

**Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

August 13, 2013

640 Davis #28, San Francisco, CA 94111

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The meeting began at 6:05 pm and was called to order by President Bob Harrer.

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

Board members absent: David Albert.

Also in attendance: Bill Hannan, GGTA President; Geri Koeppel, neighbor and possible new Board Member.

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

2. Approval of Minutes. **The minutes from the June 17, 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 over \$8 thousand. It has been relatively quiet during this summer period. **The Board adopted the Treasurer's Report unanimously.**

4. New Business.

a. Proposed Marijuana Dispensary at 212 California Street. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, August 19, 2013. Meeting is being hosted by Perbacco Restaurant, 230 California Street. **Geri Koeppel agreed to attend.**

b. The Gateway Security Issues. GGTA President Bill Hannan reported on ongoing security issues. His report covered Safeway, townhome break-ins, plaza access. Bill is scheduling a meeting with Gateway general manager Clay Tominaga for an update on what is being proposed from a security consultant's study. BCNA plans to set up an informal meeting with Supervisor David Chiu to discuss security in the neighborhood. **Diana Taylor agreed to do an introduction between Supervisor Chiu and BCNA President Harrer.**

5. Old Business

a. Website maintenance. President Harrer reported that nobody is actively working on the website. Former BCNA President Bill Sauro has been doing some updates. **Geri Koepfel agreed to follow up with Bill Sauro.**

b. Port-BCDC Working Group. President Harrer updated the Board on recent activity. At the last meeting the proposal to activate the area behind the Ferry Building was discussed. (BCNA has previously supported a trial of this proposal.) The parking part of the proposal was not well received. Bob said that the feeling in the room for the proposal was 50-50. It will be discussed at the next meeting. There is also some change coming in the Open Water Basin area. The location is still in process. **Morton Beebe agreed to attend the tentatively scheduled September meeting.** Carol Parlette and Diana Taylor may also attend, depending on the schedule.

c. 8 Washington Street. Bill Benkavitch and Bill Hannan reported on the activity leading to the November 5, 2013 San Francisco election. There are two competing ballot measures. Proposition B (developer's) and Proposition C (NO WALL). Both ask for approval from the voters for a 'spot zoning' height increase. The deadline to submit a ballot argument is Monday, August 19, 2013. Both Bill Benkavitch and Bill Hannan have written a ballot argument against Proposition B. On Wednesday, August 16, 2013, the SF Democratic County Central Committee will vote on whether to endorse Proposition B. The DCCC had previously voted NO to endorsing Proposition C.

Addendum: The DCCC voted NO to endorsing Proposition B at the August 16, 2013 meeting.

d. Congestion Pricing. The Board agreed that the presentation by the SFCTA at the August 4, 2013 social went well. Also, the BCNA Record Summer edition article summarized the issue. No additional action is needed at this time.

e. Warriors Arena. No additional information was presented. Hosting a forum with both the YES and NO side was discussed, but is not going to be planned at this time. The EIR is due in January, 2014.

f. Sue Bierman Park Playground. The Playground is done, and a great success. It is well used every day and a bonus for the neighborhood. It activates the rest of the Park. **Morton Beebe agreed to talk with Levi Plaza representatives about the concept of putting a playground in that park.**

g. Teatro ZinZanni. Jim Cunningham stated that there is no new information to report.

h. America's Cup (Concerts). Bob Harrer stated that things are going pretty well and there are minimal issues with traffic and security.

i. Central Station Police Advisory Board. The relationship with the Central Station Police Advisory Board and BCNA needs to be reestablished. At present, there is no BCNA representation at the CSPAB.

j. The Gateway Report. Bill Hannan stated that the ongoing security has been discussed earlier in the Board meeting. (Agenda Item 4.b) He also stated the GGTA has submitted a ballot argument against Proposition B. (Agenda Item 5.c)

k. BCNA Non-Profit Status. Mary Lou Licwinko presented to the Board a revised Restated Articles of Incorporation. **The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Articles. Mary Lou will file them with the state.**

6. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. The next Board meeting date is Thursday, October 24, 2013. Location is to be determined. Diana Taylor offered to host the meeting.

b. Sunday Social Event. The Holiday Social is still under review by Carol Parlette and Mary Lou Licwinko. **Morton Beebe agreed to contact the Waiheke Island Yacht Club as a possible venue for the event.**

Ranee Lan and Diana Taylor will look into a 'pop-up' Social in late September/early October. The location would be at the new Sue Bierman Park Children's Playground.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Executive Session. The Board held an executive session after the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch
Secretary