

Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
March 2, 2015  
101 Lombard Street, #904W, San Francisco, CA 94111

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

Board Members in attendance: David Albert, Morton Beebe, Adam Bergman, Jim Cunningham, Bob Harrer, Kathleen James, Geri Koeppel, and Carol Parlette.

Board Members absent: Mary Lou Licwinko, Ranee Lan, and Diana Taylor.

Also in attendance: Bill Hannan, GTAA President.

1. Quorum Call. When the meeting was called to order, there were 7 board members in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of 1/15/15 were approved by email, and have been posted to the website.
3. Treasurer's Report. Carol Parlette presented numbers that showed receipts (primarily annual dues) were down about \$1000 from the previous year. There is no immediate concern, since our cash balance remains comfortable at \$7950, but it was agreed that it may represent a longer term problem. The Board approved the Treasurer's report unanimously.
4. Proposed Affordable Housing Project on SWL 322-1. Bob Harrer reported that the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) remained adamant in their position to allow low and no income housing only to be built on this site, refusing to consider the possible inclusion of at least some middle income housing, which BCNA and other neighborhood groups have been proposing. Olson Lee, Director of MOHDC, had attended the working group meeting on Feb 26 to support and defend their position. A discussion of the project and its status is scheduled for the NEWAG meeting on March 4. Presentation for approval at the Port Commission meeting on March 24 of the draft RFP has been deferred, to allow for a design charette (brainstorming meetings) to be formed. We remain actively interested in the design features, including wanting to have a vibrant ground floor for the building dedicated to retail-commercial-community purposes rather than dead space enclosing a public garage as desired by the Port. Earlier, representatives of the neighborhood groups had met with Julie Christensen, the new Supervisor of District 3, who was generally sympathetic with our wishes and concerns, and may be able to help as we work with further issues in connection with this project. A letter on this project outlining our position and activity to date was sent to the BCNA membership on February 27 in order to update them on the status and to enlist their support in contacting officials and attending public meetings to state their views.
5. Barbary Coast News. Geri Koeppel said she continues to wind down, but is still publishing news on what is happening in the neighborhood, while waiting to see if anything develops with the people she has been talking with about continuation in some form. She is also planning to rebuild the BCNA website to migrate all of its copyrighted content so that nothing is lost.

6. Teatro ZinZanni. Jim Cunningham says he remains in regular contact with Teatro ZinZanni, but that they are still waiting for their opportunity to present their appeal to the Board of Supervisors for sole source status.
7. Membership. It was generally agreed that the current drop in membership was not a surprise, as some old members have moved away, and since there are currently no major issues in the neighborhood, such as 8 Washington, to attract a large new following. Kathy James discussed several ideas she has for trying to increase membership. Among those ideas and arising in the discussion that followed were the thoughts that we could have more frequent socials (including perhaps monthly happy hour gatherings), and distributing materials within the housing units in the neighborhood seeking more participation and membership. Geri Koeppel and Adam Bergman agreed to work with Kathy to develop a membership program.
8. Eastern Neighborhood Group. Geri Koeppel has represented BCNA at several meetings of this group, and reports that they are getting active in working to improve transportation to and within the Bayview and other neighborhoods. A recent meeting was held with Muni in this regard.
9. The Gateway. Bill Hannan reported on The Gateway's recent annual meeting, at which they had as special speakers Assemblyman David Chiu, Supervisor Julie Christensen, Bob Harrer (BCNA) and Lee Radner (FOGG). He mentioned that Geri Koeppel had been added to the Board of the Tenants Association.
10. Social Event. A BCNA Sunday Social has been scheduled for April 12 at Barriquee, and will feature Paul Gutierrez leading Part 2 of a Barbary Coast/Jackson Square walking tour. The tour will begin at 3 pm and the social will then run from 4 pm to 6 pm.
11. Easter Egg Hunt. The question of whether we should join with our support for the annual Easter egg hunt in Sydney Walton Square was raised. While there was general acceptance of the idea, there was concern whether the use of the Square was allowed for this purpose, and whether our involvement might cause a problem with The Gateway security in this regard. This question will be examined before we give our support.
12. Annual Meeting. It was agreed to hold the BCNA Annual Meeting in the late May-early June time period. The exact date and location are yet to be determined.

13. Next Meeting Date. The next Board Meeting was set as Monday, April 20, at the home of Geri Koeppel.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cunningham, Secretary