

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
December 13, 2012
101 Lombard Street, 904W, San Francisco, CA 94111
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The meeting began at 6:08 pm and was called to order by President David Albert.

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

Board members absent: Steve Chen, Mary Lou Licwinko.

Also in attendance: Bill Hannan, GGTA President.

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

2. Battery Club Presentation. Representatives from 'The Battery', located at 717 Battery Street made a presentation to the Board about their private Club which is planning to open by mid June 2013. The representatives addressed the legal, Club operations and project management aspects of the development. The Club will have a spa, gym, catering kitchen, wine cellar, restaurant and transient resident accommodations for Club members. 'The Battery' will be an exclusive, multipurpose establishment, not a night club. Membership will be by invitation from the Club membership board.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the October 18, 2012 Board meeting were approved unanimously. These minutes had previously been emailed to Board members for comment.

4. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette had previously distributed the Treasurer's Report by email. She reported that the current balance is \$7,983.40. Dues for 2013 membership renewal are coming in and there are no bills due. **A membership renewal reminder will be sent after Christmas. Ms. Parlette will provide a membership status at the next Board meeting. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.**

5. Old Business.

a. Status of 8 Washington. No major news was reported although behind the scenes action is ongoing.

b. Sue Bierman Park Playground Effort. Ranee Lan updated the Board on the latest developments. A SF Recreation and Parks grant for \$250 thousand could be approved

soon. About \$350 thousand has been raised to date of the \$900 thousand needed. PG&E, AutoDesk, Charles Schwab, Western Athletic Clubs could be major donors. A BCNA tile for \$1,000 was discussed. It was agreed that the Board members would be asked if each would support making a contribution to the BCNA tile. **President Albert will email Board members asking for their position.**

c. Teatro ZinZanni. Jim Cunningham stated that in a recent discussion with Susan Outlaw of TZ, there is no news from the SF Port. Bob Harrer stated that at the NEWAG meeting he attended, there are still uncertainties.

d. Americas Cup. President Albert reported that is unclear as to the number of participants. There may be only three at the present. Infrastructure work continues.

e. Central Station Police Advisory Board. There was no new information reported. Steve Chen is the BCNA representative.

f. Sydney Walton Square Homeless Situation. GGTA President Bill Hannan updated the Board on a recent meeting he had with Gateway manager Clay Tominaga about BCNA's observations of increased bad behavior by homeless persons. Mr. Tominaga agreed that there has been an increase, which he attributes to the recent return - in smaller numbers - of the Occupy SF group, attracted by food and beverages at Safeway. Gateway security continues to patrol the square and "move" people. Clay expressed some dissatisfaction at what he perceives as a soft-on-shoplifting policy made at Safeway's corporate headquarters. SFPD has been contacted to send a patrol car when conditions are bad. There has been no decrease in Gateway security staff, and recent hires are of larger and younger security guards.

g. Sunday Social Event - Did NEXT Village presentation work? The Board discussed how the last Sunday Social went. The NEXT Village is an interesting concept and the Board appreciated their attending. The Board also agreed that presentations at future social events are a good idea to continue. See Item 7.b comments.

h. BCNA Playground Contribution. See Item 5.b comments.

6. New Business.

a. BCNA Non-Profit Status. The Board discussed the need to change the organization's charter as suggested by former President Bill Sauro. **The Board agreed unanimously to approve the new articles. President Albert will contact Mr. Sauro and confirm that Bill will process the documents.**

b. Port/BCDC Working Group. Bob Harrer has been accepted as the BCNA representative on the Working Group. He updated the Board on the history of the requirement for the Working Group, which will focus on the waterside of the Embarcadero. The initial meeting is in early January.

c. CSFN Christmas Party. The Board discussed having a representative attend the party on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. No Board member is available. **President Albert will contact CSFN and advise that BCNA cannot attend this year.**

d. Ferry Building Parking Lot Development. The Board discussed having a presentation on this multipurpose proposed development of the parking lot behind the Ferry Building. It was suggested that this presentation could be at a Board meeting or at an upcoming Sunday Social Event. **President Albert agreed to contact the developer's representative, Sam Lauter and give him the option on which venue to do the presentation.**

7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. The proposed date of January 17, 2013 presents scheduling conflicts for some Board members. January 31, 2013 was suggested as an alternative date. **President Albert will contact Board members to determine if January 31st is a good meeting date.**

b. Sunday Social Event. The next Sunday Social Event will be **February 10, 2013.** The location is to be determined. **SF Chronicle reporter John King has agreed to do a presentation. Carol Parlette will contact Mr. King and ask what his audio/visual needs are. The location for the Sunday Social will be set once the presentation needs have been determined.**

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch
Secretary