

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2015
Clubroom at 150 Lombard, San Francisco, CA 94111

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

Board Members in attendance: Morton Beebe, Jim Cunningham, Bob Harrer, Kathleen James, Geri Koeppel, Rane Lan, Mary Lou Licwinko, and Carol Parlette.

Board Members absent: David Albert, Adam Bergman and Diana Taylor.

Also in attendance: Bob Demchick, GGTA (substituting for Bill Hannan, President of GGTA).

1. Quorum Call. When the meeting was called to order, there were 7 board members in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of 12/3/14 were approved by email, and have been posted to the website.
3. Condo Project Presentation. Representatives of Grosvenor Americas, the developer, and Handel Architects described the market rate condominium project they are planning to build at the corner of Battery and Pacific. The building would be L-shaped and built around The Old Ship Saloon building on the corner. It would be 7 stories tall and at a height of 84 feet, which is within the permitted height limit. The property currently contains parking lots and the building that houses the Globe restaurant, which would be torn down. Units will range from 2 studio apartments to three 3 bedroom apartments at about 2000 sq. ft., with the average size for units in the building being about 1200 sq. ft. They hope to obtain sale prices averaging over \$1000 per sq. ft., which seems to be the current market. The preliminary design appeared to be innovative and attractive. They are very conscious of fitting in with the neighborhood, and are making an early effort to discuss the project with many neighborhood entities. They have been assigned a planner at the Planning Department, and an environmental liaison person, and hope to get through the planning, approval and construction process in about 30 months. The overall reaction of the Board at this early stage was favorable, and our guests were thanked for their presentation and wished well in their endeavor.
4. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette reported that receipts over the last month (when most annual dues are paid) are down about \$1000 from last year. Our current balance remains strong at about \$7000, but we will take a look at membership details to determine if any action needs to be taken. The Board approved the Treasurer's report unanimously.
5. Proposed Affordable Housing Project on SWL 322-1. Bob Harrer reported that discussions continue at the Working Group Meetings, but progress has been limited due to the total unwillingness of the Mayor's Office of Housing to even consider middle income housing as opposed to the no-to-low income housing they have been working

toward from the outset. The difference in cost appears to be about \$12,500,000, and while BCNA and other neighborhood groups continue to search for and propose possible alternatives and search for other funds, all ideas have been routinely rejected or ignored. Efforts will continue, and we will attempt to solicit support from the residential building organizations in the neighborhood.

6. Barbary Coast News. Geri Koeppel confirmed to the Board that she will ceasing publication of The Barbary Coast News by March. Board members expressed their sorrow with the news, and congratulated Geri for the continuously high quality of the News and the great effort she had made to make it a success. She is in the early stage of exploring ideas for someone to take it over and will let us know if anything positive develops. Necessary steps will be made to assure continuous access to and maintenance of the BCNA website.
7. Teatro ZinZanni. Jim Cunningham reported that there was no news to mention. The next step for the Teatro ZinZanni Group is to present their appeal for sole source status to the Board of Supervisors for approval, but no meeting date has been set.
8. Membership. A brief discussion was held, with all in agreement that our records need some updating and that further coordination is needed.
9. Next Meeting Date. A tentative date for the next meeting was set as Thursday, February 19, 2015. (Subsequently set as Monday, March 2, 2015)
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Cunningham
Secretary