

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

July 24, 2008

At Sotheby's International Realty, 117 Greenwich Street, San Francisco, CA 94111

2nd DRAFT

The meeting began at 6:10 p.m. and was called to order by President Bill Sauro.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Sauro: Fred Allardyce, Bill Benkavitch, Jonathan Middlebrook, Carol Parlette, Lee Radner, Felix Rodriguez, Linda Schwartz, and Diana Taylor.

Board members who were absent: Morton Beebe and Joe Wyman.

1. Presentation by Cheryl Brinkman, Board President, Livable City on 'Sunday Streets'. Ms. Brinkman addressed the Board about the upcoming 'Sunday Streets' events scheduled to be held on August 31st and September 14th from 9am to 1pm. She explained the scope of the event including the 'soft street' closures, free public transit on the T & F lines, activity pods, and impacts on the various neighborhoods. She stated the main focus of the event is Health, Building Community, and Open Space. Ms. Brinkman engaged in an interactive discussion about the event and some safety issues brought up by the Board. One question asked was whether neighborhood groups could have a booth set up during the event. She stated she'd get back to President Sauro with an answer. The Board thanked Ms. Brinkman for her informative presentation. See Item 7 below for follow-up information on this Agenda Item.

2. New Board Policies and Procedures. President Sauro presented a draft of BCNA Board Policies and Procedures that he and Carol Parlette had prepared. The Board reviewed and discussed the draft. Most discussion centered on Item 2 concerning Proxy votes. In simple terms, if a Board member is not present, he/she cannot vote (unless the Board decides ahead of time that the issue may be voted on in that way.) The Board approved the draft unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the June 4, 2008 meeting were approved as amended, by unanimous vote.

4. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette distributed the Treasurer's Report with Balance Sheet as of 7/21/2008. The balance is about the same as the previous meeting; current balance is \$6,280.60. The Board adopted the Report unanimously.

5. Committee Reports.

Waterfront Action Committee

A Draft Development Review Guidelines. Diana Taylor asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting. The guidelines have been distributed to the Board via email. Although some discussion occurred during the meeting, all members were asked to submit comments to Diana. The Board thanked Diana and Jonathan Middlebrook for their fine efforts.

B 8 Washington Street Condominiums. Lee Radner stated that the SF Port is moving ahead with the Request For Proposals (RFP) for Seawall Lot 351, and how inter-related the two projects are. The Board had a brief discussion about the sewer pipe leak under Jackson Street and the problem it has caused with the tennis courts – cracks and swales - at the Golden Gateway Tennis & Swim Club. Diana Taylor stated that Kathleen Diohep, SF Port Project Manager for Lot 351 has asked to make a presentation to the BCNA Board. After some discussion, The Board agreed that any presentation should be after the RFP is issued, that written guidelines be established for the presentation, and, that Ms. Diohep understands that the presentation and any questions and answers are ‘on the record’. Diana and President Sauro agreed to develop written guidelines and set parameters for a possible meeting. The Board approved this action unanimously.

C. Musto Building. Jonathan Middlebrook reported on the Musto Building renovation meeting that he, Carol Parlette and Fred Allardyce attended recently. This is the second attempt to develop this historic 1906 building located on Pacific Avenue and Battery Street. The current proposal is for law offices with a restaurant on the 1st floor. There are no parking spaces in the proposal. The Board members were all favorably impressed with the proposal although loss of some courtyard open area is a concern. The Board discussed the proposal and whether to write a letter of conditional endorsement. Jonathon agreed to draft a proposed letter – including the concern about the open space – and send to Board members for an email vote. There was an additional discussion as to whether the Telegraph Hill Dwellers would be on the opposite side of this issue and how BCNA should react. Diana Taylor agreed to consult with Nancy Shanahan of THD and report back to President Sauro. Should THD be on the opposite side of the issue, then so be it.

Newsletter Committee

President Sauro handed out the draft Summer 2008 Newsletter to the Board. He requested that Board members email him any changes as Tuesday, July 29th is the ‘stuffing party’ to fold label and stamp the Newsletter for distribution. Board members were encouraged to attend the ‘stuffing party’ at President Sauro’s condominium starting around 4pm on the 29th.

Membership Committee

This Committee needs a new chairperson. Linda Schwartz agreed to step forward and take this assignment. Fred Allardyce agreed to help. The Board discussed a mailing budget and Linda agreed to develop and submit one.

Other Committees

The Board had a discussion about other Committees which are unstructured. The consensus is that the Board members are spread a little thin and it would be best to focus on Membership. The discussion continued about how to get commercial members and the idea about using advertisements, such as an insert in the Newsletter, as an incentive to gather commercial members.

6. Old Business

Community Benefit District Progress Report

President Sauro informed the Board about a recent meeting he attended about creation of a CBD on the waterfront. Boston Properties – Embarcadero Center managers – stated they have no interest in a CBD as they already have one, the Center itself. The Board further discussed CBD. Another local CBD exists, the ‘Greater Downtown Community Benefit District.’ President Sauro indicated he will meet with them. There is even a 3rd CBD in the area, the ‘Broadway Entertainment Corridor CBD’, as Jonathan Middlebrook stated. Felix Rodriguez has the names of two organizations that have expertise in forming a CBD and will provide this information to President Sauro. President Sauro also stated that the City will give a grant if a group wants to form a CBD.

Supervisors Candidates’ Forum

The Board discussed this forum which will be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 7pm – 9pm at the KGO Building. This will be a BCNA event exclusively as the League of Women Voters wanted all of District 3 issues addressed and not just those in the BCNA neighborhood. The Board further discussed the format and all Board members were encouraged to submit questions to President Sauro for the forum. In addition, ways to advertise the forum were reviewed. BCNA will do a mailing and Lee Radner of FOGG agreed to send an email to its membership notifying them of the forum. The forum will be videotaped by KGO and will be on their web site. Eight candidates so far have agreed to attend.

7. New Business

‘Sunday Streets’ Discussion

The Board engaged in a general discussion about ‘Sunday Streets’. The consensus was that ‘Sunday Streets’ is a good event. The Board voted to send a letter to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors stating that BCNA endorses ‘Sunday Streets’. The Board also agreed to email Ms. Brinkman thanking her for attending the Board meeting and advising her of the proposed endorsement letter.

Proposed Market Street Closure

The Board deferred discussion on this item.

8. Honoring Founding President Fred Allardyce

The Board presented Founding President Allardyce with a Plaque commemorating his two years as the first BCNA Board President. The Board acknowledged his tremendous contributions and gave him a rousing round of applause.

9. Next Meeting

The next BCNA Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2008.

10. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch

Secretary