

**Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
January 29, 2014  
405 Davis Court #1004, San Francisco, CA 94111

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: David Albert, Morton Beebe, Bill Benkavitch, Jim Cunningham, Geri Koeppel, Kathleen James, Carol Parlette, Diana Taylor.

Board members absent: Mary Lou Licwinko, Rane Lan.

Also in attendance: Bill Hannan, GGTA President.

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

**2. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the December 5, 2013 Board meeting were approved unanimously and posted previously on the BCNA website. The new approval process will continue.

**3. Treasurer's Report.** Carol Parlette reported that the account balance is \$9,413.40. The current budget cycle will be maintained. She presented a 2014 Budget. The Newsletter mailing and printing costs have been significantly reduced. It was decided this year's budget will include a contingency line item of \$1,150. **The Board adopted the Budget, as amended, unanimously. Carol agreed to provide documentation on non-profit filing procedures.**

**4. New Business.**

**a. June Osterberg's Thanks.** President Harrer stated that June appreciated the extra money that several Board members provided and acknowledged the recognition for her contributions to the BCNA Record. Bob passed around a 'thank you' note received from June. Her hand written note was warm and endearing.

**b. Newsletter Transition.** Board member Geri Koeppel has taken ownership of the Barbary Coast News website from Connie Hazel. (The Barbary Coast News was not previously a for-profit enterprise. It is now registered as a business and is planned to operate for profit.) Former BCNA President Bill Sauro, who had been managing the BCNA Record quarterly newsletter, will soon have no further ties to the neighborhood. The two publications will be merged. The BCNA Record will cease. Instead, BCNA stories will become a component of the redesigned Barbary Coast News website. June Osterberg will continue to write stories for BCNA. Geri Koeppel plans to complete the transition by mid-February.

Transition items were discussed, including email and printed versions of the newsletter.

**Bill Hannan will review how the BCNA stories will be provided to Gateway residents who do not have internet access.** An additional BCNA news page or section in the GGTA quarterly Newsletter is seen as a good approach.

**Bob Harrer will jointly draft a letter with Geri Koeppel to BCNA members advising them of the transition.** For BCNA members who have not previously provided an email address, they would be asked to do so.

Further transition details will be addressed as the transition unfolds.

**c. Sue Bierman Park; Lighting, Homeless.** Bill Hannan will start the process for more lighting for Sue Bierman Park - Block 202. He will contact Supervisor David Chiu and the SF Recreation & Parks Department. He will also present this at the GGTA Annual Meeting on February 15, 2014. BCNA supports this effort on lighting improvements.

**d. Membership.** David Albert and Carol Parlette have been working on keeping the membership database current. The intent is to grow the membership and to review and follow up on non-renewals and social event sign-ups. Further, acknowledgement and support of the local business members, and recognizing members who donate more than the membership amount, was viewed as a positive action. Writing articles in the Newsletter about what BCNA does for members was viewed as a strong suggestion. Establishing a Membership Chairperson was also viewed as a good approach. **David Albert, Carol Parlette and Kathleen James agree to work on this Membership issue.**

**e. Waterfront Height Initiative.** The Board discussed the Initiative currently being circulated by the NO WALL COMMITTEE. This Initiative, if enough signatures are gathered, would be on the June, 2014 San Francisco ballot. The voters would be asked to approve any height increases along the waterfront that exceed the current height limits that were in place January 1, 2014. The Board decided to not take a position on this Initiative at this time.

## **5. Old Business**

**a. Proposed Affordable Housing Project (Broadway & Front).** President Harrer updated the Board on a recent meeting with Supervisor David Chiu. Bob also stated that neighborhood representatives had a cordial meeting with the SF Port and MOH and the agencies appear willing to work with the neighborhood representatives. Bob presented the latest draft letter to be sent to the SF Port and the SF Mayor's office. This letter is a joint effort of BCNA, THD and SoTel Neighbors. **The Board unanimously approved this letter, with two revisions. Bob Harrer will make these changes and process the letter forward.**

1. Item 5 a, delete sentences 2 and 3 "Supervisor Chiu expressed ..... Moderate income housing."

2. Item 5 d, replace "is enacted" with "is considered"

**b. 8 Washington: Now What?** Bill Hannan reported that the land option held by San Francisco Waterfront Partners ends at the end of February 2014. San Francisco Superior Court on January 21, 2014 issued an order finding statutory exemption for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for exchange agreement involving Sea Wall Lot 351 (SWL 351) not applicable.

**c. Port-BCDC Working Group.** President Harrer updated the Board on recent events. He will be attending the January 30, 2014 meeting; Fisherman's Wharf issues have been addressed. Plans are to finalize the draft report in February. He will update the Board on the next step in the process.

**d. Congestion Pricing.** President Harrer stated that there is nothing new to report. It may be a few years before this initiative is considered in the BCNA neighborhood. Kathleen James stated that Treasure Island would be a pilot study area.

**e. Warriors Arena Project.** There was no update on the Warriors Arena Project.

**f. Teatro ZinZanni.** Jim Cunningham reported that TZ is still planning to return to San Francisco in late spring. The SoTel Neighbors are supportive of TZ. Jim further stated that there has not been much SF Port discussion. BCNA will not take a position on the TZ return at this time.

**g. Central Station Police Advisory Board.** There was no update on the CSPAB.

**h. The Gateway Report.** Bill Hannan stated that the GGTA Annual Meeting and Board Meeting will be on Saturday, February 15, 2014.

**6. 2014 Planning.** President Harrer distributed to the Board a list of potential issues for 2014. Each Board member had six votes to be used in any way decided for the nineteen issues listed. **Bob would tally the votes and report the results to the Board.**

**Addendum.** Subsequent to the meeting, Bob reported back to the Board. The top three issues are: 1) Affordable Housing on SWL 322-1; 2) Development along Embarcadero, AND Study; 3) Future of 8 Washington; 4) Public Safety & Homeless. NOTE: Item 3 and 4 were a tie, each receiving the same number of votes.

**7. Approve Next Meeting Dates.**

**a. Board Meeting.** The next Board meeting date is Monday, March 3, 2014.  
Location is to be determined.

**b. Sunday Social Event.** Diana Taylor stated that she has both an event and a place for the next Sunday Social. **She has arranged for a guided walking tour of the BCNA neighborhood. Following the walking tour, the social will convene at Barrique, located at 461 Pacific Avenue. Sunday, March 16, 2014 is the tentative date.** Time is to be determined.

**7. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch  
Secretary