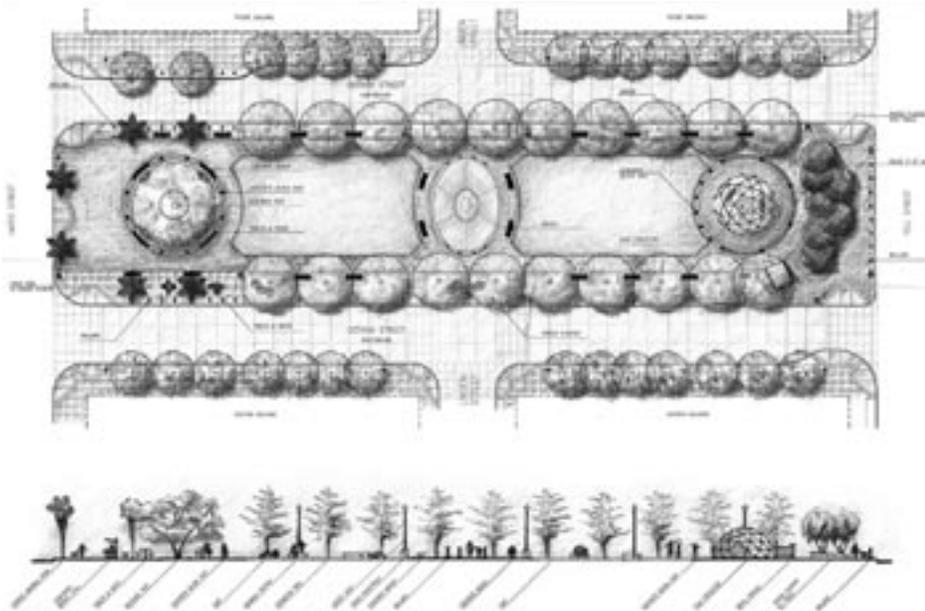
World-Wide Recognition for Hayes Valley!

Hayes Green, the new centerpiece of Hayes Valley, will open to the general public on June 3rd – with a host of honored guests on hand.

Mayors from around the world will be in San Francisco to attend the 2005 United

They will also debate, develop, and sign the Urban Environment Accords, a roadmap for environmental improvement in cities.

Equally important (at least locally), Hayes Green will at last be open. The Green, which is part of the Octavia Boulevard Project, is the



Hayes Green

Nations World Environment Day Conference, scheduled for June 1st until 5th. San Francisco is the first North American city to host this international affair. Mayor Gavin Newsom – along with Art Agnos, Frank Jordan, Willie Brown Jr., Senator Dianne Feinstein, and number of visiting mayors from the world over-will stop by Hayes Green on Friday morning for a breath of fresh air amidst their busy schedules.

The officials will be in the thick of intensive seminars, panel discussions, and meetings.

culmination of advocacy and grassroots efforts by local neighbors and businesspeople to convert a damaged freeway into a landscaped

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President's Column

By Paul Olsen



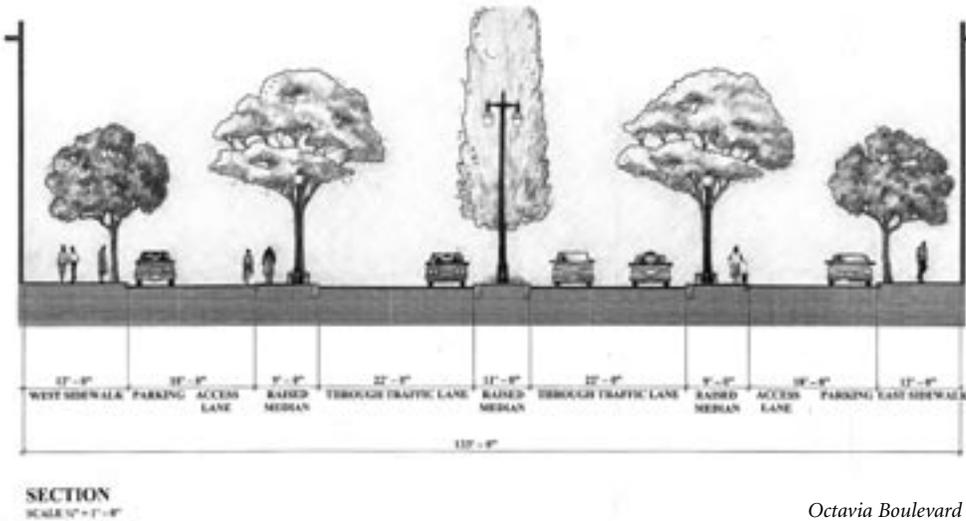
Photo: Frances Neagley

How exciting, and sometimes tiring, to be living in one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in the City! There is so much going on all the time, and so many wonderful people to interact with, that there is no possible way to be bored.

This month is no exception. The Transportation and Planning committee has already completed 2 of their 6 scheduled meetings regarding the UC Extension site, with the 3rd meeting in the series on Monday, May 23rd. The meetings have been well attended, and many interesting ideas have been expressed. Minutes from the meetings are available on our Web site, www.hayesvalleysf.org. There is also an excellent article with many details on page 4 of *The Voice*.

Our regular monthly meeting on May 26th will focus on transportation in the neighborhood, as Muni has proposed service cuts which will affect both Haight and Hayes St lines. We have invited speakers from Muni and Rescue Muni to join Jeremy Nelson from Transportation for Livable Cities and Casey Mills from Coalition for Transit Justice.

There will also be more available information about World Environment Day events. This is a great opportunity to showcase our neighborhood, our accomplishments and values - not only to other people in San Francisco, but to those from around the world. Please see the front-page article on these events, and come to the meeting for more details about how you can participate. See you 'round the 'hood.



Octavia Boulevard

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space that is both scenic and utilitarian. Hayes Green will be a gem in the neighborhood, contributing significantly to urban livability.

Free & Open to the Public

As part of the festivities for World Environment Day, the Neighborhood Parks Council will partner with the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association and Hayes Valley Merchants Association to host the 9am Community Breakfast to celebrate the opening of Hayes Green. The opening, like all WED events, is free and open to the public. Local merchants will donate food and drinks, live music will wake up the crowd, and local schoolchildren will present the native flora and fauna of San Francisco. Several neighborhood leaders will make brief remarks about the change from an overhead freeway to a boulevard with park area and the history of area residents in effecting this and other changes in the neighborhood.

David Best – well known for his temporary sculptures at Burning Man – will be designing and installing a temporary sculpture on the Green

Art on the Green

Another highlight will be a temporary sculpture on the Green, designed and installed by David Best. David is well known for his temporary sculptures at Burning Man, and works almost exclusively with recycled and recyclable materials. Installation of this sculpture is scheduled to begin the week prior to the event. David and his crew are very respectful of the neighbors, and will be limiting their work to 8–6pm daily. Should there be any concern about noise or other issues with this project, please contact Jill Manton at the Arts Commission (252 2585). For more information about David Best, and a mock-up of this project, please visit www.blackrockarts.org.

Also scheduled for Friday is an interactive art installation by Creative Community Catalysts. This project, Community Action Trees, will allow each of us to state an action that we are taking to create a healthy community. As the mayors are signing urban environmental accords, we can sign personal accords and show our commitment in an artistic manner.

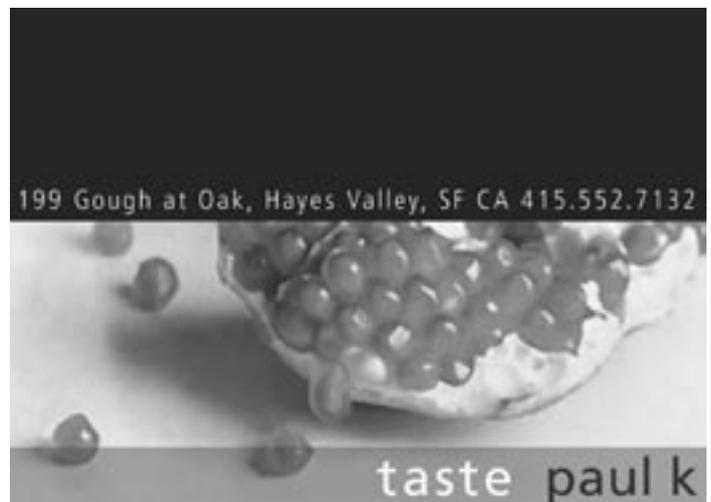
Join state, national, and international leaders – and of course, the good people of Hayes Valley – at Hayes Green for breakfast.

Other events that the mayors have planned during that week will also be in Hayes Valley. On Thursday, June 2nd, the Greenbelt Alliance will be conducting a tour of the City, and one of the focal points of that tour will be Octavia Boulevard, which should be nearing completion.

First Stop – Koshland Park

The international gathering of mayors will be also doing a bus tour of four important parks in the City. The first of these is Koshland Park. They should be at the park between 2:30–3:15 pm on Sunday, June 5th. We'd like to let the mayors know before they get off the bus, (which will stop at the Page Street ramp entrance) about the PEACE WALL. There will be a mock-up of peace tiles along the Page Street entrance to the Park. The mayors will also be asked to contribute to our PEACE WALL by signing a tile and naming their country as a tribune to their visit to SF. Once off the bus, hopefully most of them will quickly sign a tile and move on up to the garden and park. The Western Addition Drill Team and Drum Corps will perform. We would like to serve lemonade and possibly strawberry shortcake. There will be people designated to answer questions about the park and garden.

If you would like to assist with the Community Breakfast or World Environment Day, contact Johnny Wang at 415.621 3260 ext. 101 or jwang@sfneighborhoodparks.org.



Who's in the 'Hood?

By Ed Bedard

Who is Veronica Klaus?

Long-time residents of Hayes Valley might remember me singing a set at the very first Hayes Valley Block Party many years ago at a store called Modernology. I'm a singer/actress/Scrabble enthusiast/crossword junkie.

How long have you been in Hayes Valley & what brought you here?

I've lived in the Valley for about 17 years, since 1988. I moved in when Hayes Street was first beginning to be redeveloped and found a good deal on a studio apartment. I won't tell you how much I pay in rent! I had moved to San Francisco after college with my first boyfriend. Soon after relocating, we broke up and I discovered the joys of single life in the wicked city. But you can't be young and naïve for too long.

Where do you keep all those awards you've won, in such a small apartment?

Well luckily I haven't won the Triple Crown or the Stanley Cup, 'cause I would have to give up my rent control to house them, but I have won a few small accolades over the years. Just last winter I was named "Best Chanteuse" by the *SF Guardian*, and though I've got an old Cable Car "Best Entertainer" plaque and a *SF Weekly* Whammy award for "Best Blues/R&B" hanging around somewhere, I was only nominated for a NY GLAMA "Female Artist of the Year" award. Didn't get that one.

You've developed a glamorous persona. Do you have any comments on glamour you'd like to share?

Joseph Campbell says that the word glamour comes from the magic used to make a stump appear to be a pot of gold. Glamour is an illusion. But then, what isn't? What's the truth – very few people roll out of bed looking

fantastic, but not everyone knows how to pull it together and shine either. I clean up good, but must confess that I am often seen around the neighborhood in sweats attempting to be stylishly incognito behind dark glasses.



Photo: Kent Taylor

What projects do you have coming up that you'd like people to know about?

Well, I just released a new CD called *Veronica Klaus – Live at the Lodge*, which I'm very proud of. It's a great collection of jazz, blues and cabaret tunes that were recorded at a benefit for the Rainbow World Fund and CARE's Haitian Relief Campaign.

The recording features a 10-piece band and Tammy L. Hall on piano. You can buy it in select stores and online at www.veronicaklaus.com. I'm also performing every Saturday night at Michael's Octavia Lounge, which is right in the neighborhood also at 1772 Market & Octavia. I'll be doing a casual late-night show with my trio starting at 10:30 and playing till 1am – perfect for after dinner or the theater! I'm also excited about booking some out of town engagements for "Family Jewels – The Making of Veronica Klaus" a one-woman theatrical show with songs and stories about my life-so far. It was co-written and directed by Jeffrey Hartgraves, another face familiar to Hayes Valley residents. In fact, it was conceived at my favorite neighborhood café, Momi Toby's, over too much coffee and a worn out deluxe edition Scrabble board! Having free time to play a languorous round over a cup of Toby's famous house blend is glamorous too, and I'm always up for a game; you never know what might come out of it!

CORRECTION: In the last issue of The Voice, photo credit was improperly assigned. The photo of Greg Henson & Jeff Brooks should have been credited to Crucita Polizzi.

Beautification Committee Update

After a busy Spring, we are pretty caught up with our major planting and clean up events. We still need to see if we can come up with a more innovative graffiti removal program than the city's proposed plan to have volunteers to only work on city property. We would also like to get more volunteers for the FUF tree emergency squad... we currently have four people on the rescue call list. They will need to get trained and set up with equipment before being added to the list. The pruning seminar held by FUF on May 7th at Koshland Park was well attended.

Another item of interest will be following the final phase of Hayes Green (trees are in!) and setting up an adequate maintenance schedule. We need to figure out how Park & Rec's possible business improvement district and community involvement will bring it all together.

Public Safety Update

The Hayes Valley Playground Perimeter task force subcommittee met on May 2nd with Captain Dillon and the two beat officers working in our community. It was a very effective meeting and new block captains were named for additional blocks, MP 25 "No Trespassing" signs were distributed and good information was exchanged. Some conversation was had regarding the Ivy/Hayes/Gough incidents and channels for further communication established between neighbors and police. The ideal time for more follow up was the Northern Police/Community meeting at the Northern Station on May 12th. Next meeting of Public Safety would have been 6/6/05, but this conflicts with UC Extension meetings, so date will probably shift to Wed. 6/8/05 at Hayes/Buchanan Playground, 7:30 pm.

Captain Dillon will be the featured speaker at the HVNA general meeting July 28th, where the theme will be Community Involvement in Public Safety.

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HVNA Sponsors Community Meetings to Discuss Re-Use of UC Extension Site

by Patricia Walkup

On April 25 and May 9, members of the Hayes Valley community gathered for two informational meetings to discuss issues regarding the re-use of the former UC Extension Laguna campus. These meetings were the first two in a series of six meetings organized by HVNA's Transportation and Planning Committee. The purpose of the meetings is to provide opportunities for the community to discuss all available options for the future use of the campus with the goal of creating community consensus on the preferred zoning and program elements for the site. Both meetings were very well attended with more than 80 people present at each meeting.



On April 25, our guest was Jeff Bond, Senior Planner from UC Berkeley, who discussed the University's goals for the former campus. Mr. Bond explained that the Laguna Extension campus closed two years ago because UC found that maintaining the campus for educational purposes was no longer economically feasible. He said that he has been designated by UC Berkeley to manage the conveyance of the property so that the property will provide financial support for UC Berkeley's academic programs. Mr. Bond said that UC Berkeley does not intend to occupy the campus again as an educational institution. He said they considered the feasibility of other educational institutions occupying the site and concluded that he does not believe the former campus is suitable for re-use by any other institution of higher learning.

University Revenue Stream for 85 Years

Mr. Bond stated that the use that would bring the most revenue to UC Berkeley would be the development of private rental housing. He said that, rather than selling the property outright, they determined that UC Berkeley would gain the most revenue from the property by contracting with developers for a long-term ground lease which would provide a revenue stream for the University over a period of some 85 years. He explained that UC received the property from the State of California and does not know if it was purchased or was a gift. He said their research shows that no deed restrictions were documented for the site, should the site no longer be used for educational purposes.

Mr. Bond said that UC intends to be "hands off" in the planning process for the site, that he wants the planning process to be locally based. He said that after HVNA completes this meeting series and determines its preferences for the use of the site, then we will have a better sense of how the community's objectives fit with the University's and what we can negotiate.

Zoning Terms Clarified

At our second meeting on May 9, representatives from the Planning Department explained the differences between "public" and "mixed-use" zoning, and gave an informational presentation on their "Development Guidelines" for the Re-Use of the UC Berkeley Extension property.

John Billovits, Senior Planner, explained that the City of San Francisco designates certain properties "public" to show that the City does not have zoning authority over the parcel. Mr. Billovits stated that UC does not need city approval for re-use of the site as long as it continues to maintain its educational mission. Mr. Billovits added that the current "public" zoning allows for 80 foot heights at Hermann and Laguna on one-quarter of the UC Extension campus, with height limits of 40 feet on the remainder of the site.

Mr. Billovits then stated that should UC wish to diverge from its educational mission, UC must go through the City's approval processes which would include:

- An Environmental Impact Report
- A General Plan amendment to change the zoning from "P" to whatever changes in use are being proposed.
- Rezoning for land use and height through the Planning Commission
- Planned Unit Development (for large-scale development projects)

The process for the change in use would require public hearings, including:

- Hearing before the Landmarks Board, an advisory body of the Planning Commission that advises Commission regarding buildings that should be saved or retained.
- Planning Commission hearing on General Plan amendment and possible individual buildings on the property.
- Goes before Board of Supervisors for final approval after planning.
- Requires the signature of the Mayor.

Development Guidelines

Geoffrey Nelson, also from the Planning Department, then gave a short informational presentation on the development guidelines that were prepared by the Planning Department which would apply should they receive an application from UC to rezone the site for a use other than educational. Mr. Nelson explained that their "guidelines" were developed to determine what would constitute a good redevelopment of the site in order to prevent disaster or misuse of the site. To download a PDF of the complete text of the guidelines, go to:

http://www.sfgov.org/site/planning_index.asp?id=28840#ucb

Mr. Nelson reiterated that if UC stays within its educational mission, UC can develop the site any way they want. He said the City can't say much if they stay within their current mission. He said the Planning Department can ask to be consulted, but that they would have no control.

When asked what uses would be permitted under the current "public" zoning, Mr. Billovits replied that a private secondary school, childcare center, some retail and a private institution such as New College could possibly be allowed on the site if approved by the Planning Commission with a conditional use.

The complete minutes for both meetings are posted on our Web site at www.hayesvalleysf.org. Anyone who has questions for UC Berkeley, AF Evans, Mercy Housing, or the Planning Dept can send those questions to planning@hayesvalleysf.org. We will compile the questions, direct them to the appropriate source for answers, and will post both the questions and answers on our Web site.

All four of the remaining meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church, #7 Octavia Street, from 7 to 9 pm. The next meetings in this series will be:

- **Monday, May 23:** Historic preservation of existing buildings
- **Monday, June 6:** Transportation/Parking
- **Monday, June 20:** Discussion of Program for Site, including possible uses, height and building density
- **Thursday, July 7:** Community will prioritize their preferred zoning and program elements for the site

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 7 Octavia (at Waller)
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05.26, Thursday 7-8:30pm
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06.01, Wednesday 7-9pm
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 1st Wednesday of each month
 Northern Police Community Room
 1125 Fillmore (at Turk), parking
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06.06, Monday 7-9pm
 4th T&P Sponsored Meeting on UCE
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06.08, Wednesday 7-8:30pm
 H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee
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 691 Hayes (at Buchanan)
 Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

06.09, Thursday 7-8:30pm
 Northern District Police/Community Relations Forum
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06.20, Monday 7-9pm
 5th T&P Sponsored Meeting on UCE
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06.23, Thursday 7-8:30pm
There is no H.V.N.A. General Meeting this month. Enjoy the beginning of summer, and we'll see you at the meeting regarding Public Safety on July 28th

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07.06, Wednesday 7-9pm
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 Community Involvement in Public Safety

We strongly encourage those interested in transportation and planning issues to join the T&P Committee. Because the committee is involved in a wide variety of issues we may have several meetings each month, with each meeting focused on a different issue. We have a great deal of work ahead and need additional committee members to work with us. If you are interested, please contact us at planning@hayesvalleysf.org, and we will contact you to discuss your particular interests and how you would like to participate.

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