

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2013
101 Lombard Street, 904W, 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, Jim Cunningham, Bob Harrer, Carol Parlette, Diana Taylor.

Board members absent: Steve Chen, Jim Howell, Mary Lou Licwinko, Rane Lan.

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. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the January 31, 2013 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 \$8,862.47. She stated she will check with Bill Sauro when the balance is problematic for non-profit status. She also said there are some challenges with the non-profit status due to state rule changes that occurred after January 1, 2013. Bill Sauro is pursuing this issue. Carol will provide an update when available. **The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.**

4. Old Business.

a. Status of 8 Washington. The Board had a brief discussion concerning the 8 Washington Street proposed luxury high-rise condominium project. Bill Benkavitch reported on the CSFN resolution that was passed at their recent meeting. The resolution opposes the Measure for the November 2013 San Francisco Ballot which, if not defeated would eliminate the long-standing height and density restrictions and thus permit this project to proceed. **Bill Benkavitch will forward to the Board the CSFN March Meeting email.**

Jim Cunningham reported on a recent SF DPW hearing concerning a request by the developer to start infrastructure work on the project. Jim stated that regardless of what DPW decides, the SF Port has said no action will take place until after the election. Jim further reported on a SF PUC hearing about the sewer works for the project and design issues associated with it. He stated that the developer, Simon Snellgrove will not prepare more information about the project until after the election. Lastly, Jim stated

that Western Athletic Clubs has negotiated a 20 lease with the owner of the GGT&SC to manage the Club whether or not the 8 Washington development proceeds. Club improvements are planned for this year including the exterior fence.

Bill Hannan reported on an online survey he had taken. The survey was trying different ideas to change a voter's position on the project.

b. Sue Bierman Park Waterfront Playground Effort. President Albert updated the Board on the latest developments. Fundraising efforts are nearing completion. Playground equipment has been ordered. Construction is scheduled to begin on April 29, 2013. Playground opening is scheduled for late June 2013.

c. Teatro ZinZanni. Jim Cunningham stated that his contact at TZ, Susan Outlaw, is no longer working for them. In the future he will be in contact with Annie Jamison, a Vice President of TZ, who has currently relocated to Seattle. Jim believes that TZ has been held up the SF Port due to work on other projects and that nothing new is happening.

d. Americas Cup. President Albert and Bob Harrer reported that residents are concerned about the Pier 27-29 amphitheater becoming an entertainment venue. The number of seats could increase from 4,000 to 9,000. The number of events could increase from 20 to 40. The entertainment will start in late May and run through mid-October. A number of meetings are planned with neighbors and event organizers. BCNA and THD are cohosting a meeting on March 21, 2013 at the new Cruise Ship Terminal. **Bob Harrer will represent BCNA.** On April 2, 2013, the SF Entertainment Commission will hold a hearing for the permit at the site.

In early April, the SFMTA will have a meeting at 101 Lombard Street. Details of the Peoples Plan will be presented. **Bob Harrer and Morton Beebe will represent BCNA.**

President Albert reported that there are now 4 teams entered and that the race course has been changed.

e. Central Station Police Advisory Board. President Albert reported that there has been no recent activity. The Board recounted Steve Chen's assessment as reported at the last Board meeting. The Board supports Steve's position to communicate directly with the police officer on the Board to present BCNA issues.

f. Sunday Social Event - Discussion of the March 3rd Social. President Albert led a discussion about the event. Sixty people signed in, and as many as 70-75 attended. Although there were some issues with the presentation, such as loss of the microphone before the question and answer period, the Board agreed to continue with the guest speaker initiative at the Sunday Social Event. **The next Sunday Social date has not been set. President Albert will look at mid-May into early June to combine the Social with the BCNA Annual Meeting. Location would be the Cruise Ship**

Terminal. Morton Beebe will organize the event there. President Albert will contact Supervisor David Chiu and ask him to speak at the Social/Meeting.

g. Port/BCDC Working Group. Bob Harrer updated the Board, having attended a recent meeting. Mostly background information was presented. Further meetings are planned for April and May. Plans are to be presented to the Working Group and a Progress Report issued in mid-June. No material has been circulated to the Group.

5. New Business.

aa. Citidexsf. President Albert reported to the Board about this new distribution list. Citidexsf is part of a growing suite of online resources committed to making San Francisco neighborhoods better connected to each other and to the City's government agencies. **President Albert will register BCNA on Citydexsf.**

a. BCNA Issues for 2013. The Board discussed the top eight issues by vote from the January 2013 Board meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to look for areas to be more proactive in supporting them. The issues are, in order of votes received, and, comments from the discussion:

1. Playground Project on Waterfront (Sue Bierman Park). (See Agenda Item 4.b)
BCNA could sponsor an event at the Park; also make kids more aware of its opening.
2. Port/BCDC Planning Study (Pier 31 Removal) & Working with the Port on public access issues, policies. Bob Harrer stated that this issue has not firmed up yet. He is an advocate for removal. The Board agreed that removal is the best option. Bob will follow and report to the Board next month.
3. 8 Washington Luxury Condominium Project. The Board agreed that members can be individually more active and this issue will continue to be brought up at the Sunday Socials. (See Agenda Item 4.a)
4. Congestion Toll Legislation. Bob Harrer has signed up for the SF Traffic Commission emails. He said that no meetings have been set yet. This issue is still in their long term plan. The Board agreed that neighborhood residents should be exempt from any tolls.
5. Public Safety and Homeless, especially along Broadway Corridor. No comments on this issue. It will be addressed an ongoing part of the CSPAB. (See Agenda Item 4.e)
6. Teatro ZinZani Relocation. See previous comments. (Agenda Item 4.c)
7. Warriors Arena Project Impacts. The District 3 Democratic Club (D3DC) upcoming meeting will provide a forum for more information on this issue.
8. America's Cup. Several Board members are actively monitoring this issue. (See Agenda Item 4.d)

b. Participatory Budgeting Sidewalk Vote. The Board discussed this Pilot Program initiative by District 3 Supervisor David Chiu. If successful, it can be incorporated into the next budget session and applied to the other City Districts. The vote date in the immediate BCNA neighborhood is Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the Safeway located on the corner on Jackson and Davis Streets. Time is 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **President Albert will forward the email from Supervisor Chiu's office about this initiative to all BCNA members.**

c. Membership Renewal Status. President Albert gave the Board an updated status of 2013 renewals. Thirty-three members have not yet renewed. **President Albert will send the Board these names to determine if a Board member knows any of these non-renewal people.** The Board member would then contact this person and ask him/her if they'd like to renew. **President Albert will send a reminder email to these people as well. Finally, he will review the sign-in sheet from the March Sunday Social for email addresses and ask these people about joining BCNA.**

7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. The next Board meeting date and location is to be determined. **President Albert will contact Board with suggested dates. Probable date is Thursday, May 30, 2013.** Thursday, May 23rd and Wednesday May 29th are also possible. Location is to be determined.

b. Sunday Social Event. As stated in Agenda Item 4.f, the next Sunday Social date has not been set. **President Albert will look at mid-May into early June to combine the Social with the BCNA Annual Meeting. Location would be the Cruise Ship Terminal. Morton Beebe will organize the event there. President Albert will contact Supervisor David Chiu and ask him to speak at the Social/Meeting.**

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch
Secretary