

Can you please investigate this complaint and provide a written report on the bridge as a part of the [redacted]?

Thank you,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 10:00 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted]

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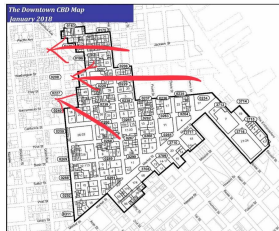








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Send Sam my love

On Aug 14, 2018, at 12:07 PM, Sam Chang <samchang@nyu.edu> wrote:

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From: [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [JENSEN, KRISTEN \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: FW: heads up about pedestrian bridge - outdoor dining
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:35:18 AM

Lisa:

Can you please include the following 2020 email from Tan Chow in the formal file of record for the hearing this afternoon? Supervisor Peskin can also reference it in his comments...

Best,
Sunny

----- Forwarded message -----

On Aug 5, 2020, at 2:52 PM, Tan Chow
<tandchow@gmail.com> wrote:

FYI- see Jenny response. she agreed and on board for reopening the bridge for community and open space public health use (before it gets demolish...). Allan, if you ask Ginsburg (dpw) on this can you also make sure Hilton or dpw clean and wash down those pigeon poops right behind the gate under pavilion? Its Germ carriers! Its really bad for the last few years, they piled up in layers.

Calvin/sunny,
On cleaning, since we are promoting more outdoor dining, can your office ask the new dpw guy to provide power wash steam cleaning of Chinatown, esp wenworth, Beckett, waverly, ross, jackson, Pacific, bway, Stockton? It's more dirty during pandemic and more illegal dumping. Important to clean street in public health crisis and support outdoor dining. The restaurants survey we did, reasons for not doing outdoor are dirty greasy sidewalk streets, garbage and illegal dumping, dust traffic wind rain but twice a week steam cleaning be good. I asked dpw in last decade and it's hard to do it as complaint driven and I can't wait until I couldn't stand it and call Shihwei each time. Steven Lee and dho also asked me to clean and power wash the stain greasy and pigeon poop from wenworth as he may want to do a wenworth outdoor thing too.

Dirty wenworth, loose stones need new sand and gravel again!
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jenny Leung <jenny@cccsf.us>
Date: August 4, 2020 at 4:08:56 PM PDT
To: Tan Chow <tandchow@gmail.com>
Cc: Malcolm Yeung
<myeung@Chinatowncdc.org>, Tammy Hung
<thung@Chinatowncdc.org>
Subject: Re: heads up about pedestrian bridge - outdoor dining

Hi Tan,

Thanks for sharing and the background on the work being done to support restaurants. I agree the bridge should be opened for the community's open space needs.

As you may know, the Hilton doesn't always have the best relationship with CCC and the community, and I was skeptical about the hotel's sudden goodwill to want to support. I am suspecting they have a specific restaurant in mind and it would not be a benefit for the entire community.

Let me get in dialogue with the hotel and see what we can accomplish. CCC will support the community's needs for open space.

Will be in touch. Please feel free to reach out if there are other concerns.

Jenny

On Sun, Aug 2, 2020 at 11:43 AM Tan Chow <tandchow@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jenny,

Thank you for checking in. I checked in with our ccdc cbprc etc family, we actually would like to see Hilton to reopen the bridge for public open space use and not outdoor dining.

I walked by there since the first weeks of shelter in place, the gate always locked to my disappointment. Hilton closed it during a time

when we need open space most. This has been the time where we need social distancing space given we have limited open space and with our overcrowded housing and vulnerable population. A reopened bridge would be good for local residents or visitors who might go to Portsmouth Square and the bridge and to sit and eat there.

We also do not believe Chinatown Restaurants would benefit for many reasons. We are trying to support Chinatown restaurants in different way, the focus now is helping restaurants like Far East etc on Grant Avenue and closing of Waverly Place for outdoor dining. And also promoting more outdoor dining in front of Chinatown eateries. I had asked merchants about outdoor dining and doing something on a closed Grant Avenue, they said it's not practical because all the restaurants only hiring back 2-4 staffs, it's a luxury to send staffs away and I can see a logistic problem in cooking and prepping for them to handle more than their storefront.

Again, we only have so little precious open park space, Hilton needs to reopen the gate and the bridge space back to the public, for residents, seniors, families and visitors to use the park plaza and the bridge and if they choose they can eat there. I also wonder if Hilton is bringing their own indoor businesses and or Fidi businesses there and that would displace our residents in need of open space.

Thank you for checking in and for your consideration.

Tan

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From: Jenny Leung

<jenny@cccsf.us>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020

6:07 PM

To: Malcolm Yeung
<myeung@chinatowncdc.org>;

Tan Chow

<tchow@chinatowncdc.org>

Subject: heads up about
pedestrian bridge - outdoor dining

Hi Malcolm and Tan,

Hope you are well! I wanted to give you a heads up about the Lowe Community bridge across Portsmouth Square.

The hotel has approached CCC about opening up the bridge for outdoor dining to support the nearby local restaurants. CCC wants to be able to support the reopening efforts if it can be helpful to give those merchants that don't have the space outside.

I wanted to check in to see if there are any concerns and to give you a heads up. We haven't confirmed to support before we checked in.

Thanks and hope things are going ok,

Jenny

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To: [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation. \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [JENSEN, KRISTEN \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: FW: Trouble at the Portsmouth Square Bridge
Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:40:15 AM

Lisa:

Can you please incorporate this correspondence around concerns with skateboarding on the bridge as a part of [File No. 220327](#) ?

Thank you,
Sunny

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cathie Lam <clam@chinatowncdc.org>
Date: July 29, 2015 at 7:25:58 PM PDT
To: Tan Chow <tchow@chinatowncdc.org>, Malcolm Yeung <myeung@chinatowncdc.org>
Cc: Tan Chow <tandchow@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Trouble at the Portsmouth Square Bridge

No matter how they are not respect this public space which not originally intended for skate boarding. I won't want to see them accidentally knock down a pedestrian, especially small children and elderly.

From: Tan Chow
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 5:54 PM
To: Cathie Lam; Malcolm Yeung
Cc: Tan Chow
Subject: Re: Trouble at the Portsmouth Square Bridge

I have seen skate boarders mainly used the world renown "China Bank" bridge slope as stage and not in the plaza or children area, I may have seen a few times but rare and have not been trouble some, because they came here for the slope, I stopped and saw three white kids doing their tricks there last week, maybe s turf thing?

China Banks Skate Spot
<http://www.skateboardingmagazine.com/china-banks-skate-spot/>

From: Cathie Lam
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 12:33:10 PM
To: Malcolm Yeung; Tan Chow

Subject: Fw: Trouble at the Portsmouth Square Bridge

Just so you know.

From: Cathie Lam
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 12:32 PM
To: Lazar, David (POL)
Cc: Abby Chen; mabel@c-c-c.org; Norman Fong; Roy Chan
Subject: Trouble at the Portsmouth Square Bridge

Captain Lazar:

Would like to report to you that while the Chinese Cultural Center and their artist are paving the bridge with some artwork to prepare for the celebration of the finale of the Central Subway Temporary Art Programs for the Chinatown Station scheduled for this Friday morning at 10 AM (invitation to you in a separate email), some skate boarders had come over and tried to harass them and their volunteers. Even when CCC tried to explain to them what they are doing so the bridge is closed for public in the meantime they threatened to come and "toast" the artwork.

Can you please have more frequent patrol of that area while at the park, and increase the patrol frequency there. The bridge doesn't belong exclusively to the skate boarders and they have intruded a bridge walkway meant for pedestrians and visitors to the Hilton, especially to the Chinese Cultural Center, which is the original intension of the bridge. How can some bullies come in and make such a disturbing remark.

For your information, there were also skate boarders who invaded the lower level children play area at Portsmouth recently. I talked to them and requested them to go somewhere else as this is designated for small children, and their uninvited activity will cause disruption to the children and especially their safety. I believe they left shortly after I talked to them. However, this recent incident at the bridge does heighten our concern of the use of the park and its surrounding areas.

Please do something about it, and tell us what can we do to help.

P.S. According to CCC, the bridge is owned by the hotel but even their security has been harassed by the skate boarders. We do need your help.

Thanks, cathie.