

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2011

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

The meeting began at 6:12 pm and was called to order by President Bill Sauro.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Sauro: Steve Chen, Bob Harrer, Ranee Lan, Diana Taylor, and Carol Parlette.

Board members absent: Bill Benkavitch, Morton Beebe, Jonathan Middlebrook, Felix Rodriguez, and Mary Lou Licwinko.

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 March 22, 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 \$6,483.61. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.

4. Membership Update. President Sauro gave the Board a written Membership Report. The BCNA has reached a record number of memberships, and has had more than \$6,000 in dues and donation income for the 2011 Membership Year. In 2010, dues collections were \$4,500.

5. Old Business.

a. "Neighbors" Lawsuit. President Sauro discussed with the Board the status of the pending lawsuit. As reported in the BCNA Record, an initial hearing on the case will be held on July 13, 2011 before Judge Ernest H. Goldsmith. Sauro also discussed adding additional legal manpower to the Coalition effort to stop 8 Washington and other issues. The full brief is available online at www.barbaryneighbors.org.

b. Embarcadero Playground Effort. President Sauro reported that fundraising has begun for the construction of a Playground south of the Bocce Ball Courts in Justin Herman Plaza. Sauro stated that the SF Rec and Parks Commission will be considering Friends of the Waterfront Playground's "Donor Recognition Plan" at their June meeting, which will allow major fundraising efforts with nearby corporations.

Ranee Lan then reported on her parent's group were trying to build a toddler playground in Sydney Walton Park. She said initial contacts with the management of The Gateway have been positive. She presented a report on details of the small playground, its design, location and cost. However much more work remains ahead, she said.

The Board then entertained the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association endorse and support the effort to build a toddler playground in Sydney Walton Park.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

c. Board Members for 2011-12. Sauro reported that he had made contact with a good prospective board member to take the place of retiring member Jonathan Middlebrook, and should have a full slate of nominees within a week.

d. America's Cup. Bob Harrer reported to the Board on the letter response the BCNA made to the "people plan" and how that document will be incorporated into the EIR for the events and the Pier development rights. The Board thanks Harrer for his excellent efforts representing the BCNA in this matter.

e. Mayor's Race/Forum for Candidates. President Sauro stated that BCNA in partnership with the Golden Gate Tenant's Association, would be a mayoral candidate's forum at KGO-TV on Wednesday September 7, 2011 from 6 to 8 pm.

6. New Business.

a. More Active CSFN Participation. President Sauro reviewed the fact that he and Board Member Felix Rodriguez recently attended and “hosted” the April 19, 2011 meeting of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods. Sauro stated that many important issues are brought before this body, and their decisions carry much weight in City Hall. Sauro recommended and the Board agreed, to set up a rotating attendance system, whereby each Board Member would attend one CSFN meeting per year. The Board authorized Sauro to distribute a schedule and sign-up sheet for this purpose.

b. Annual Meeting Plans. Supervision David Chiu will be speaking at the BCNA Annual Meeting, and a presentation will be made by President Sauro on the accomplishments and future issues facing the Association. Details on meeting venue below.

c. Social Event Recognition. Parlette suggested that we use the newsletter to acknowledge proprietors who host BCNA Social Events, and the Board agreed. In addition, it was suggested that both Carnelian By The Bay in Ferry Plaza and Monroe’s on Broadway be considered for hosting Sunday Social Events.

7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Annual Meeting: Sunday June 26, 2011. 5A5 Steak Lounge 244 Jackson Street, 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

b. Board Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2011, 6 pm at Sauro Home

c. Sunday Social Event: August, 21, 2011, 4-6 pm @ Location TBD

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sauro

Acting Secretary

