

# BMAGIC COMMUNITY CONVENER MEETING

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## MEETING RECORDING

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## AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 19, 2022:

### THEME

- ◇ Environmental

### INTRODUCTIONS

- ◇ Welcome, housekeeping and overview of the agenda

### PARTICIPANTS

- ◇ 55 Participants

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## PRESENTATIONS

- ◇ **Candlestick Point State Recreation Area: Program & Offering Updates and Future Plans**  
**Presenter Info:** Charli Baker [Charli.Baker@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Charli.Baker@parks.ca.gov) 415.300.5860 (Community Engagement Interpreter) & Veronica Miranda [vsmiranda@parkscalifornia.org](mailto:vsmiranda@parkscalifornia.org) (Community Engagement Coordinator)  
**History:** Charli is in charge of all public facing programs at CSP, special events, reservations, educational programs, community garden, etc. Candlestick has a history around community led environmental justice movements in Bayview and wouldn't be a State Park if it weren't for the neighbors who came together and said they deserve open spaces like any other part of the state & San Francisco. It is a community park but hasn't always lived up to that mission of being a community park made by the community for the community, the hope is to get back into that.  
**Services, Offerings & Updates: Parks Programming** - April is Earth Month & the grand opening for many programs, some of which are pilot programs. See slides for the complete list of programs. First monthly art in the park was held on Easter, 50 people attended & made animal masks. The fishing clinic teaches people to fish using Candlestick's equipment and hoping it will turn into a Fishing Loan program. They have a public pier so you do not need a license or permit to fish as long as you're on a public pier in California you can fish for free. The Community Garden has space available to those interested in free garden plots, fees are waived for Bayview residents. Over the last year, they have had many great community partnerships including Hip Hop for Change which will return this summer, and Rise Prep's Fun Run with over 300

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participants. They are always looking for partners who are interested in co-sponsoring events, using the space, and thinking about programs that can be done together. *Increased Communication and Feedback* - Given Candlestick's history, many people have feelings about how it was previously managed and current issues regarding dumping and safety, and its future. They are trying to work on things so people know they are listening, see slide for more details. Their partner group includes organizations in Bayview and beyond that help with the larger long term planning, they have openings in the sub-committee (fundraising, community engagement, future program dreaming), if you have the capacity and are interested contact Charli. *Upcoming Programs* - See slides for details. Growing Together Day on 5/14 is a large community day including painting a mural with Joe Colemenares and tours. Summer camps are 3 weeks long and open to youth 9-13. Agents of Change Residency is a 2 week program and those who complete will receive a stipend. Also hiring seasonal positions, email Charli if interested.

[Community Garden Sign Up](#) | [Hip Hop 4 Change Interest Form](#) | [Summer Camp Sign Up](#) | [Community Feedback Survey](#) | [Special Event/Partnership Interest Form](#) | [Linktree](#) | [Upcoming Programs - Eventbrite](#).

## ◇ **Presidio Tunnel Tops: Completion & Opening Date**

**Presenter Info:** Amy Deck, [adeck@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:adeck@presidiotrust.gov) (Senior Community Partnerships Specialist) & Lucien Sonder, [lucien\\_sonder@nps.gov](mailto:lucien_sonder@nps.gov) (Supervisor for Outreach & Volunteer Programs for National Park Service)

**History:** The Presidio is managed by the Presidio Trust, National Park Service & Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Free community shuttle program was launched in Bayview in 2013, and has welcomed thousands of residents to the park in partnership with several organizations including Bayview Y, Rafiki Coalition, Edgewood and many others. The Presidio is in the traditional territory of the Ramaytush Ohlone. Families lived in the Presidio until settler colonists seized their land, colonialism separated Ramaytush people from their vital connections to the Earth, which Indigenous people still feel the impact of being dispossessed of the land that sustained their ancestors. To learn more about the Indigenous People who lived on the land we are on today, visit: Association of Ramaytush Ohlone: [www.Ramaytush.org](http://www.Ramaytush.org) Sogorea Te Land Trust: [www.SogoreaTe-LandTrust.org](http://www.SogoreaTe-LandTrust.org). Golden Gate National Recreation Area was created in 1972 and includes 16 park sites from Marin to San Mateo County and is a total of 80,000 acres. The Presidio is the "Heart of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area", about 5% of San Francisco and about 1500 acres.

**Services, Offerings & Updates:** Opening on July 17th, the new area will be the front door to the Presidio Experience. It consists of 14 acres of new park land that is being built on top of the tunnels that are the approach to the Golden Gate Bridge. There are 2 MUNI lines returning - 30 & 43. The area includes: the Crissy Field Center & Field Station which are focused on learning, the Outpost which is a 2 acre nature play area, trails, meadows

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& outlooks with views of the water & bridge, 2 new picnic places one of which is reservable with bbq grills, and a campfire circle to take in the surrounding forest and get a genuine park experience. The Tunnel Tops will connect the lower waterfront area with the traditional main post & other historic areas and will be a launching pad to start your exploration of the Presidio & Golden Gate National Recreation Area. See slides for reservable spaces & times. Presidio Pop Up Program will offer an assortment of food trucks & carts to offer familiar, kid friendly and affordable food options that express the Bay Area's rich diversity. There is a plan in progress to open restaurants in the future. Working with community partners to ensure the Tunnel Tops will have relevant activities & events that are community driven. Spaces will be made available for CBOs to be used as platforms for their programs, like staff retreats including the MAGIC Program's which will be the first time the space will be utilized. You can also plan smaller family picnics and larger events like festivals. By co-curating with partners, they hope to have relevant community events and activities to foster including and change the narrative to how park space is used. Community feedback began as early as 2015 and reached out to people from all over the Bay Area to gather over 10,000 ideas via comment cards, design labs, walking tours and public workshops. Feedback includes access and transportation, family friendly and multigenerational activities, providing places & facilities that allow people to gather comfortably inside and outside, and having access to nature. Project was designed over 3 years and construction began in 2018. They initiated 2 programs to seek feedback: the Presidio Activator Council (group of leaders who create events & activities) and the Community Expert Program (20 community leaders who are on-call and provide feedback about various projects & programs including several from Bayview groups). Will reservations be required for groups of 15 or more to the Field Station? Do not take reservations for the Field Station, it's open to the public and is a drop-in self-guided experience but has youth adventure guides and staff to help explore the space. If LEJ wanted to host a board retreat at Presidio, is there a charge? Contact Amy for more info, yes they are able to host within the Crissy Field Center & Field Station outside of public hours. How do you get Black communities involved in these spaces? Free community shuttle program where they actively work on bringing communities across the city in the Presidio. Amy's main focus is in BVHP and working to bring CBOs into the park. There are a lot of barriers to getting into the Presidio, including transportation, and the free transportation is to help get people there. They also work with community leaders through the Presidio Activator Council & Community Expert Program to make sure programming is interesting to not only Black but all diverse communities in the Bay Area. As part of their partnership with SFPL, they will be offering a free shuttle from the Bayview Branch on June 4th that will go into the Presidio and includes a program about Buffalo Soldiers, the local community can sign up at their library. Working with YMCA to bring campers to Tunnel Tops this summer. Are there still

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spots available on the committees? The Activator Council is a pilot program with a longer, deeper commitment that is paid and 1-year long, they intend to have a second round for the council and expert programs and will come back to BMAGIC when they are looking for more members.

◇ **Nature in the City: Palou Phelps Park Updates & Job Opportunities**

**Presenter Info:** Amber Hasselbring [amber@natureinthecity.org](mailto:amber@natureinthecity.org) 415-823-3477 (Executive Director)

**History:** Founded in 2005 to support all nature efforts in the city & make bridges and connections between them, especially habitat restoration, access, activities and nature walks. Tiny grassroots organization with 4 staff.

**Services, Offerings & Updates:** 3 initiatives - 1. [SF Crosstown Trail](#) is 17.5 miles that starts at Candlestick Point and goes to Lands End. Did not go the traditional route and ask agencies that are responsible for the lands for permission. They identified a trail with public land that connects all of them together, and lets people know this is the most traditional way to get across the city. Connects transit hubs from end to end, also have community partners along the way (bookshops, cafes, etc.) mostly in the southeast neighborhoods with plans to expand and have more hubs along the journey. Will be more activities, National Trails Day is the first week of June. 2. *Climate Career Corps* - Asked the mayor why doesn't the city have some way to get young people out citywide to restore nature and be part of the next climate revolution that we need to see? We need young people to know who their mentors are in the movement and how to be part of the solutions. Has since evolved since lobbying the mayor, working with Enterprise for Youth who will pay \$17.34/hour. They are reaching out to community partners for mentor host sites, current sites include Presidio Trust, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Sutro Stewards, Refuse Refuse. Climate careers can be from planning, habitat restoration, community organizing, updating websites, anything as long as the career is part of the climate revolution. Will be launching on June 13th for the first time, it is a 6-week long program. Recruiting young people aged 15-22 years old from SFUSD. There are more Asian students than Black & looking to recruit more diversity. Currently placing 50 students, maybe more room this year but definitely will have more space next year. 3. *Palou Phelps Mini-Park & Playground* - Have been working with Palou Phelps community since 2015 around the Mini Park & Playground and the open space hilltop, which is  $\frac{2}{3}$  privately owned, neighbors were concerned it was going to be developed. Park has been a big priority so the hillside parcels never get developed, so they have been working with the community to do some improvements & activism. Have had many struggles with the park & community over the years because they had an idea of design to open up more access & pathway, but people at the top of the hill were concerned with theft & access and people at the bottom were concerned with illegal dumping, crime and trash; any improved amenities may attract more negative uses of the space. in 2018, received a

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Community Challenge Grant to address as many concerns as possible. They will not be opening the parkway but will have a beautiful artist design gate at the top that can be opened by neighbors as needed, pollinator planters at the base of the hill, along with a post and beam fence that discourages foot traffic and motorbike traffic. Hoping improvements will help bring more attention to this park & other Bayview parks. Are there still volunteer days? Yes, 1st Saturday of every month from 10-noon in partnership with Friends of Palou Phelp, Rec & Park, and Nature in the City. Also have other neighborhood restoration days in other parks across the city, contact Amber if interested. How did you engage the community, what happens to the community of things that have already been in place, what's the end goal? There has been a lot of change in the area, they are not part of them like street closures and sidewalk gardening. For their part, they put up a community bulletin board with events and community meetings (outreach includes door to door with translated flyers & emails). Their main partner Friends of Palou Phelps includes old & new residents in the immediate area, which provides a good balance, and worked with SFRPD to upgrade the park. The integration of different community businesses is something they'd like to be a part of. They were part of movie nights that were hosted, and looking to stay engaged and see what comes next. If interested in joining or learning more about the Friends of PP, Lyslynn can put you in contact with Tandia O'Neal who is one of the co-chairs.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

- ◇ **San Francisco Public Defender, Mano Raju** - The Public Defender Office just went through a strategic planning process, and in addition to providing the highest level of defense in courtroom and immigration detention, they are trying to intentionally confront systemic inequities and advocate for more community power. He appreciates everyone in attendance, is looking forward to connecting the MAGIC programs, and wants the Public Defender's Office to be a community law office. One of the reasons Mano came over from the Contra Costa Office is because of the MAGIC Programs & the idea of working our way out of our jobs & staying true to the mission. Great to see all community leaders & advocates.
  - ◇ **Park Prescription Program: Reintroduction**  
*Presenter Info:* Chandna Agarwal [chandna@3rdstyouth.org](mailto:chandna@3rdstyouth.org) (Outreach Coordinator)  
*History:* BMAGIC started the Park Rx Program in partnership with Bayview's 4 health clinics and park partners (SFRPD, CSPRA & LEJ). The program was an offshoot of other park work we were doing, mostly through the BVHP Parks Collaborative. The work started because after doing research, it was determined that how great parks are indicates community safety and wellness - invest in parks, invest in wellbeing, safety & community. Convening park partners since 2013 but officially since 2015. Park Rx started
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in 2016/17 as a pilot program and now a fully functioning program. Took a pause due to staff transitions to get restaffed, there is a new Outreach Coordinator with 3rd Street Youth Center & Clinic. BMAGIC is currently the project manager and has been for the past 5 years, we will continue to be a technical partner offering assistance, but the program will transition to 3rd St. YCC starting in July. Their executive director, Joi, encouraged Lyslynn to take on the initiative and now that it's in a sustainable place, we are happy to move the initiative back into a community based organization.

**Services, Offerings & Updates:** Chandna recently joined as the Outreach Coordinator, and will be managing the Park Rx program. It is a national program, Bayview is unique because it partners with local health clinics on a referral program. See slides for Park Rx Collaborators, Team, Goals. Referral program is a partnership with local health clinics - 3rd Street, Southeast & Bayview Child Health Clinic. Prescriptions are generally thought of as medication, but Park Rx prescriptions will be for health & wellness. The health educator is important to have an accountability partner & someone who cares about your wellbeing and to support you. Huge part of Park Rx is to bridge the gap between community members and the spaces around them that they can access, to create a sustainable relationship. After participants complete their program, they still want to stay connected with the health educator to continue their goal. See slides for info about scholarships, program partnerships & updates. Hiring for a Health Educator, [apply here](#).

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- ◇ **Back to School & Backpack Giveaway** - Save the date! Saturday, August 13th for BMAGIC & Saturday, August 6th for Mo'MAGIC. Time & location TBD, but likely at NOW Hunters Point, 155 Jennings Street
- ◇ **MAGIC Programs Self Care Retreat** - BMAGIC & Mo'MAGIC are hosting a Self Care Retreat on Friday, May 20th 9am-4pm at the Presidio. [Register here](#). Transportation & lunch will be provided. Shuttle cap is 37 for each location, space is reserved for 50 but can be altered if needed.
- ◇ **Museum For All Field Trip** - Friday, May 13th - Save the Date! BMAGIC & Mo'MAGIC are hosting a field trip to provide organizations an opportunity to speak with museums & connect on organizing field trips and learn more about the Museums for All Program.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◇ [General Announcements Shared Drive](#) - Email Moira to share General Announcements: [moira@bayviewmagic.org](mailto:moira@bayviewmagic.org)
  - ◇ **Dream Keeper Initiative Community Updates Meeting** (Leila Vega) - Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Join us to hear from SF Housing Development Corporation on entrepreneurship support and En2Action on their work with small businesses. [Online via Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 85672334499 Passcode: 257137
  - ◇ **Aim High** (Michelle Cody) - Recruiting for Aim High Baytola (Bayview & Portola) Summer
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Bayview Program at KIPP College Prep Free, 6 week program. Apply here - [www.aimhigh.org/apply](http://www.aimhigh.org/apply) Reach out to Maya or Michelle with questions, [mnieto@aimhigh.org](mailto:mnieto@aimhigh.org) or [mcody@aimhigh.org](mailto:mcody@aimhigh.org)

- ◇ **Sunday Streets SF, Bayview** (Amy Lin) - Save the Date! May 22nd from 11am-4pm <https://www.sundaystreetsf.com/bayview/> Questions for exhibiting, cultural programming, or sponsoring, email Tamara at [tamara@livablecity.org](mailto:tamara@livablecity.org) Amy at [amy@livablecity.org](mailto:amy@livablecity.org) or general questions at [sundaystreets@livablecity.org](mailto:sundaystreets@livablecity.org). For printable outreach flyers (in Arabic, Chinese, English, Spanish, and Tagalog), visit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1P2zZk48MT0QiHnD5bogIXK4snc5xwH9M>. Bike class at Bayview Sunday Street for the youngest riders! <https://sfbike.org/event/freedom-from-training-wheels-bayview-sunday-streets/> Weekly planning meetings for Sunday Streets Bayview on Thursdays from 1 to 2 PM. Please join if you want to learn more about what's being planned and sign up to exhibit!
- ◇ **GIRFLY** (Amy Wilson) - July Programming, 4 week program 5 hours/day. Applications due May 10th. <http://flyawayproductions.com/youth/> [girflysf@gmail.com](mailto:girflysf@gmail.com)
- ◇ **Bayview Hunters Point Children's Oral Health Taskforce** (Justin Adeyanju) - Free Small Dental Kits ( IE Toothbrush, Toothpaste) are available for organizations that serve children from the BVHP COHTF. These can be shipped directly to your location. Please contact [justin.adeyanju@apafss.org](mailto:justin.adeyanju@apafss.org) for more information or for other dental related resources.
- ◇ **Community Boards Peacemaker Awards** - Awards take place on June 10th. Nominations are open, deadline to submit is May 1st. Categories: The Raymond Shonholtz Visionary Peacemaker Award is awarded to an outstanding individual who has made or is making significant contributions to peacemaking, community building and/or anti-violence work in her or his respective San Francisco neighborhood and community. The Gail Sadalla Rising Peacemaker Award is awarded to a Youth Peacemaker (ages 12-24) who is making a difference in their school or community, setting an example for other youth in anti-violence and peacemaking activities. (For youth under 16 years, if you can, please provide the name of parent/guardian.) The Community Boards Leadership Peacemaker Award is awarded to an organization that is making a meaningful track record in contributing to community building and peacemaking in San Francisco. [Submit here](#)
- ◇ **Parents for Public Schools** (Vanessa Marrero & Dorothy Clark) - Listening session, looking for parent leaders & ambassadors. [communication@ppssf.org](mailto:communication@ppssf.org) [ambassadors@ppssf.org](mailto:ambassadors@ppssf.org) [Dorothy@ppssf.org](mailto:Dorothy@ppssf.org) [SF Listening Sessions Announcement SF Parent Ambassador Announcement](#)
- ◇ **Growing Together Day/Rooted in Community, Loyal to our Soil** (Joe Colmenares) - Community Engagement Event - Saturday, May 14th from 10-2 at Candlestick. Inviting people to table & inspiration stations (activity or game to attract kids & residents), stage hosted by hip hop for change, paint the main entrance kiosk into powerful, colorful &



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cultural colors, bring it to life & open it up. [Eventbrite link](#)  
[JoeColmenaresArtSF@gmail.com](mailto:JoeColmenaresArtSF@gmail.com) Here's the [interest form](#) if you would like to table at Growing Together Day.

- ◇ **Literacy for Environmental Justice** - Russ Aguilar, new career & outdoor educator. Served in 5 different states doing educational programming & hands-on activities in nature about culture & national history and building strong communities around parks. back in ca worked at the Y, schools & state parks. Wants to coordinate with everyone to see how to get more people into the parks & take care of the parks.  
[russ.aguilar@lejyouth.org](mailto:russ.aguilar@lejyouth.org)
- ◇ **Community Alliance for Special Education (CASE)** (Alida Fisher) - New ED at CASE, nonprofit that supports families as they navigate special education in the school district. work on a sliding scale so no one is turned away. The Support for Families' Information Resource Conference is coming up on April 30:  
<https://www.supportforfamilies.org/irc-registration/> IRC workshop overview:  
<https://www.supportforfamilies.org/irc-workshops-overview/> Also on April 30, the AAECE is hosting the Second Annual STEM Frenzy at City College:  
<https://stemfrenzy.org/stem-frenzy-festival/>

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

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