

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

January 20, 2011

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

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The meeting began at 6:15 pm and was called to order by President Bill Sauro.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Sauro: Bob Harrer, Morton Beebe, Felix Rodriguez, Ranee Lan, Mary Lou Licwinko, Carol Parlette and Diana Taylor. Guests in attendance: Phil Ryan and Bill Hannan of the Golden Gateway Tenants' Association.

Board members absent: Bill Benkavitch, Steve Chen, Jonathan Middlebrook.

1. Quorum Call. When the meeting was called to order, there were eight Board members in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the November 11, 2010 Board meeting were approved unanimously. These minutes had previously been sent to Board members for comment via email.
3. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette distributed the year-end Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Budget Summary Report dated 12/31/10. The year's total income was within \$50 of our budget estimates. Expenses for the year were \$907 less than anticipated. The cash-in-bank balance is \$5,934 as of 1/11. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.
4. Membership Update. President Sauro presented a table showing the number of dues-paying members the association had in years 2007 through 2011, and the amount of dues income each year. He also distributed a listing of members who paid dues in 2010, but had not yet renewed their memberships for 2011. Board members will be calling or emailing those they know to encourage them to renew.
5. Old Business.

a. Alternative NE Embarcadero Study and “Neighbors” Lawsuit

President Sauro updated the Board on the state of the Alternative NE Embarcadero study being created by Asian Neighborhood design and mentioned that he had been working with AND on improving some graphics and maps in the document. The study should be completed and distributed to the Board via email in a matter of days, according to Sauro.

Guest Ryan brought Board members up-to-date on the “Neighbors Lawsuit” again the Port and the City regarding proper environmental review, including the fact that the City had been slow in providing discovery documents, thereby delaying the litigation.

b. Neighborhood Playground Effort

President Sauro explained that it had been difficult to find a “fiscal partner” to take tax deductible donations because of the onerous and expensive indemnity and insurance requirements of the organizations being considered. The latest possible partner for this effort, the Embarcadero YMCA, required insurance beyond the BCNA’s capability. Sauro then stated that he and the other interested individuals would try a new approach, not involving the BCNA directly. Individuals who want to help raise funds for a playground would simply become YMCA members and raise funds directly for the YMCA and therefore the playground.

c. Affiliation with Golden Gateway Tenants’ Association (“GGTA”)

Sauro, Ryan and Hannan spoke about the desirability of associating the BCNA with the GGTA. After considerable discussion, the Board voted unanimously to continue to work on a formal association agreement between the two organizations. Mary Lou Licwinko would work on a proposed written agreement to solidify the partnership between the BCNA and the GGTA.

5. New Business.

a. Meeting with David Chiu and District 3 Groups

Sauro stated that he attended a meeting with Supervisor Chiu in which he stated he would not become District Attorney and would remain the Supervisor for District 3. He also told the gathering about the behind-the-scenes activities of the selection of Ed Lee as interim-Mayor.

b. Broadway Family Housing – Commercial Rental Support

Sauro presented a letter from the Chinatown Community Development Center seeking our support for a Subway franchise to go into the ground-level commercial space at the Broadway Family Housing building at Broadway and Battery. The developer had worked for over a year to find a local small business to lease the space, but did not succeed. The Board stated that any activity in that location would be preferable to a vacant store front and voted unanimously to support the leasing of the space to a Subway franchisee.

c. Position on Central “T-Line” Subway

The Board agreed to take no position on the proposed subway line extension into Chinatown.

d. SF Congestion Fee Proposals

Bob Harrer presented a one-page summary of the current status of the possible Congestion Fee Proposal being considered by the City. It was decided to continue to monitor the situation, and contact David Chiu's office to enlist their help in ensuring the BCNA was included in future work/outreach by the MTA. .

e. Newsletter Copy Deadline

Sauro stated that the Newsletter Copy Deadline was Feb. 18, 2011. There would be a Folding Party Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011.

6. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Location and start time will be announced by separate correspondence

c. Sunday Social Event. The next social event will be Feb. 27, 2011, 4-6 pm @ Barriquee, 461 Pacific. (However subsequent to the meeting it was discovered that the Academy Awards are being televised that evening beginning at 5 pm. Sauro would try to change the date of the Social to avoid this conflict.)

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Sauro

Acting Secretary