

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

July 21, 2011

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

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: Steve Chen, Bob Harrer, Ranee Lan, Felix Rodriguez, Diana Taylor, and Carol Parlette.

Board members absent: Bill Benkavitch, Morton Beebe, Paul Renne, and Mary Lou Licwinko.

1. Quorum Call. When the meeting was called to order, there were seven Board members in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the May, 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 6,241.27. There was little new activity except for some income from new members and the costs of the Summer Newsletter. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.
4. Membership Update. President Sauro stated that 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, more than \$1,000 greater than any prior year.
5. Old Business.

a. 8 Washington DEIR and “Neighbors” Lawsuit. President Sauro reported on his testimony at the 7/21 Public Hearing before the Planning Commission regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed 8 Washington project. He said he stressed the following areas of the DEIR that were incomplete and inadequate. These included traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, water displacement and conflicts with the America’s Cup. Board members suggested that these remarks be reported upon in the next BCNA Record newsletter and perhaps a video copy of the testimony on the www.barbaryneighbors.org website. Sauro added that the pending lawsuit against the City and Port was delayed until the third week of September at the earliest, according to Coalition Counsel Susan Brandt-Hawley.

b. Playgrounds. Board Member Lan report on efforts to build a play structure in Sydney Walton Park and the only remaining issue appears to be liability insurance, which should be able to handled due to The Gateway’s typically large umbrella policy. Sauro also reported on efforts to build a playground in Justin Herman Plaza, and alternately, in Sue Bierman Park, a site suggested by Rec and Parks administrators. Both efforts will continue.

c. America’s Cup. Board Member Harrer reported on his reviews of both the People’s Plan and the DEIR that has been released for the America’s Cup event. Transportation issues are the No. 1 issue for the BCNA and Harrer has submitted written comments on the People’s Plan. Street closures, shuttle buses, increased F-Line service and extensions of bus routes are still under discussion. Board member Taylor suggested that the BCNA meet with America’s Cup leaders to develop a more personal relationship with the event organizers. It was also suggested that the BCNA hold a Forum on the America’s Cup once more specific details are formulated.

d. CSFN Meeting. Board member Lan reported on her attendance at this week’s Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods meeting, at which several resolutions were adopted. She outlined her voting decisions in an email sent to all Board members. The BCNA has established a rotating schedule of representation at the CSFN meetings, with each Board member attending once per year. Next meeting will be attended by Carol Parlette (August 16, 2011), followed by Paul Renne (Sept. 20, 2011.)

6. New Business.

a. Noise Pollution. President Sauro stated that it might be appropriate for the BCNA to lobby for replacement of noisy Italian Milan streetcars on the F-Line. Rodriguez stated that stereos in cars were also a problem, and Parlette stated that she believed motorcycle noise had diminished. The concept was tabled and will be considered again at future meetings.

b. Supervisor-Sponsored Ballot Measures. The Board discussed the policy of Supervisors putting measure on the ballot with no public discussion or vetting. Members felt it might be appropriate for the BCNA to go on the record opposing such efforts. The concept was tabled and will be considered again at future meetings.

7. Meeting Dates. The following dates were approved:

- a. Board Meeting: Thursday, Sept 8, 2011, 6 pm at Sauro Home
- b. Sunday Social Event: August, 21, 2011, 4-6 pm @ Monroe, 473 Broadway.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sauro

Acting Secretary