

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 1, 2014
101 Lombard Street #904W, San Francisco, CA 94111

The meeting began at 6:07 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, Mary Lou Licwinko, Carol Parlette, Diana Taylor.

Board members absent: Kathleen James, Geri Koeppel, Rane Lan; Bill Hannan, GGTA president.

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

2. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette presented the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and a revised Budget Summary Report dated 4/1/14. She reported that the account balance is \$9,500.40. The major expense incurred was for the Newsletter Editorial. The Net Inflows/Outflows will be amended to show a balanced budget. **The Board approved the Treasurer's Report unanimously.**

3. Approval of Minutes. The Board discussed whether to record the number of 'yes' and 'no' votes on any item presented for a Board vote. **The Board voted to record only whether the vote was a 'yes' or a 'no' vote. Further, the Board voted that if a Board member wanted to have his/her vote recorded in the minutes, it would be. The minutes from the March 3, 2014 minutes were revised accordingly and were subsequently approved.**

4. New Business.

a. Proposed Affordable Housing Project (Broadway & Front). President Harrer gave the Board a recap of the recent SF Port Commission meeting. The Port/MOH MOU was approved 4 - 0 by the Commission. The joint neighborhood letter concerns were largely ignored.

a.1). The Board discussed the selection of a representative for the working group on the housing project. The RFP review process is still evolving and the skills for a representative are not yet defined. The Board felt it would be prudent to have candidates available. President Harrer stated that GGTA President Bill Hannan is interested in being a representative. Diana Taylor stated that GG Commons resident Solomon Pan would also be interested in being a representative. **Diana agreed to contact Mr. Pan. President Harrer further agreed to contact Jon Golinger to ask if THD has a representative candidate as well.**

a.2). The Board discussed whether to have a BCNA general membership meeting about the housing project. It was agreed that there would be no member meeting at this time. This project could be included in the BCNA annual meeting in June.

b. Annual Meeting: Designate Planners to Make Arrangements. The Board reviewed options for both the date and location for the Annual meeting. Sunday, June 8th and Thursday, June 12th are both under consideration. President Harrer reported that Steve Chen's 5A5 Steak Lounge is not available due to regulation changes. The first consideration is Sunday, June 8th. **David Albert agreed to contact ROKA, located at the corner of Jackson and Montgomery and ask them to host the meeting.** The second consideration is Thursday, June 12th. **Diana Taylor agreed to contact the SF Port and ask if the Pier 1 Conference Room is available. She would do so if ROKA were not available.**

The Board discussed arranging a guest speaker for the meeting. SF Port Executive Director Monique Moyer and District Three Supervisor David Chiu are both considered good choices. After a date and location for the meeting has been established, the guest speakers will be contacted to determine if either or both would be available. **President Harrer would coordinate getting the guest speaker.**

c. Participatory Budgeting: Sue Bierman Park Lighting. Lighting in the Park has been proposed. An April 12, 2014 follow-up meeting has been scheduled.

d. Donation to FOGG Kids Camp Scholarship Program. Bill Benkavitch presented the history of this Scholarship Program. The Program enables kids from low income housing to attend this Program. The Program offers swim and tennis lessons, arts and crafts, a variety of games, rest time and lunch. For every two kids funded by these donations, Bay Club at the Gateway will fund another one. Cost for a Scholarship is \$500 per child. There is a waiting list of kids wanting to attend. **The Board voted to make a contribution to the Program. The Board also agreed to email BCNA members about donating to the Program. President Harrer agreed to contact FOGG Chair Lee Radner for information to include in the BCNA email.**

e. Honorary Membership. **The Board agreed to establish two Honorary Memberships at the June 2014 annual meeting.** These Honorary Memberships are for two people who have, and continue to make, exemplary contributions to BCNA. Names will be announced at the annual meeting.

f. Priority Issues: How Do We Address? David Albert opened a discussion on the Board's priority issues established at a previous meeting. David believes that BCNA should be proactive and present a positive position rather than oppose emerging changes to the neighborhood. He mentioned the ongoing affordable housing project as an example. The Board agreed that it has acted on its top priorities and will continue to look for positive actions to work on and support in the neighborhood.

5. Old Business

a. 8 Washington and Waterfront Initiative: Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

b. Membership. President Harrer thanked Kathleen James for her ideas presented in her recent email. **He will forward her email to the Board. Kathleen will work with both Carol Parlette and David Albert on this issue.**

c. Newsletter Transition. Geri Koeppel been monitoring BCNA emails received on the new Barbary Coast News website. She is not available to continue this responsibility. **Mary Lou Lickwinko has agreed to monitor these emails in April. Jim Cunningham has agreed to monitor these emails in May.**

d. Port-BCDC Working Group. Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

e. Warriors Arena Project (Congestion Pricing). President Harrer updated the Board on a recent meeting he attended with the Citizens Advisory Committee. There will be more discussion at an April 30, 2014 meeting and that BCNA needs to be alert and monitor any proposals and actions.

f. Possible Sponsor of Candidates' Night. Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

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

h. The Gateway Report. The GGTA Report was deferred to a future meeting.

6. Approve Next Meeting Dates.

a. Board Meeting. President Harrer presented several dates for consideration. **He will advise the Board of the next date, based on emerging needs.**

NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting, the Board agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday, May 7, 2014. Diana Taylor has agreed to host the meeting, which will begin at 6:00 pm.

c. Annual Meeting Plans. The annual meeting will be either Sunday, June 8, 2014 or Thursday, June 12, 2014. See Item 4.b of these minutes. Date, location and speaker have not yet been arranged. Annual election of a new Board will occur at the meeting. **President Harrer will contact current Board members and ask them if they want to continue as Board members for another year.**

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch
Secretary