

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
October 18, 2012
640 Davis Street, Unit 13, San Francisco, CA 94111
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The meeting began at 6:05 pm and was called to order by President David Albert.

Board members in attendance in addition to President Albert: Morton Beebe, Bill Benkavitch, Steve Chen, Jim Cunningham, Ranee Lan, Mary Lou Licwinko, Carol Parlette, Diana Taylor.

Board members absent: Bob Harrer, Jim Howell. Also absent: Bill Hannan, GGTA 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 July 23, 2012 Board meeting were approved unanimously.** These minutes had previously been emailed to Board members for comment.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** Carol Parlette had previously distributed the Treasurer's Report by email. She reported that the current balance is \$6,546.63. Dues for 2013 membership renewal will be coming in next month. Expenses are down due to electronic distribution of the Newsletter. **The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.**
- 4. Old Business.**
 - a. Status of 8 Washington.** No major news was reported as the success of the 'No Wall on the Waterfront' ballot effort has slowed progress on the development. The referendum is scheduled for the November 2013 San Francisco ballot. FOGG continues to pursue additional actions.
 - b. Sue Bierman Park Playground Effort.** Ranee Lan updated the Board on the latest developments. Close to \$200 thousand has been raised to date, of the \$900 thousand needed. An RFP will be issued shortly to five contractors which should give a more accurate cost of the project. The Board discussed other ideas for fundraising. A BCNA Brick for \$1000 was suggested.

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

- c. SWL 322-1 Affordable Housing Project (AB 2649).** The Bill has passed. Project planning is expected to start soon. The Board thanked Bob Harrer for following this project and keeping the Board informed.

d. Teatro ZinZanni. Jim Cunningham stated that there is not much new at the moment as Teatro ZinZanni is still in negotiation with the SF Port concerning relocation to the corner of Broadway and the Embarcadero. TZ is in Costa Mesa until the end of 2012. Jim expects additional information will be forthcoming and will keep the Board advised.

e. Americas Cup. The Board discussed the recently completed AC 34 trials. The consensus was that the event went pretty well from a crowd control perspective, even with Fleet Week and an SF Giants game all occurring over the same weekend.

f. BCNA Drop Box. Jim Howell has set up a Drop Box account (Cloud document storage) for BCNA. **President Albert will forward the information to the Board.** Jim also looked at a website host for BCNA. **President Albert will look into this with Jim.**

g. Community for San Francisco Neighborhoods. The Board had a brief discussion about continuing BCNA membership. This issue will be visited at a later meeting. **President Albert agreed he should be added to the CSFN Newsletter distribution.**

Follow Up: Subsequent to the Board meeting, Bill Benkavitch forwarded President Albert contact information for CSFN.

6. New Business.

a. Central Station Police Advisory Board. Steve Chen is the BCNA representative. He will attend the CSPAB meeting next week. He needs to get feedback on neighborhood issues. And, BCNA needs to formalize a channel for people to voice concerns. **Steve will contact Bill Sauro to put a note in the next BCNA Newsletter about this. Bill Hannan of the GGTA needs to be contacted about the deteriorating situation in Sidney Walton Park so he can bring it up with Gateway management and advise Steve.**

b. NEXT Village Request for Support. President Albert presented a handout about the organization and Diana Taylor gave a brief summary. The Board discussed future involvement with NEXT Village. It was agreed to have them make a presentation at the next BCNA Social and to add an article to the next BCNA Newsletter. **President Albert agreed to contact NEXT Village and to get a piece into the Newsletter.**

c. Sunday Social Event - Expand Scope. The Board agreed to expand the scope of the Sunday Social event to include presentations. The presentations need to be 'event appropriate' for a social environment. NEXT Village will be asked to be the first presenter at the next Sunday Social. See Item 6.b above. Other presentations were also discussed. **Carol Parlette agreed to contact John King of the SF Chronicle to ask if he would be willing to give a presentation at a future Sunday Social.**

d. Bill Sauro and the BCNA Newsletter. The Board voted unanimously to give Bill Sauro the formal title of BCNA Newsletter Managing Editor for his continuing involvement with this publication.

e. SF Port Press Restriction of Information Release. The Board discussed a recent email from Bill Sauro on this subject and agreed this is not good policy for a public organization with such an impact on the BCNA neighborhood. **Diana Taylor agreed to draft a letter to the SF Port for Board review stating BCNA concerns.**

7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. The next Board meeting is **Thursday, December 6, 2012. Start time is 6:00 pm. Location is President Albert's home at 101 Lombard Street 904W.** Directions will be provided separately.

b. Sunday Social Event. The next Sunday Social Event will be **December 2, 2012. President Albert will contact Tosca Café located at 242 Columbus Avenue and ask them to host the event.** Steve Chen offered his 5A5 Steak Lounge at 244 Jackson Street as the backup location.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch
Secretary