

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2014
101 Lombard Street, #904W, San Francisco, CA 94111

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

Board members in attendance: David Albert, Morton Beebe, Adam Bergman, Jim Cunningham, Bob Harrer, Geri Koeppel, Mary Lou Licwinko, Carol Parlette, and Diana Taylor.

Board members absent: Kathleen James and Ranee Lan.

Also in attendance: Bill Hannan, GGTA President.

1. Quorum Call. When the meeting was called to order, there were 8 board members in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the Board meeting of 7/24/14 are currently in the process of circulation for comment .
3. Treasurer's Report. There was no Treasurer's Report because of the short time since the previous meeting.
4. New Business:
 - a. Proposed Affordable Housing Project (Front and Broadway): Bob Harrer gave a quick summary of the situation to date. In effect, the Port and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development are proposing to build an affordable housing project on lot SWL 322-1 to be available for low income tenants only, because that is where the outside funding is available. BCNA and several other community groups have joined together to promote that the project should be made available primarily to moderate or middle income tenants. There are also other issues being addressed, such as the location of a Port operated parking garage and the potential of street level retail establishments. He reported on the meeting that members of the community group had with David Chiu, who confirmed the unavailability of sufficient financing for other than low income housing, but did express interest in helping where he can. His office has subsequently been able to get all parties to slow down the timetable so all issues could be considered in more detail. Bob expressed concern over the lack of available options, the lack of expertise and relevant experience available to the community group, and the need for a more knowledge based strategy.

At this point it was discussed how matters facing BCNA should be managed in the President's absence during the next two months. It was proposed and agreed that Diana Taylor, assisted by Jim Cunningham, will focus on the SWL 322-1 housing issue, and that David Albert will be responsible for addressing other administrative matters as they arise.

- b. Teatro ZinZanni: Jim Cunningham reported that he recently met with the management of Teatro ZinZanni (TZ), who revealed that they are now prepared to go forward with locating their operation on the lot at the corner of Broadway and The Embarcadero, which is currently a parking lot owned and operated under lease with the Port. Earlier TZ had been discussing operating under a 10 year lease with the Port, but the plans they had proposed

- had too much of a temporary look that did not please a number of the parties involved, primarily because they could not possibly finance anything grander based on the short lease. They are now contemplating operating under a 66 year lease, and preparing to have built on the property, in addition to the TZ Facility, a boutique hotel (within the existing 40 foot height limit) together with a fine restaurant, and with a small public park at the northernmost end of the property. The other facilities will be built in partnership with Kenwood Investments, whose principals include Darius Anderson of Platinum Advisors and attorney Jay Wallace. They have already started their community outreach, and fully realize the importance of such activities. They have subsequently gone public with their plans, speaking at the NEWAG meeting on August 13, and their plan is to make a full presentation to the Port Commission in September or October. It is possible that BCNA will be asked at some point to help sponsor a neighborhood and membership meeting for TZ to make a public presentation.
- c. Possible Sponsor of Ballot Issues Forum: We discussed whether BCNA should sponsor a public meeting for people to hear discussions about the numerous ballot issues scheduled to appear on the November ballot. It was finally agreed that none of the issues are neighborhood specific or of significant enough controversy, making it likely that interest and turnout would be too low, and that we would not pursue the idea further.
 - d. Decide BCNA Policy on Donations: There were mixed views on the subject of BCNA contributions to other organizations, and it was agreed that the subject should be an agenda item for a future meeting, with Board members prepared to discuss just what kind of other organization or event we should be willing to support.
 - e. Waterfront Activities: Morton Beebe will take a look at the Waterfront Land Use Review Report and Geri Koeppel will take a look at The Embarcadero Transportation Report, and will report to the Board at a future meeting on any pertinent and relative information they find. Morton will suggest items relevant to the Northeast Waterfront on which BCNA should formally comment to the Port.
 - f. Working With Eastern Neighborhoods: Bob Harrer said that he has found it useful to meet occasionally with the Eastern Waterfront Summit neighborhood group to discuss and coordinate on issues of mutual interest. Geri Koeppel will attend any such meetings in Bob's absence.
5. Old Business: Discussion of old business was deferred to the next meeting.
 6. Next Meeting Dates:
 - a. The next Board Meeting was set for Tuesday, September 23, at the home of Diana Taylor.
 - b. The next Social will be organized by Adam Bergman and Rane Lan.
 7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Cunningham, Secretary