

**Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting**

June 8, 2014

Roka Akor, 801 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94133
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The meeting began at 4:50 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, Kathleen James, Geri Koeppel, Mary Lou Licwinko, Carol Parlette, Diana Taylor, Bill Hannan - GGTA President.

Board members who were absent: David Albert, Ranee Lan.

Also absent: Adam Bergman, Board Candidate.

1. Welcome from the President. When the meeting was called to order, there were eight Board members in attendance.

President Harrer welcomed the attendees. He thanked Roka Akor for hosting the meeting at their restaurant. He gave the attendees a summary of what to expect at the Annual Meeting. He had previously distributed copies of the BCNA accomplishments for the past year, and the draft minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting.

2. Board Election – By Acclamation.

President Harrer addressed the membership about the election of the new Board. There are 11 candidates for the 11 Board positions. He then introduced each candidate.

The Candidates are: David Albert, Morton Beebe, Adam Bergman, Jim Cunningham, Bob Harrer, Kathleen James, Geri Koeppel, Ranee Lan, Mary Lou Licwinko, Carol Parlette, Diana Taylor.

A motion was raised and seconded to accept by Acclamation all eleven candidates.
The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes. President Harrer thanked outgoing BCNA Secretary Bill Benkavitch for his years as Secretary. President Harrer also said that Bill will continue to represent BCNA as the delegate to the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN). The minutes of the June 3, 2013 Annual Meeting were **approved unanimously.**

4. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette presented a summary report. She reported that finances are in excellent shape with \$8184.84 in the account. **The Treasurers Report was approved unanimously.**

5. Special Recognition - June Osterberg. President Harrer told the attendees about the contributions that June has made to BCNA since its founding. Her writings in the BCNA Newsletter about the Northeast Waterfront have been, and continue to be, well researched and beautifully composed. **In recognition of her work, President Harrer presented June with a Lifetime Honorary BCNA Membership.**

6. Special Recognition - Bill Sauro. President Harrer told the attendees about the contributions that past President Sauro has made in behalf of BCNA. Bill's tireless amount of effort in shaping the organization has been exemplary. **In recognition of his work, President Harrer presented Bill with a Lifetime Honorary BCNA Membership.**

7. Special Guest: District 3 Supervisor and Board President, David Chiu. President Harrer introduced Supervisor Chiu. Bob congratulated him on his June Primary victory for the California Assembly. Supervisor Chiu addressed the membership. He thanked the attendees for coming and thanked BCNA for all the work it has done in the neighborhood. He said it helps him with his job in understanding the concerns in the neighborhood. He then talked about several issues that he is working on.

Affordable Housing Crisis: He has legislation being drafted to legalize in-law units. He is also working on the Ellis Act evictions problem.

Airbnb: He said that there are over 100 thousand occurrences of these types of short-term rentals in San Francisco. He is working on legislation to ban some of these rentals based on length of stay, and, the need to register those who offer these rentals.

Ethics Reform: He is working on legislation for more transparency on who is trying to influence City Hall, such as developers and permit expeditors.

Dig Once Policy: He wants to require that when city streets are being dug up, all public agencies and private companies that have underground assets will be contacted and asked to schedule work in a coordinated manner.

City Budget: June is budget month. This is the largest ever - over \$8 billion. It is also the healthiest.

Mentally Ill on the Streets: He is working on legislation to forcibly take people off the street without their permission. There is considerable resistance to this proposal.

Supervisor Chiu then took questions from the meeting attendees. Following are the question topics and responses.

8 Washington site, reducing existing height limits: Supervisor Chiu will schedule a meeting soon with FOGG Chair Lee Radner.

Contacting Supervisor Chiu: Supervisor Chiu says he gets between 500 - 600 emails every day. The best way to contact him is email - david.chiu@sfgov.org. The email subject line should be clear about the issue or concern so that the email does not go into spam.

Automobile Congestion - Muni: Supervisor Chiu said congestion is reaching the levels of Los Angeles. A balance between cars and public transport needs to be found. Services like Zip Car and City Car Share help as each car used from these types of services takes 7 to 10 cars off the streets.

Use of Cruise Ship Terminal on Non-Cruise Ship Days: Supervisor Chiu acknowledged there is a neighborhood concern about what types of events will be allowed by the SF Port. He is having an ongoing conversation with the Port.

President Harrer thanked Supervisor Chiu for his comments, and his responses to attendee's questions.

8. Recognition of Meeting Attendees. President Harrer recognized two meeting attendees for their ongoing work in the neighborhood; Jon Golinger of Telegraph Hill Dwellers (THD) and Lee Radner of Friends of Golden Gateway (FOGG).

9. Adjournment. President Harrer closed the Annual Meeting and thanked the attendees for coming. He said he looks forward to the coming year with BCNA.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Benkavitch
Secretary