

## **A Brief History of Park Presidio Boulevard and the Richmond District**

- **1870** - Golden Gate Park is established.
- **1872** – Richmond neighborhood exists on paper only. Early plans show Avenues are numbered; east-west blocks are lettered “A,” “B,” etc. and not yet named
- **1883** – Neighborhood is still nonexistent except for racetrack from Arguello to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a small settlement in the 23-25<sup>th</sup> Avenues at Clement St and Star of the Sea Church (approximately Pt. Lobos Toll Road and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue)
- **1892** – Geary Blvd (formerly Pt. Lobos Toll Road), California, Lake and Clement Streets in existence
- **1902** - the Chutes Amusement Park moves from the Haight District to 10-11<sup>th</sup> Avenues between Fulton to Cabrillo; lasted until 1909. The area between the racetrack and the Chutes known as “Beertown” and filled with houses of ill-repute and bars which closed when the City passed a law preventing women from entering bars.
- **1903** The 23-acre strip of land that will become Park Presidio Boulevard is purchased from private property owners for \$360,000.
- **1906** – Earthquake and Fire in SF. The area now Park Presidio Blvd and its greenbelts are the home to “Camp Richmond,” which consists of 2,400 earthquake refugee shacks stretching from Anza to Lake St. Considered the model camp for earthquake relief.
- **1908** – City allocates \$25,000 to hire refugees to grade what is known as the Presidio Panhandle (precursor to Park Presidio Blvd.)
- **Nov. 1908** – last of the earthquake shacks removed
- **1910-1911** - upper portion of Park Presidio Blvd (Geary to Fulton) graded
- **1912** – Park Presidio Blvd soon to be completed reports the SF CALL
- **1922** – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue renamed “Funston” in honor of General Frederick Funston, army commander during the 1906 Earthquake
- **1939** – curbs and medians put in in anticipation of Golden Gate Bridge; PPB connected to Bridge through the Presidio.
- **1941** – Boulevard has two lanes of traffic in each direction

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