

Housing Element: The Countdown Begins

Planning Department Redefines Neighborhoods' Future
Amit Ghosh Will Explain the Review Process and Timelines

The Final Draft of the Housing Element, the revision of zoning, review procedures and planning code provisions, that will serve as a guide for the next 10 years, is available for review and comment at



the Planning Department. The ExCom, hearing complaints that neighborhood organizations had not been sufficiently notified of the impending changes that will affect our day-to-day lives for years to come (see *ExCom Minutes, page 5*),

recommended the CSFN request the Planning Commission to delay the final adoption for 60 days to allow review and hearings for the neighborhoods that will be affected. In conjunction with the request for a delay, Amit Ghosh of the Department of Planning will explain the purpose and intent of the various parts of the upcoming Citywide Action Plan (CAP) and the timelines and procedures that will assist our member delegates in the review process.

The proposed Housing Element, along with a new Land Use Element and Urban Design Element, are segments of the Citywide Action Plan, the guidelines that will control future developments throughout the city.

The Department is focused, according to their promotional literature, on finding "positive ways to accommodate growth, ensuring that new development enhances the quality and character of our neighborhoods and builds new places with the services and amenities that support urban living."

San Francisco neighborhood organizations input is a crucial part of the adoption of these guidelines.



J. Patrick Kociolek presented plans for the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park

California Academy of Sciences: Plan a Hit

Delegates had little to complain about in the design for the new California Academy of Sciences, its conformity to the current envelope, open courtyard, preservation of existing buildings and especially, its "living roof" that will provide paths and an observation deck for visitors. The design will blend in with the Park, a stark contrast from the DeYoung Museum and its conspicuous tower across the Concourse.

NAPCAC and CSFN

The next chapter in the saga of the Natural Areas Program is upon us, the Natural Areas Program Community Advisory Committee. Created by a resolution from Leland Yee and appointed by the Rules and Audits committee of the BOS, the NAPCAC is charged with overseeing and developing a NAP management plan and making recommendations and reports to the full BOS. A pretty tall order, especially since as it reads now, it's supposed to cease functioning by 12/1/03.

This committee replaces the Green Ribbon Panel, felt by many to be simply a 'rubber stamp group' craftily created by the park director to quiet complaints of lack of oversight and public input. Still others felt that Natural Areas advocates should be the ones managing the planning of the natural areas.

Many are familiar with all this history. The BOS appointed 10 people and RPD gets to appoint two more. Of those BOS 10, 4 were to be specialists in ecology, 4 were to be 'concerned with community recreation', and two were 'at-large'. CSFN's endorsed 9, of which 5 were chosen by the Rules and Audits Committee. Members who were endorsed by CSFN were Karin Hu, Joan Roughgarden, Paul Castleman, Mary McAllister and me, Tys Sniffen. Overall, the full committee looks pretty well rounded, and while there's a lot of history and politics, there don't seem to be any insurmountable personality issues.

Some of the questions that will need to be addressed before we can really even talk about specific parks or policies are:- How will we define a 'natural area'? Does that mean simply not manicured? or Does that mean pre-



Limits on Discretionary Review PLUS Housing Demolition Policy to be Revisited

The Planning Commission will be giving consideration to two important policies in the near future.

(1) During a recent Commission's "public comment" at the end of the calendar, Department planner Glenn Cabreros commented, "on behalf of many Planning staff members, that the staff wanted the law allowing D.R.s changed by whatever means necessary to greatly reduce the number of Discretionary Reviews. That staff considered them a huge waste of time and poor use of staff resources.

Gerald Green chimed in that although he had nothing to do with Glenn's appearance, that he agreed that there were too many D.R.s and that they used too much time and didn't result in much.

(2) Commissioner Hughes raised questions about how housing demolitions were coming to them. He questioned why some of the demolitions were being approved instead of the affected housing being preserved. That the demolition analysis should look at the worthiness of retaining the original structure *Independent* of the structure to be replacing it.

Director Green said that the current housing demolition policy (all housing demos are automatic D.R. — unstated, that the reports on the necessity for demolition are prepared by the developer's agents) will be back before the Commission sometime in March when there is a full Commission.



The first action of our new Prop D "neighborhood friendly" Planning Commission

The issue of D.R.s will also, according to Green, be coming before the Commission in the next few months. We should note that D.R. is *the only vehicle the community has* to get issues like the abuse of "artists live/work" and "business services" before the Commission and public when the staff is rubber-stamping outrageous projects, including inappropriately scaled additions in residential areas. Be prepared.

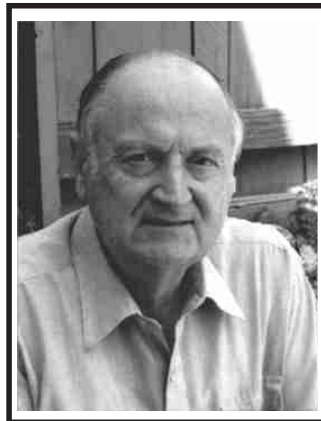


Arden N. Danekas

Arden, a former President of CSFN, died January 11, 2003, after a brief struggle with cancer. He was born in Fresno in 1928, graduated from Fresno State University in 1951. He later served in the Korean War. After settling in San Francisco, he became a contractor, redeveloper and savior of many Victorian buildings throughout the city. Arden was active in neighborhood issues, and

served as president of the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR), SF Planning and Urban Research (SPUR), as well as the CSFN. A self proclaimed curmudgeon and lifelong Republican, he was elected to the SF Republican County Central Committee. In later years, he pursued his avid interest in slide photography and eclipse watching, which took him on worldwide expeditions to photograph and record solar events. His photographs were published in various magazines and periodicals. He made extensive contributions to the collections at the Academy of Sciences.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations in his name to the Academy of Sciences. Father of Julia of Berkeley, Sally of Aptos, Stephen of Berkeley, Mark of Paris, he also leaves behind four grandchildren. His death was a sad shock to all his friends and family.



Rose and Joseph Devincenzi

Family and friends attended the funeral service at St. Ignatius Church for Mrs. Rose Devincenzi on February 4, 2003 and on that day the meeting of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors was adjourned in her memory; previously, on October 12, 1999 the Board adjourned it's meeting in memory of her husband, the late Joseph Devincenzi. We all owe a big debt of gratitude to the Devincenzis for their dedicated civic leadership and community activism in preserving and improving the quality of life of all the people of San Francisco and in serving the Laurel Heights community and the Star of the Sea and St. Ignatius Church parishes.

The Devincenzis loved San Francisco, and their community activism made a big contribution that changed the face of San Francisco. We all were reminded of their contribution by the headline

KEEPING TRACK OF SFO

Keeping track of the airport's expansion plans can be like chasing someone down an unlit passage. SPEAK Board member Eileen Boken has become something of an expert in sleuthing the airport's intentions. It is exactly that—a job for a detective. But that's not what the Airport calls it; they have something called an External Communications and Transparency section. Yet all they allow the public to hear is a carefully crafted public relations message.

It is true that the Airport held a series of "outreach" meetings, but they did not discuss all the options, and kept to their plan for filling several square miles of San Francisco Bay. Instead they focused primarily on a series of possible runway configurations. They have portrayed that only by filling San Francisco Bay can the current delays be reduced. They have dismissed any and all alternatives that would not fill the Bay.

All this suggests that the airport has arrived at a predetermined outcome and has used the community input process primarily to promote their proposed runway reconfiguration. If you had come to one of these community meetings, you might have been told that only written comments were being taken or that you might speak for only one minute. In other words, it looks as if the airport wanted to satisfy legal requirements rather than have genuine dialogue with the public.

...Submitted by Mary Anne Miller, SPEAK

THEREFORE, be it resolved that, the Coalition For San Francisco Neighborhoods wishes the following comments to be included in the Airfield Development Bureau audit:

1) That SFO did not adequately discuss the full range of options at its community meetings, but rather focused primarily on a series of runway reconfiguration options.

2) That the emphasis in community meetings has been for SFO to portray filling San Francisco Bay as the only real method of reducing delays.

3) That SFO has publicly dismissed any and all non-bayfill alternatives at its community meetings.

4) That the community input process conducted by SFO suggests that the airport has arrived at a predetermined outcome. Such a predetermined outcome would violate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements

a) That SFO's overall community input process has serious inadequacies.

b) That these inadequacies are based on the perception that SFO has subverted the intent of the community input process and has used the community input process primarily to promote its proposed runway reconfiguration plan to the public.

c) That SFO has attempted a number of different community meeting formats and strategies ranging from:

- Presentation only with no community input.
- Presentation with community input in written statements only.
- Presentation with community input from question cards only.
- Presentation with limited community input. In certain circumstances, it was limited to one minute per person.

d) That SFO community meetings apparently were designed more to satisfy legal requirements than for genuine dialogue with the public.

e) That community meetings were controlled to avoid or limit community input as much as possible.

f) That the community meetings where SFO did respond to questions, the answers were often vague or were no answer at all e.g. "That has yet to be determined."

...Introduced Jan 21, 2003 SPEAK

RECYCLED WATER IS WET

There is nothing wrong with using recycled water. On your plants, for washing your car, for watering parks and golf courses. However, there is no system for transferring the water from one place to another. Yet helping to restore ('recharge') the water-bearing aquifer underlying San Francisco, Daly City and northern San Mateo County is a laudable goal, instead of just flushing our treated water and storm-runoff water out into the ocean. The golf courses are interested in using recycled water but there is no system for transferring it from the Treatment Plant to the courses; that is, there are no pipes in place and the recycled water needs its own separate distribution system.

SPEAK has a long history of involvement in, and support for the restoration of historic water levels at Lake Merced. Voters citywide approved Prop A water bonds in November 2002 containing \$103 million for development of a recycled water program. When will the program be launched and how will the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) be held accountable? SPEAK has joined other community groups in requesting that the PUC prepare a monthly status report on the use of the \$103 million bond money which was earmarked for developing the recycled water program. We want to know what action, or lack of action, is taking place on a regular basis, and how close we are to achieving the use of recycled water for keeping golf courses green and restoring Lake Merced levels.

...Submitted by Mary Anne Miller, SPEAK

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SFPUC is requested to prepare a monthly status report on the use of the \$103 million Prop A bond money earmarked for developing a recycled water program for use in San Francisco, and that this report be issued each month describing what action, or lack of action, took place since the previous report, and that copies be sent to: -Sunset/Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK), -Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, and -Those neighborhood organizations within the Coalition who identify themselves as desiring to receive the report.

Wanted: A Meaningful Library CAC

Need for an independent Citizens Advisory Committee for the library is a bedrock issue with the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN). Our 26 branch libraries span the city, offering pleasure and educational opportunity to every resident in every neighborhood.

But there's a move to reduce the number of books in our libraries to make room for computers, videos, CDs and DVDs. The fear is that this way of looking at libraries will transform them into community centers with books and weaken our intellectual heritage in the process.

Is this what San Franciscans want? Not necessarily. David Binder's survey for the library found that 82% want more books and only 44% want more computers. Other surveys show similar results. What is San Francisco Public Library's vision? No one knows for sure.

An independent Library Citizens Advisory Committee would provide a free and open forum for citywide exchange of ideas and

Minutes of the January 21, 2003, Regular Meeting of the CSFN Assembly

1. Call to order. President Barbara Meskunas brought the meeting to order at 7:18 pm at the Northern Police Station. **a.**

Quorum declared. Delegates and alternates represented 22 CSFN member organizations.

b. Agenda Approved.

c. Introductions of delegates and guests.

2. Presentation by Host Organizations. Delegates Doris Linnenbach / TPIA and Mary Russo / WPNA described their organizations, their objectives, history and issues.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2002 meeting. The minutes were approved as amended: Item 6(b) should read "That CSFN passed SPEAK's resolution for the return..."

4. Officers' Reports:

A. Vice President: Doug Comstock / PRO-SF reported that the CSFN website received 14,000 "hits" in early January 2003 and that each neighborhood association has it's own web page within the CSFN website.

CSFN Excom meeting scheduled for Jan. 28, @ 7:00 p.m. **5**

Committee Reports:

A. NAP Task Force: Tys Sniffen /NOPNA. The Green Ribbon panel was replaced by the Citizens Advisory Committee which included 5 of the 10 members endorsed by CSFN.

B. Water Task Force: Joan Girardot / MCIPOA discussed the bonds for water and sewer and the likelihood for an increase in our monthly bills for these utilities.

C. Land Use Committee: Rebecca Silverberg / EDIA reported on the Fort Mason Officers' Club. If the military will not keep the Officers' Club open, it will be passed to the GGNA. *The CSFN voted to support a letter recommending that the Officers' Club remain open by the military.*

Judith Berkowitz / EMIA and Marilyn Amini / GWPNA discussed the "Housing Element of the General Plan." Housing density would increase on lots that are near transit corridors.

Motion by the Land Use Committee requesting a continuance of the Transportation and Commerce Committee' hearing on this matter was unanimously carried.

6. Presentation: Preliminary Plans for the New Academy of Sciences Building was presented by J. Patrick Kociolek.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. Resolved: That the CSFN oppose the hybrid housing experiment proposed by the SFRA and the SFHA for the A-2 project area lot located on Scott between Ellis and Eddy streets, adjacent to the Jewish Community High School of the Bay, as incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood housing and uses, the goals of SFRA, and common sense. (BANG)

Motion by SPEAK to continue the vote on the above resolution fails (20-2). Resolution Carried (19-1-1).

8. New Business:

a. Resolved: That North Beach Neighbors strongly supports establishing an independent Library Citizens Advisory Committee that will enable San Franciscans to express their views about library services, programs and operations in a forum that encourages and respects knowledge and literacy for all ages. (NBN). Emergency declared.

Resolution Carried (22-0).

b. Resolved: That the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods shall join the Lake Merced Task Force as an active member in order to work for the protection of this City asset and to encourage users of the aquifer to convert to recycled water for irrigation.

That the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods shall study and monitor future activities designed to protect the Lake, including more than \$100 million in City bond money designated to create a recycled water program for irrigation in San Francisco. (GGHNA).

c. Resolved: That the CSFN now establish a Natural Areas Task Force. (TPC & OSC; GGHNA).

d. Resolved: That, the Coalition For San Francisco Neighborhoods wishes the following comments to be included in the Airfield Development Bureau audit. (SPEAK) (For complete text of this resolution, see page 3.)

e. Resolved: That the SFPUC is requested to prepare a monthly status report on the use of the \$103 million Prop A bond money earmarked for developing a recycled water program for use in San Francisco, and that this report be issued each month describing what action, or lack of action, took place since the previous report, and that copies be sent to:

- Sunset/Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK),
- Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, and
- Those neighborhood organizations within the Coalition who identify themselves as desiring to receive the report. (SPEAK)

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. in the memory of Arden Danakas who recently passed away.

...Steven Gruel, Recording Secretary, GGHNA

Executive Committee Meeting January 29, 2003

The ExCom met at the Lucky Penny Restaurant at Geary and Masonic at 7: PM. *Present: Meskunas, Comstock, Millet, Briscoe, Kirshenbaum, Sacco. Members: E. Wilson, Girardot, Drefke. Public: R. Wilson and Marilyn Amini.*

President Meskunas' Report:

1. Arthur Bruzzone has requested that she represent CSFN at a press conference he plans to coordinate with a number of other community groups that support district elections.

2. Acting on requests from BVNA delegate Richard Magary. Magary commented that resolutions introduced under new business were not given to delegates as copies at the meeting in order to present them to his members in a timely manner for the consideration of the group he represents.

Motion Meskunas, 2nd-Comstock, approved :

The ExCom recommends to the membership that all resolutions be submitted with sufficient copies for all members at the General Assembly meeting and that the text of all resolutions be e-mailed to the webmaster within 3 days for distribution via e-mail and posting on the website. In addition, in accordance with existing policy, all resolutions must be on member organization's letterhead.

3. Film crews and productions can have a negative effect on neighborhoods and the usual conduct of daily life. It has been requested that guidelines for these incursions be implemented to

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ExCom Minutes (Cont. from page 5) allow residents to adapt their schedules to what is becoming more commonplace occurrence.

Barbara will meet with the film people at their invitation.

4. WPNA member Marilyn Amini, (at Meskunas' invitation)

A. Presented arguments against the amendment at the Rules Committee changing the committee structure from 8 to 5, because it would tend to make the meetings longer and discourage public attendance and testimony.

B. Asked that the Coalition request an extension on the response time (30 days) of the Draft Housing Element and Draft Land-Use Elements of the Citywide Action Plan.

Motion Meskunas, 2nd-Briscoe, approved:

Since there hasn't been adequate time for neighborhood organizations to review the Housing Element or the Land Use Element the ExCom recommends the CSFN request the Planning Commission to delay the final adoption for 60 days to allow review and hearings for the neighborhoods that will be effected. (The Draft Housing Element is available at:

www.sfgov.org/planning/citywide/c0_publications.htm)

C. Eastern Neighborhoods Community Planning Area Plan will be heard at a Planning Commission meeting on March 3rd in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

1st VP Comstock Report:

1. The 4th and Freelon Project will go before the Board final approval. Critics call Jake McGoldrick's Office 554-7410.

2. The Department of Environment routinely fines people who illegally dump garbage or household items on the streets, but so far all fines have been forgiven. Now the Department is faced with the need to cut their workforce due to budget cuts.

Motion Comstock, 2nd-Briscoe, approved:

The ExCom recommends CSFN adopt a policy in support of collecting fines for illegal dumping as a source of funding for the Department of Environment and that those funds be used to offset salaries for a fully staffed Department.

At-Large-Member Kirshenbaum Report:

Motion Kirshenbaum, 2nd-Millet, approved:

Requests the ExCom present a long-range planning and strategy session in lieu of the next meeting of the ExCom to be held on Wed., Feb. 26, at Northern Police Station at 7: PM.

Programs and Orders for the February 18 and March 18 General Assembly were approved.

Recommendation: Nominating Committee: Mary Helen Briscoe, Hiroshi Fukuda and Karen Crommie recommended. **Discussion:**

Recent attacks of the Coalition's position on the recent version of public power. It was the concensus of the group to let the matter drop and move on. (Positions of the CSFN will be discussed at the strategy session.) MCIPOA delegate Joan Girardot requested: Motion Meskunas, 2nd-Millet, approved:

The ExCom oppose the elimination of paid ballot arguments in the Voters Information Pamphlet. (It will be subject to a hearing February 5th at the Elections Commission.)

SPEAK delegate Evelyn Wilson requested that the ground water resolution presented at the last meeting be severed from GGHNA's resolution regarding Lake Merced. Accepted without objection. Meeting adjourned

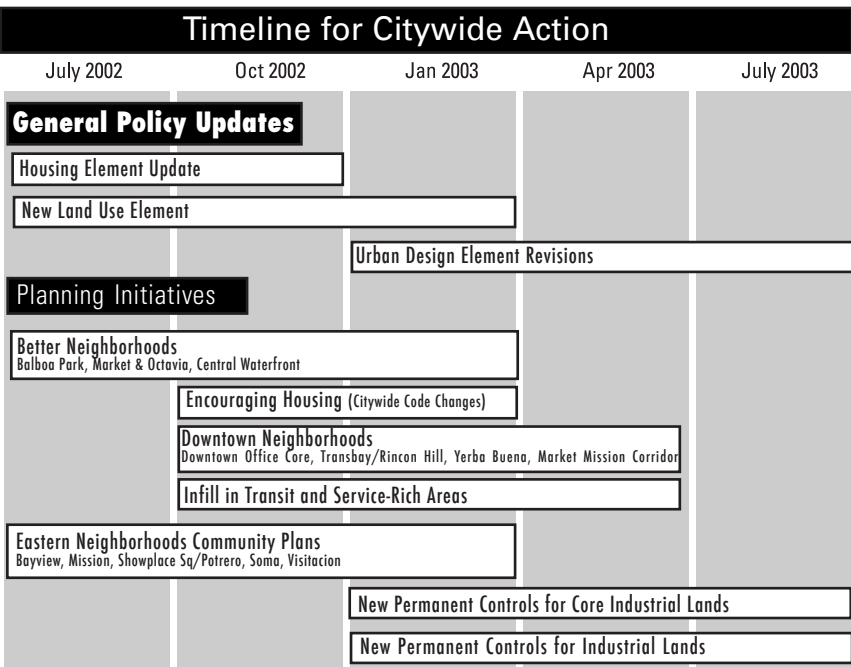
....Submitted by Doug Comstock, Chair

Rose and Joseph Devincenzi (Cont. from Page 2)

Twenty years ago, the University of California planned to expand its San Francisco campus into the Laurel Heights residential neighborhood in the office building complex previously occupied by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. The legal challenge was undertaken by the joint efforts of Rose, the late Joseph Devincenzi, and her daughter, Kathy Devincenzi — both of whom served as delegates from Laurel Heights Improvement Association to the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods. They demonstrated that the University misrepresented to the people of San Francisco that the true purpose of their expansion plans was to establish a huge industrial scale research operation in the Laurel Heights residential district with 150 huge exhaust stacks, underground animal facilities, and even laboratories for conducting biological warfare research for the Department of Defense.

Thanks to Rose Devincenzi and her family's efforts, they won favorable judicial victories at the State Court of Appeals and the State Supreme Court. As a result of their efforts, they saved from industrial blight this crucial residential district in the heart of San Francisco and forced the University of California to abandon the Laurel Heights laboratory plan and relocate its industrial laboratory facilities to the more appropriate industrial site in Mission Bay.

We, CSFN delegates and alternates, and all San Francisco owe a huge debt of gratitude to Rose and Joseph Devincenzi, and their outstanding example of community leadership and service should be an inspiration to us all to serve the people of San Francisco by resolving to continue their efforts to protect and improve the fragile but remarkable quality of life enjoyed by all San Franciscans today and all future generations.



NAPS (Cont. from Page 1) European plants only? Or does it just mean 'green'?

Can this program be sustainable over time? i.e. Will this cost us more to keep up and/or cause more damage (erosion) than it's worth?—Is the science of determining what should and could grow somewhere well

founded?—Is this in fact what the public wants RPD to do?—What will the process be for public input and/or decisions about where and how these natural areas will be created?...and that's just getting warmed up. To have CSFN continue to play a key role in this debate (as it should, for who better to give input to a 'citizen's advisory committee' than a city-wide coalition of concerned neighbors?) Ramona Albright and Steve Gruel have put forth a motion to create a NAP task force from within our membership to advise, monitor, and 'stay on the pulse of' the NAPCAC. Below resolution (Cont. p7)

WORKING FOR LAKE MERCED A CONCERN FOR ALL SAN FRANCISCO

Lake Merced is finally making progress after more than ten years of effort by the Friends of Lake Merced and the Committee to Save Lake Merced and during the past three years as proactive members of the Lake Merced Task Force Water Committee. An infusion of 1-1/2 feet of Hetch Hetchy water in October provided short-term relief. The lake level is now about one foot higher than at the same time a year ago.

Lakes around the city, Mountain Lake and Pine Lake as well as Lake Merced, are receiving increased attention by city officials and community organizations. A report recently released by the Neighborhood Parks Council, "Leaving a Lake Legacy," describes the plight of each of these lakes, and recommends corrective action. Read the Executive Summary of this report on the web site (www.lakemerced.org).

Longer-term solutions for the problems at Lake Merced are also underway. Daly City is building a 2.8 million gallon/day tertiary water treatment facility that will provide water for golf course irrigation beginning in the spring of 2004. Conjunctive use agreements are in place with Daly City, San Bruno and South San Francisco, reducing pumping in all three cities, and reducing the pressure on the Westside Basin aquifer. A storm water treatment plant has been built on the Vista Grande Canal on John Muir Boulevard. Tests are currently underway to see if treated storm water can be diverted directly into Lake Merced, rather than being channeled into the ocean.

Long-term solutions to the region's water problems now require increased emphasis on both water recycling and rain water capture. The passage of Proposition A provides \$103 million earmarked for recycling facilities in the city of San Francisco.

Vigilance by community organizations is greatly needed. The resolution recently introduced to the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods by the Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association calling for intensive community review of the city's recycled water program is just one more important step in the right direction. Involving neighborhood organizations along with the Lake Merced Task Force Water Committee will very helpful to the administrators of the \$103 million recycled water project and beneficial to San Francisco. We urge all CSFN members to support



Neighborhood and environmental activists efforts are paying off, as Lake Merced rebounds

the GGHNA resolution regarding our cherished resource, Lake Merced.

... Submitted by Steve Gruel, GGHNA, written by John Plummer, Friends of Lake Merced

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COALITION FOR SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS

1. That the COALITION FOR SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS shall join the Lake Merced Task Force as an active member in order to work for the protection of this City asset and to encourage users of the aquifer to convert to recycled water for irrigation.

2. That the COALITION FOR SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS shall study and monitor future activities designed to protect the Lake, including more than \$100 million in City bond money designated to create a recycled water program for irrigation in San Francisco.

...Introduced by GGHNA, January 21, 2003

Library (Cont. from page 3) discussion of issues affecting San Francisco's literary legacy.

About a year ago, the library organized a program advisory committee. Its stated purpose was to advise the librarians on their \$106 million branch renovation plan. Yet there is no neighborhood representative on this body. It is not covered by Sunshine, has low attendance and provides little advice. And, more importantly, it asks few challenging questions. On behalf of its 38 neighborhood groups, CSFN asked for a seat at the table. The library did not reply to our letter.

The best bet for accountability and meaningful public input during the ongoing \$106 million renovation of our branch library system is an independent Citizen's Advisory Committee for the library. The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Board of Supervisors to support it.

...*Jim Lew and Andy Kerr, North Beach Neighbors (NBN)*

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Thank You!

NAPS (Cont from p.5)

of 1/22/03 meeting by GGHNA and TPCOSC:

“Whereas all the member organizations of the CSFN have vested interest in the natural areas of San Francisco and whereas the CSFN membership has played a key role in the reconstitution of an oversight body for said natural areas, i.e. the SF board of

Supervisors appointed 5 of the 9 persons recommended by the CSFN to the new oversight body the “Natural Areas Program Citizen's Advisory Committee” —NAPCAC be it therefore resolved that the CSFN now establish a ‘Natural Areas Task Force. ...Submitted by Tys Sniffen, NOPNA

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Agenda

General Assembly Meeting • February 18, 2003

- 6:30 I. Sign In and Refreshments
7:00 II. Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum
 A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests
 B. Presentation by Host Organizations:
 1. West Presidio Neighborhood Association
 Note-Last month's Host was Marina Civic Improvement and Property
 Owners Association, WPNA was listed in error.
 2. Buena Vista Neighborhood Association
7:15 III. Approval of Minutes
7:30 IV. Officers Reports
 A. President (Barbara Meskunas)
 B. First Vice President (Doug Comstock)
 C. Second Vice President (Judith Berkowitz)
 D. Recording Secretary (Steve Gruel)
 E. Corresponding Secretary (John Barry)
 F. Treasurer (Dick Millet)
7:45 V. Committee Reports
 A. Land Use Committee
8:00 VI. Citywide Action Plan: Housing & Land Use Elements
 A. Amit Ghosh Presenting
9:00 V. Unfinished Business
 A. Nominating Committee Elections
 B. Resolution: Concerning Lake Merced (GGHNA)
 C. Resolution: Airport Development Audit
 D. Resolution:
9:30 VI. New Business
9:40 VII. Announcements
9:45 VIII. Adjournment

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