

**Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 21, 2012**

**640 Davis Street, Unit 13, San Francisco, CA 94111**

The meeting began at 6:00 pm and was called to order by President Sauro.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Sauro: David Albert, Morton Beebe, Bill Benkavitch, Jim Cunningham, Bob Harrer, Ranee Lan, Carol Parlette, Steven Chen, Diana Taylor.

Board members absent: Steve Chen, Mary Lou Licwinko.

Also in attendance: Jay Folberg, BCNA member.

The Board meeting began at 6:01 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Sauro.

1. Quorum Call. When the meeting was called to order, there were eight Board members in attendance.
2. Presentation by Vandana Bali, Director of Better Place. Ms Bali presented their proposal to install two Battery Switch Stations in San Francisco. One would be at SFO; the other at 721 Davis Street. At a Switch Station, the battery in an electric car is switched out, rather than recharged in the vehicle. The vehicle then leaves the Switch Station with a fully charged battery, and the battery left behind is recharged for future use. The initial phase will be for a San Francisco taxi. Phase 1 target completion is the 2nd quarter of 2013. A Phase 2 is planned with a target completion of 1st quarter of 2015. Phase 2 plans are for two additional Battery Switch Stations and 55 additional switchable battery cars. Better Place has programs ongoing in other countries including Israel and Denmark.

After Ms. Bali's presentation, the Board had a discussion with Ms. Bali and her team who accompanied her at the Board meeting. The Board thanked them for their presentation and looks forward to updates on how the project progresses.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the March 15, 2012 Board meeting were approved unanimously. These minutes had previously been emailed to Board members for comment.

4. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette presented the Accounts Summary as of May 2012. The current balance is \$8,876.82. The major expense has been the Newsletter. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.

5. Old Business.

a. New Board Member Suggestions. The Board continued its discussions about finding a replacement for President Sauro. President Sauro indicated that Jim Howell, the owner of Barrique at 461 Pacific Avenue had expressed some interest, and agreed to contact him again. David Albert agreed to look at possible candidates at 101 Lombard Street.

NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting President Sauro informed the Board that Jim Howell has agreed to be placed in nomination for a Board position.

b. Playground Effort. Ranee Lan updated the Board on the latest developments. Close to \$100 thousand has been raised to date, of the \$900 thousand needed. Ms. Lan stated that the Koret Foundation, and other Foundations are potential donors. Construction documentation should be finished by the end of June, followed by solicitation of bids.

More information is available at <http://www.waterfrontplayground.org/>

c. 8 Washington Status and Upcoming Dates. The Board discussed the May 15, 2012 Board of Supervisors vote approving both the EIR and CU by 8 - 3, and the upcoming meeting dates of the SF Port Commission and Board of Supervisors. It is possible that if the present meeting schedule is met, the project could go to the Mayor for signature

on June 19, 2012. President Sauro also stated there is a State Lands Commission vote scheduled for July 26, 2012. The Board also discussed the current and pending lawsuits.

d. Affordable housing on port non-trust property. Bob Harrer updated the Board on the progress of affordable housing on Seawall Lot 322-1 located at Front Street and Broadway. He said that the proposed project is going forward rapidly.

e. Teatro Zinzani. Jim Cunningham updated the Board about the Tuesday, May 22, 2012 neighborhood meeting with the Teatro Zinzani representatives. Teatro Zinzani is planning to relocate to Broadway and the Embarcadero.

f. BCNA Presidential Succession. Bob Harrer, Carol Parlette and Diana Taylor updated the Board on their efforts to replace the departing Bill Sauro after the BCNA Annual Meeting on June 10, 2012. Among the options under consideration are decentralizing and sharing responsibilities with Board members.

## 6. New Business.

a. Central Subway. The Board discussed whether to take a formal position concerning the proposed central subway line from the Caltrain Station at Fourth and Townsend Streets to Chinatown. The opposition and the supporters are trying to build strength, and BCNA has been asked for a position. The Board, after reviewing the issues, agreed to take no position at this time.

b. Privately Operated Underground Parking Garage Under Sidney Walton Park. President Sauro led a discussion about this proposed development. He had received this proposal from Baner Financial Interests, owner of 220 and 244 Jackson Street office buildings. President Sauro had sent the proposal to Board members via email. This topic was for discussion only and no action was taken.

## 7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2012. The Annual Meeting will be at Steven Chen's 5A5 Steak Lounge. Meeting begins at 4:00 pm. District Three Supervisor and Board President David Chiu is the guest speaker.

b. Board Meeting. The next Board meeting is proposed for Thursday July 19, 2012. Start time will be 6:00 pm. Location is to be determined.

c. Sunday Social Event. The next Social Event will be in August 2012. Time and location are to be determined. A volunteer is needed to arrange a venue for this event.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch

Secretary