

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

April 24, 2008

Sotheby's International Realty, 117 Greenwich Street

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Fred Allardyce.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Allardyce were Carol Parlette, Lee Radner, Felix Rodriguez, Linda Schwartz, and Diana Taylor. Proxy votes were as follows: Mort Beebe and Bill Sauro to Fred, Bill Benkavitch to Lee. Also in attendance was member-in-waiting, Jonathan Middlebrook.

The Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 20, 2008 were approved as distributed by e-mail and posted on the association's website, www.barbaryneighbors.org

Treasurer Parlette distributed the Balance Sheet – ending total \$6,486.61 and the Budget Summary Report for 1/1-08 to 12/31-08. We have collected \$205 since the last meeting and have spent \$500 for the Newsletter. Carol showed a colored pie chart showing membership. Discussion ensued regarding the percentage of Business Memberships. We agreed that we would like to encourage the Membership Committee to address increasing these memberships. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Newsletter Committee Report:

June Osterberg, the Editor of the Spring Newsletter, wrote a memo to the Board with suggestions for future Newsletters. The Board agrees that we all want a Newsletter but feel that Policies and Procedures need to be clarified and adhered to. Discussion issues involved taking a position and viewpoint. We acknowledged that there are many opinions in our neighborhood. The question is "Can we speak for all?" We agreed that we would prefer that an inflammatory article have a byline or be an editorial, and that we take the lead in a positive response. There was discussion regarding the privacy of the e-mail list with agreement that this list not be used without Board approval. A decision regarding a committee to oversee the Newsletter will be discussed in the future.

Existing and New Committee Activities:

There was discussion regarding a Political Night with Candidates Forum perhaps in August. To be determined is what groups we will participate with. The Annual Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00 pm on the Hornblower Santa Rosa Ferry Boat. Linda will contact Maria and Jan of the Social Committee for help with this event.

Sea Wall Lot 351 Report:

Lee reported that there was a good turnout for the last public meeting. Much discussion ensued on breakout groups and public attendance and support. There seemed to be a ground swell of agreement on the continuation of public open recreational space. An interactive playground or children's park was an idea that appealed to many. It was approved that Fred and Diana speaking for BCNA will work together and write a letter to the Port on behalf of Open Space.

Waterfront Action Committee Report:

Review of the Waterfront Land Use Plan will be reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

The next BCNA Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 22nd.

Linda Schwartz, Acting Secretary