

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

July 15, 2010

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

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

Board members in attendance in addition to President Sauro: Bill Benkavitch, Steve Chen, Al Dockus, Bob Harrer, Mary Lou Licwinko, Jonathan Middlebrook, Carol Parlette, Felix Rodriguez, Diana Taylor.

Board member absent: Morton Beebe.

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

2. Presentation by Caroline Teng from CleanPowerSF. Ms. Teng told the Board about CleanPowerSF which she stated would deliver San Franciscans cleaner, more renewable energy and meet the state's requirement for renewable energy. She stated that PG&E currently is 15% renewable and is not meeting the state's minimum requirement of 20% by the end of 2010. She said the CleanPowerSF which is administered by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will serve as a 'power broker' rather than a 'power generator' and electricity will still be distributed via PG&E transmission lines. The program is for electricity only, not for natural gas. The program will begin in the 1st quarter of 2011, and is an 'opt out' program meaning every person who gets electricity from PG&E will be in the program unless electing not to participate. She said that the people in San Francisco will get 'more bang for their buck' with this program. Ms. Teng then answered questions from the Board. The Board thanked Ms. Teng for her presentation and President Sauro stated that CleanPowerSF would be a good story for the next BCNA Newsletter.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from several prior Board meetings were approved unanimously. These minutes had previously been sent to Board members for comment.

4. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette distributed the Income Statement and Budget Summary Report dated 7/15/10. The current balance is \$4,316.64. Main expense was the spring Newsletter. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.

5. Old Business.

a. NE Embarcadero Study – Discussion, what next? President Sauro presented a brief historical recap on the SF Planning Department Study, including Seawall Lot 351 and the Golden Gateway Tennis & Swim Club and the proposed, hugely controversial 8 Washington Street development of 170 luxury condominiums and a 400+ space underground garage. He stated that BCNA's position is not being in favor of the 8 Washington plan as currently proposed. The Board discussed several ideas on what BCNA should do going forward. Two actions were agreed upon.

First, President Sauro will contact Brad Paul, who is the spokesperson for the community group which includes FOGG (Friends of Golden Gateway), Telegraph Hill Dwellers (THD), Asian Neighborhood Design (AND) and other neighborhood organizations which is developing an alternative Study to what has been done by the SF Planning Department. The objective of this contact is for BCNA to become a participant in this alternative study.

Second, Diana Taylor will coordinate a review of the SF Planning Department Study relative to the BCNA guidelines. The objective of this review is to develop a coherent BCNA position on the Study. Jonathan Middlebrook, Felix Rodriguez, Bob Harrer and Al Dockus agreed to help with this review. Once completed, this review will be discussed with and approved by the Board so that a clear BCNA position is established for use in public dialog.

b. Peter Pan and Ferry Park. President Sauro reported to the Board that the Peter Pan show will be leaving Ferry Park on September 5, 2010. The SF Recreation & Parks Department will rebid the \$1.8 million renovation contract for the Park. Further, Rec & Park got \$700 thousand from the Peter Pan show. President Sauro stated that BCNA needs to be more vigilant regarding approval of future projects like it. Diana Taylor stated that the project shows what more density would look like in the neighborhood.

c. Area Crime and the Entertainment Commission. President Sauro reported that he is working with Connie Hazel on a data base to quantify the problems. BCNA wants to be part of the knowledge base.

d. Newsletter Story Ideas – Next Issue August 17, 2010. President Sauro asked the Board for story suggestions for the upcoming Newsletter. Among the suggestions, in addition to the CleanPowerSF story are: Bill Benkavitch on the Gateway Davis Courtyard renovation and Al Dockus on signs for walking access to Telegraph Hill from Sansome Street. Writer June Osterberg is busy working on the August issue.

6. New Business.

a. Playgrounds in the BC? President Sauro stated that a new resident in the area who has children told him that there are no playgrounds here. She suggested that a portion of Sidney Walton Park be converted to a playground. While the Board did not feel that would be appropriate, the Board did acknowledge that playgrounds are needed in the area. The Board also briefly discussed the 'dog park' between the Golden Gateway Tennis & Swim Club and the Block II condominiums. Felix Rodriguez stated that this park is currently locked due to the issue with homeless persons.

7. Approve Next Meeting Dates. The next BCNA meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 2010. Meeting will be held at the 5A5 Steak Lounge.

The next Membership Social event will be in October. Location and time will be announced by separate correspondence.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch

Secretary