

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 31, 2013
Ferry Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, San Francisco, CA 94111
3rd DRAFT

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: Bill Benkavitch, Steve Chen, Jim Cunningham, Bob Harrer, Ranee Lan, Carol Parlette.

Board members absent: Morton Beebe, Jim Howell, Mary Lou Licwinko, Diana Taylor.

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. Ferry Building Back Plaza Activation. Jane Connor from Equity Office and consultant Sam Lauter presented the Board with their plan to activate the back plaza at the Ferry Building. The vision is to create a multipurpose public gateway, with different roles throughout the day. This would be accomplished by simple improvements such as movable chairs and furniture. The proposal would be for 18-24 months and could include outdoor movies, and a night market. Up to 60 parking spaces would be provided. Next steps are to present the plan to the SF Port and BCDC. June 2013 is the proposed start date to implement the proposal. Ms. Connor and Mr. Lauter then answered several questions from the Board.

The Board thanked Ms. Connor and Mr. Lauter for their presentation. After their departure, the Board continued a discussion on the proposal. **The Board agreed to support the proposal provided that it is visually appealing and that regular updates on how it progresses are provided.**

3. Approval of Minutes. **The minutes from the December 13, 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 \$9,047.02. She stated that BCNA is lower on both income and expenses than budgeted and that membership renewal is about the same as previous years. She also presented and asked for adoption of the 2013 budget. **The 2013 budget was approved unanimously. The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.**

5. Old Business.

a. Status of 8 Washington. The Board had a brief discussion concerning proposed legislation to allow infrastructure work to proceed. As no details are available, the Board will continue to monitor this.

b. Sue Bierman Park Waterfront Playground Effort. Ranee Lan updated the Board on the latest developments. About \$625 thousand has been raised to date of the \$900 thousand needed. A SF Recreation and Parks grant for \$200 thousand has been approved. Western Athletic Clubs and Zynga could be additional donors. **The BCNA Board has contributed \$1,000 for a tile.**

c. Teatro ZinZanni. Jim Cunningham stated that in a recent discussion with Susan Outlaw of TZ, their time in southern California will end in two weeks. TZ and the SF Port are still negotiating.

d. Americas Cup. President Albert and Bob Harrer reported that Pier 27-29 will be an entertainment venue with up to 20 events. The entertainment could start as early as May and run through mid-October.

e. Central Station Police Advisory Board. Steve Chen reported on his ongoing involvement with this Board. They could be meeting every week up to 4 hours, instead of monthly or every other month. The main problems are around the Broadway corridor. Steve is concerned about the time commitment requirement of the meetings. A better option, he feels, is to communicate directly with the police officer on the Board to present BCNA issues. **The Board agreed with Steve's assessment, and to monitor future progress.**

f. Sunday Social Event. The next Sunday Social Event is March 3, 2013. John King from the SF Chronicle will be the presenter. **Carol Parlette will contact John King to confirm his attendance.** A location has not yet been finalized. **President Albert will contact the Monroe Lounge at 475 Broadway about hosting the event. Steve Chen offered his 5A5 Steak Lounge as an alternative.**

g. Port/BCDC Working Group. Bob Harrer updated the Board; he attended the kickoff meeting in early January, and had previously sent a report to the Board. Three main issues discussed were: 1) Open water basin at Pier 31, which is not usable now; 2) Pier 27-29, what attraction should be at the end of it; 3) Public access and the proposed Warriors Arena at Pier 30-32. Bob stated that the next meeting of this Port/BCDC Working Group is March 1, 2013.

6. New Business.

a. BCNA Issues for 2013. The Board discussed the many issues that are ongoing in San Francisco and which ones will have an impact in the BCNA neighborhood. Bob Harrer compiled a list of 20 potential issues and provided a methodology for prioritizing them. The Board voted on these issues. The top three are: 1) Port/BCDC Planning Study (Pier 31 removal) & Working with the Port on Public Access Issues, Policies; 2)

Playground Project on Waterfront (Sue Bierman Park); 3) 8 Washington luxury high-rise condominium proposed development. **Bob will provide a draft report on the BCNA Issues for 2013 to Bill Sauro for inclusion in the Winter BCNA Newsletter.**

b. Community Benefits District for Broadway Corridor. President Albert and Jim Cunningham reported to the Board on the recent meeting they both attended. There was much debate whether the community wants to create this. An assessment of up to \$7 thousand per landowner would be required to pay for it. Security is the main issue for many. Some owners feel that they are already paying taxes for City services and question the need to pay for more.

7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. The next Board meeting is Thursday, March 21, 2013. The location is to be determined.

b. Sunday Social Event. The next Sunday Social Event is March 3, 2013. The location is to be determined. SF Chronicle reporter John King has agreed to do a presentation. See Agenda Item 5.f.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch
Secretary