

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2010

550 Davis Street, Unit 25, San Francisco, CA 94111

The meeting began at 6:03 pm and was called to order by President Bill Sauro.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Sauro: Bill Benkavitch, Bob Harrer, Mary Lou Licwinko, Jonathan Middlebrook, Carol Parlette, Felix Rodriguez, Linda Schwartz.

Board members who were absent: Morton Beebe, Diana Taylor, Joe Wyman.

1. Quorum Call. When the meeting was called to order, there were eight Board members in attendance.

2. Presentation by Jane Connors and Eric Potashner of Platinum Advisors regarding Pier ½ parking. Ms. Connors presented to the Board a proposal for parking to support the Ferry Building merchants and activities. She stated that 70 parking spaces have been lost due to the closure of Pier ½ and that the merchants are suffering from it. Three tenants are leaving – they say due to lack of parking. She presented an interim solution for parking in the back of the Ferry Plaza, which would include public improvements, a raised deck with tables, and spaces for 64 vehicles. The proposal, if approved, would take about 3 months to complete and cost about \$1 Million. There would be a 4 year term for this interim plan. Ms. Connor would like BCNA to help support this proposal. Ms. Connor and Mr. Potashner thanked the Board for the opportunity to talk, and then left the meeting.

After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously to support this interim plan to improve the Ferry Building parking for the 4 year term. President Sauro agreed to draft a letter of support which would be sent to BCDC and the SF Port.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the November, 2009 meeting were approved as amended, unanimously. These minutes had previously been sent to Board members for comment.

4. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette distributed the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Budget Summary Report. She presented a Proposed Budget for 2010. The Board discussed the proposed budget. This budget is within range of the 2009 budget. The Balance Sheet for 2010 to date shows a current balance is \$5,369.35. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously, and approved the 2010 budget.

5. Old Business.

a. Hornblower's Proposed Improvements at Pier 31 ½ - 33. Bob Harrer reported on his and Morton Beebe's walk-through review of the proposed improvements for the Alcatraz tour boat service. Bob stated that the proposed improvements would result in a less temporary-looking and more upgraded facility. His only concern is the 'iconic structure' required by the Park Service. One of the options proposed is a lighthouse, which could meet with some difficulty during the approval process.

After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed improvements. President Sauro agreed to draft a letter of support which would be sent to Hornblower and the SF Port.

b. 555 Washington. The Board agreed to maintain its position to stay neutral on this project. President Sauro agreed to send an email to Supervisor Chiu explaining the position of BCNA, to clarify any confusion that may exist with Supervisor Chiu.

c. Planning Department Efforts (NE Embarcadero Study). President Sauro stated that Diana Taylor has been trying to get a January 28 meeting set up with commercial property owners to discuss the other seawall lots. The majority of the Study discussion so far has been about seawall lot 351. No firm date has been set.

6. New Business.

a. By Laws Revisions. Bob Harrer will send his proposed revisions to Jonathan Middlebrook, Mary Lou Licwinko, and President Sauro for review. President Sauro will email Bob the current 'mark-up version' of the By Laws.

b. Parking Meter Pay Stations. Jonathan Middlebrook will check with the SF DPT whether the parking meter stanchions that remain after the multiple space pay stations have been installed, will be removed. President Sauro will check with Supervisor Chiu's office about this.

c. Sit/Lie Board Resolution. President Sauro stated that he has discussed this BCNA Resolution with Supervisor Chiu. Supervisor Chiu supports this, and needs a determination whether a Sit/Lie law would be constitutionally legal.

7. Approve Next Meeting Dates. The next BCNA meeting will be a Valentine's Party on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at the Old Ship Saloon, 298 Pacific Avenue at Battery Street. Party will be from 430pm – 630pm, and will feature free hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2010. President Sauro stated that if any Board member has a conflict with this date to contact him.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch

Secretary