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## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community Investment and Infrastructure Commissioners

**FROM:** Tiffany Bohee, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Candlestick Point Street Naming – Community Competition

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At your meeting of February 16, 2016 the Commission requested information about commemorating Bayview Hunters Points community leaders and residents through street or park naming.

In fall of 2015, three streets were identified within the Candlestick Point development to be named through a community driven process lead by the Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee ("CAC"). (See, Site Map, Attachment A). The three individuals to be recognized through street names in Candlestick Point are as follows:

- 1) **Christen Neal** (b. unknown – d. 2015). A community leader and resident of Alice Griffith, Ms. Neal was the first president of the Alice Griffith Improvement Club and served as the President of the Tenants Association.
- 2) **Elder Samuel Pryor Smith** (b. 1921 – d. 2014). Elder Smith worked at Hunters Point Shipyard during World War II, was a member of the Carpenter's Union Local 22 for 68 years working on projects throughout San Francisco, and played football for the San Francisco Clippers. He lived in the Bayview with his wife of 70 years.
- 3) **Zerline Dixon** (b. 1915 – d. 1992). Ms. Dixon moved to San Francisco from Louisiana in 1944 and worked at the Hunters Point Shipyard as a welder during World War II. She lived in public housing on Palou Street before getting a job at San Francisco International Airport, which allowed her to buy her first home in Bayview.

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To make this selection, the CAC held two, Saturday community meetings to inform Bayview Hunters Point residents about the naming process, one at the Alice Griffith Opportunity Center and one at the Shipyard Site Office. Nominations were accepted online and on paper ballot for one month (October 24<sup>th</sup> – November 24<sup>th</sup>).

In total, 44 names were submitted from 116 ballots. The CAC determined that the Selection Committee would consist of two CAC members, two community members, one Alice Griffith resident, one Lennar Urban representative, and one OCII representative. The Selection Committee, as determined by the CAC, was accordingly as follows:

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Dr. Veronica Hunnicutt	CAC
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Jim Martin	Community Member, at large
Derek Oliver	Community Member, at large
Lavelle Shaw	Alice Griffith Resident
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Tamsen Drew	OCII

The criteria for selecting the streets were determined by the CAC and the Selection Panel:

1. Longtime committed services to the Bayview Hunters Point Community;
2. Influential in keeping peaceful relations among community members;
3. Received the greatest number of nominations by the greatest number of people;
4. Has live, worked, or owned a business in the Bayview Hunters Point Community;
5. Has made a health, educational, or economic impact in the Bayview Hunters Point Community; and
6. Has not otherwise been honored in the naming of a street, public space, or building.

The Commission specifically asked about naming a street after Dr. Espinola Jackson, a long-time community leader and advocate. Dr. Jackson did receive nominations from the community. However, she was not ultimately selected because a street in Bayview has already been named in her honor. Espinola Street runs parallel to Ingalls Street near Shoreview Apartments.

The Selection Committee's recommendations will be forwarded to relevant City departments for review. The Department of Public Works and the City's emergency responders will review the submittals to ensure that they are unique within San Francisco and will not create confusion to emergency responders. If approved, the names will be incorporated into the Final Map for Candlestick, which will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

*(Originated by Tamsen Drew, Senior Project Manager)*



Tiffany Bohee  
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Attachment A: Candlestick Site Map with Streets Identified

# Candlestick Point Community Street Naming

