

**Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 22, 2011**

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

The meeting began at 6:08 pm and was called to order by President Bill Sauro.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Sauro: Bill Benkavitch, Steve Chen, Bob Harrer, Rane Lan, Mary Lou Licwinko, Carol Parlette.

Board members absent: Morton Beebe, Jonathan Middlebrook, Felix Rodriguez, Diana Taylor.

Also attending: Bill Hannon, Golden Gateway Tenants Association President.

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

2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the January 2011 Board meeting were approved unanimously. These minutes had previously been sent to Board members for comment, and were revised as necessary.

3. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette distributed the Balance Sheet and Budget Summary Report dated 3/21/11. The current balance is \$6,065.87. Main expense was the Winter Newsletter. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.

4. Membership Update. President Sauro gave the Board a brief update on BCNA membership. Five new members have joined and renewals have reached the expected plateau. BCNA has reached a record number of memberships.

5. Old Business.

a. America's Cup EIR. Bob Harrer reported to the Board on the March 16, 2011 Community Meeting sponsored by Telegraph Hill Dwellers (THD). District 3 Supervisor and Board President David Chiu was among the speakers. Bob related Supervisor Chiu's comments that he did not support high-rise condominiums along the Embarcadero and he did not support the 8 Washington condominium project. Bob presented a clear synopsis of what the America's Cup Environmental Council (ACEC) sees as issues. These include concerns about long term developments on various piers, evaluation for moving the viewing area to the Ferry Building from pier 27, the "people plan" that is the subject of a March 23, 2011 meeting with Supervisor Chiu, plus transportation and noise issues. Bob will attend this meeting as the BCNA representative. He also stated that the America's Cup schedule shows construction starting January 1, 2012.

The Board discussed these issues and whether BCNA should involve itself further in them. As there are many details yet to be defined, the Board concluded it is best to wait for the draft EIR to be published before taking further action.

b. Alternative NE Embarcadero Study and "Neighbors" Lawsuit. President Sauro discussed with the Board the status of these two items. The lawsuit is now expected to be before a judge in April or May. President Sauro stated that Supervisor Chiu has agreed to push the Planning Commission to adopt the Study.

c. Embarcadero Playground Effort. President Sauro reported that the San Francisco Parks Trust will be the sponsor for the project. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2011. The fundraising will be able to start. Main thrust of the fundraising will be corporate. Between \$150-300 thousand is the target, and it is estimated that the fundraising effort will take 6 months to a year. Construction is estimated to take 3 months. The indemnity issues that were impeding progress have been taken care of; a Limited Liability Company (LLC) was set up for this purpose.

d. Board Members for 2011-12. The Board discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting where the new Board will be elected. All seven meeting attendees have stated their interest to serve for another year. One Board member has decided not to serve and two others have yet to declare. President Sauro asked Board members for ideas on who would be a good Board candidate. He suggested finding a person from the Gateway complex.

## 6. New Business.

a. Mayor's Race/Forum for Candidates. President Sauro stated that BCNA should sponsor a candidate's forum – similar to the one held for the District 3 Supervisor position 3 years ago. After some

discussion either Wednesday September 7 or Thursday September 8, 2011 were agreed upon as the best dates. President Sauro will contact KGO TV to reserve their meeting room for the forum.

b. Concept of Retail Storefronts Only in GG Commons. The Board discussed the idea of requiring that when a current tenant's lease is up, the landlord should be required to have a retail business lease the space. There is very little retail now in the GG Commons street level spaces. Offices occupy most of the space. President Sauro stated that parts of Fillmore Street and Jackson Square have this requirement and asked whether Supervisor Chiu should be approached to consider the idea. The Board decided to continue this discussion at another meeting.

c. Hosting CSFN Event. The next Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods meeting is on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. The meeting will be held at the Northern Police Station. BCNA will be the host for the meeting and provide food and beverages. The cost is estimated to be around \$100.00. President Sauro and Diana Taylor will attend and obtain the food and beverages. Steve Chen offered to provide food from his 5A5 Steak Lounge - a very generous offer. It was decided that getting the items at COSTCO was sufficient.

#### 7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. The next Board meeting will be Thursday May 19, 2011. Location will be the Sauro home, and start time will be 6:00 pm.

b. Saturday Social Event. The next social event will Saturday April 16, 2011. Location will be the Blanc et Rouge Wine Bar at Embarcadero 2 (Front Street side), and time will be 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

c. Annual Meeting. The BCNA Annual Meeting will be Sunday June 26, 2011. Location will be the 5A5 Steak Lounge on Jackson Street, and time will be 4:00 – 6:00 pm. District 3 Supervisor David Chiu will be the guest speaker.

#### 8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch

Secretary