

SEWER RATES SOAR!



The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is proposing an 11% increase in the sewer rates. San Francisco has not had a water rate increase since 1996, and that was a mere 5.5%. The new rates will take effect on July 1st.

The PUC will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed rate adjustment to the sewer service charges on Tuesday, May 25, 2004,

1:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 400.

The Rate Fairness Board (RFB), which was established by the voters through Prop E in November of 2002, concluded that the Clean Water Enterprise had suffered financially as a result of the Proposition H Rate Freeze approved by voters in 1998. The RFB also concluded that an immediate increase of 11% in revenue would be needed in order for the enterprise to maintain its financial health in 2005. Staff has recommended three annual increases of 11% per year, but the RFB is only prepared to accept the first in that series. *(Cont. p. 5)*

All Eyes on the Planning Commission: Discretionary Review Process Revamp

The DR Policy changes will be heard at the Planning Commission on May 20. Once again here is CSFN's stance. Please show up at the hearing to speak to the issue.

CSFN recommends:

- 1.) **Implement the Pre-Application process at once after Public Hearing for a period of 12 months.**
- 2.) **Defer the consideration of the rest of the Policy changes.**
- 3.) **Evaluate the results of the Pre-Application process after the 12-month trial.**

Pre-Application Process: Support and Suggestions

We strongly support the Pre-Application process with the following changes.

- 1.) The Pre-Application process should be broadened from the proposed RH and RM only to include all residential alteration and permit applications that would trigger 311 and/or 312 notice consistent with General Rule 4/96 (p.855, Planning Code).
- 2.) A standard Pre-Application process should be

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Mayor Newsom Addresses Packed Crowd At CSFN



Speaking to an overflow crowd of Delegates and guests at the April General Assembly meeting, Mayor Gavin Newsom dealt with the looming budget shortfall and asked for understanding and sacrifice while we struggle with the problems that the cuts will inevitably bring.

Among the many questions from the crowd, cuts to Fire and Police seemed uppermost on the minds of the assembled Delegates.

The Mayor, who originally scheduled for 20 minutes, nevertheless remained for over 45 minutes because there were many questions and issues.

May Meeting: Water/Sewer Rate Increase

A special presentation by the Water Task Force will look at the issues and forces behind the increases.

**Matt Adams, Chair
Rate Fairness Board**

HOUSING ELEMENT PASSES THE FIRST TEST

The Housing Element, with amendments, was passed without Planning Commission opposition on May 13. The amendments eliminate the majority of CSFN's complaints, and 90% of anticipated impacts. For those reasons, CSFN voted at a Special Meeting on May 12th to withdraw from the appeal of the Negative Declaration once those amendments were adopted by the Commission.

We must thank Acting Planning Director Larry Badiner, and Sean Elsbernd from the Mayor's Office, for taking our concerns to heart and crafting the amendments that rendered this document tolerable.

Commissioner Michael Antonini's vote was contingent upon the creation of a citizens' committee to begin work on the 2006 document, and Mr. Badiner indicated he would do so, to ensure adequate mandated public participation next time around.

The final approval for this document is the Board of Supervisors. While no one is completely satisfied with the document, rational people will be hard-pressed to hold it up, costing the City tens of millions of dollars, when the City is in such a dire financial condition.

LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT ...

While we were preoccupied with the Housing Element, the State Assembly quietly passed AB2702 out of committee. AB 2702 would repeal Section 65852.2 of the Government Code, thereby eliminating San Francisco's exemption from the State requirement to allow secondary units in our neighborhoods.

You should know that Leland Yee is opposing this bill, and his staff members have been very helpful in terms of information. But Mark Leno voted in support of this sneak attack on our exemption – those of you who supported Leno should let him know how you feel about AB2702 immediately, since it is scheduled for a vote of the full Assembly this week.

Many of our members have speculated that Mark Leno is simply carrying Aaron Peskin's water for him in an election year. Peskin's in-law legislation is universally detested by the neighborhoods. If AB2702 passes both houses, Peskin's legislation could be enacted ministerially, without public hearings. We would hope that this is not the case.

Tony Hall has called for a hearing on AB2702 on June 7th, over Peskin's visible objection. This bill must proceed

to the Senate if it is passed by the Assembly this week, so we will need to contact John Burton and Jackie Speier as our next step. Our Land Use and Housing Committee will recommend CSFN's opposition to AB2702 at our May Regular Meeting, and we must begin strategizing to defeat it immediately. If this bill passes, our long-standing opposition to secondary units will be irrelevant because San Francisco will be required by the State to build more of them.

Regardless of our individual opinions of the Housing Element, the appeal, and local politics in general, we must all work together to defeat AB2702.

...Submitted by Barbara Meskunas, CSFN President

Library Citizens Advisory Committee

We Did It! The Board of Supervisors passed the Library Citizens Advisory Committee ordinance by 10-0 yesterday evening, May 11. (Ammiano was absent.) This is a huge step forward for the public and every one of you played a part. We can't thank you enough.

The big push now is to get good people on the CAC. There are 17 seats, 11 appointed by the individual supervisors, 3 by the Rules Committee and 3 by city librarian Susan Hildreth. Purpose of the group is to advise the Board of Supervisors on library plans, programs and operations and, when necessary, make recommendations about them. Let us know your thoughts, ideas and comments please. Also it's important to get the word out so that library patrons know there is an opportunity for the neighborhoods to provide input in a forum where their views will be heard and respected. Cheers!

...Submitted by Sue Cauthen, NBN

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Minutes of the April 20, 2004 Regular Meeting of the CSFN Assembly

1. Call to order. President Barbara Meskunas brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Northern Police Station.
a. *Quorum declared.* Delegates and alternates represented 24 CSFN member organizations.

b. *Agenda Approved.*

c. *Introductions.*

2. Presentation by Host Organizations. Delegates Ellen Kernaghan / Potrero Boosters and Hiroshi Fukuda / Richmond Community Association described their organizations, their objectives, history and issues.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the March 16, 2004 meeting. The minutes as reported on page three in the April March, 2004 newsletter were approved.

4. Special Visit: Mayor Gavin Newsom. The Mayor discussed the upcoming budget crisis and other issues he faces since taking office.

5. Special Visit: John Farrell, of the San Francisco Assessor's Office. Mr. Farrell discussed recent improvements in the Assessor's office.

6. Officers' Reports:

A. President: Barbara Meskunas / BANG announced that there a one hour meeting scheduled with the Mayor on May 5, 2004 at City Hall in room 201. President Meskunas further announced that there will be a binder of CSFN mail made available for review at meetings.
B. Vice President: Doug Comstock / PRO SF reported that the costs associated with the newsletter have gone up. He urged delegates to download their newsletter from the CSFN website.

C. Second Vice President: No report.

D. Recording Secretary: No Report.

E. Treasurer: The treasurer, Babette Drefke / EMIA reported a CSFN balance of \$17,412.56 (however, \$11,497.91 was the Housing Element (H.E.) balance); total receipts for the month were \$1,300 (\$1000 of which was related to the H.E.); total expenses for the month were \$750.23 (\$627.05 of which was related to the H.E.).

F. Corresponding Secretary: Dick Millet / Potrero Boosters reported that binders of CSFN mail will be made available at the general meetings.

7. Program: Transportation Authority, Tilly Chang. Ms. Chang gave a presentation regarding the 2004 San Francisco Countywide Transportation Plan.

8. Committee Reports:

A. Open Space Task Force: Ramona Albright / TPC / OSC reported on the Golden Gate Concourse Authority construction project. Cathy Howard of a public advisory group will attend next month's meeting to discuss the project.

B. Land Use & Housing: Chairperson Judith Berkowitz / EMIA directed delegates to pages 4 and 5 for of the CSFN April, 2004 newsletter for the report from the committee and the committee's March 24, 2004 meeting at the Planning Department regarding the proposed discretionary review cost recovery program.

C. Government and Elections: Mary Helen Brisco / PRO - SF directed delegates to page 7 of the CSFN April, 2004 newsletter for the committee's list of candidates. Joan Girardot / MCIPOA and Bud Wilson / GWPA were nominated from the floor for the position of "Delegates at Large."

D. Water Task Force: Chairperson Joan Girardot / MCIPOA

reported that she was contacted by a reporter regarding the water rate increase. There is an 11% rate increase on one's sewer bill.

E. Bylaws: Chairperson Evelyn Wilson / SPEAK directed delegates to page 5 of the April, 2004 CSFN newsletter for the committee report.

Bylaw "clean up": Committee Chair presented a bylaw "clean up" motion to Article VI, Section C.2. as seen in the April, 2004 newsletter. After discussion, the motion passed: 20 - 0 - 2.

9. Unfinished Business:

A. Diamond Heights Resolution re: Portola/Clipper tabled to May meeting.

B. Proposed Airport "Smart Plan": SPEAK presented the following resolution: (found on page 4 of the April, 2004 newsletter:

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods recommends that the Board of Supervisors allocates \$225,000 from the SFO's budget for fiscal year 04/05 for Phase I development of the SFO Smart Plan.

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that allocation of contractors and funding for Phase I development of the SFO Smart Plan be directly from the Board of Supervisors After discussion, the resolution passed: 15 - 0 - 0.

10. Executive Session:

There was discussion regarding CSFN's fiscal sponsorship of the Neg.Dec. Appeal and about the Planning Department's Housing Element. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to withdraw the CSFN from the role as the fiscal sponsor of the Neg. Dec. Appeal. The motion passed 13-1-5.

11. New Business:

Eileen Boken / SPEAK presented the following resolution:
Therefore, Be It Resolved, that CSFN opposes the installation of Cingular Wireless antennas at 1250 Quintara.

12. Announcements: Delegates were reminded to pay their membership dues.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

...Steven F. Gruel, Recording Secretary, GGHNA



Committee Meetings

Land Use & Housing • Monday, 7:00, May 3 at Northern Police Stn. • Judith Berkowitz 824-0617 • sfjberk@mac.com

Bylaws Committee

Chair: Evelyn Wilson: EvelynWilsRegParl@earthlink.net 566-7826

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Land Use and Housing Committee

Chair: Judith Berkowitz: sfberk@mac.com 824-0617

Newsletter Committee

Chair: Ramona Albright 621-9621

Open Space Task Force

Chair: Tys Sniffen: tys@ideamountain.com 929-7746

Transportation Committee

Chair: John Barry: jackbarry99@earthlink.net 564-0225

Water Task Force

Chair: Joan Girardot: 346-5525

ExCom Elections Set for May Meeting

Delegates will vote at the May General Assembly Meeting for next year's officers. Two nominations were made from the floor for Delegate-At-Large: Bud Wilson, GWPNA, and Joan Girardot, MCI&HA. Barbara Austen, FHRA and Joan Girardot have withdrawn their names from the election.

BARBARA MESKUNAS President

I have been honored to serve as President of the CSFN for the past two years. I am the President of the Beideman Area Neighborhood Group (BANG) in the Western Addition, and have served my neighborhood since 1987. I have also served as President of the Planning Association for Divisadero Street, as founding President of SF 5 Together, District 5's coalition of neighborhood, resident, and merchant associations, and as President of the California Association of Housing Cooperatives. I am now the Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives, a 100,000+ member organization based in Washington DC which promotes and preserves cooperative homeownership across the nation.

I was appointed by Mayor Jordan to the SF Housing Authority Commission, and served two terms as its President. I recently served on Mayor Newsom's Transition Team, Co-chairing the Community Development & Planning Committee, and his Housing Committee.

JUDITH BERKOWITZ 1st Vice President

As a member of East Mission Improvement Assn. I have served as a Board member for several years, first in the capacity of Corresponding Secretary and then as Recording Secretary.

As EMIA's Alternate Delegate to the CSFN I have served on the Executive Committee for the past four years in the positions of Recording Secretary and currently as 2nd Vice President. I also am currently the chair the Land Use & Housing Committee. I enjoy working for CSFN in these capacities and look forward to continuing to serve as 1st Vice President, applying what I have learned to future issues.

EILEEN BOKEN 2nd Vice President

I have been a member of SPEAK since 1999 and of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority CAC since 2003.

The district issues I have been involved in are Parkside School, Parkside Library, 19th Avenue and land use issues. The citywide issue I have been most involved in is the airport; focusing on fiscal accountability and non-bayfill alternatives to runways.

DOUG COMSTOCK Treasurer

Over the last four years CSFN has become a force for change in the City—and we have succeeded! I believe the Coalition should continue to show leadership and take strong stands on important issues. I am proud to have served for four years as an officer and I believe we are a better, stronger and more effective organization than we have ever been, thanks to the work of our members and our elected officers. I want especially to thank our President, Barbara Meskunas, whose tireless efforts have been largely responsible for much of our success. I also want to thank outgoing ExCom member Francisco deCosta, we appreciate the time he has taken out of his busy schedule to work with us.

DICK MILLET Corresponding Secretary

I am an Architect who has lived in San Francisco since 1962. I bought in Potrero Hill in 1969 and have lived there since then, half my life. Have been active in Potrero Hill neighborhood activities all that time, holding various offices in the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association; including president for 9 damn terms. Have been a Booster delegate to the CSFN and recently CSFN Treasurer for 2 terms, and am now Corresponding Secretary. I volunteer at Supervisor Sophie Maxwell's office Monday & Friday mornings.

STEVE GRUEL Recording Secretary

I have enjoyed serving as the CSFN recording secretary for the last two years and look forward to serving another year. Due to my employment demands, I recently stepped down as the President of the Golden Gates Heights Association. I was honored to serve our neighborhood association for two years as the President. I have been on the GGHNA executive board for five years.

I am employed as an Assistant United States Attorney here in San Francisco and have been a federal prosecutor since 1989. I have worked on cases dealing with organized crime and violence. Currently, I am prosecuting a case that directly affected the Sunset District --- the brothel case and the trafficking of women for prostitution.

SHARON EBERHARDT Member At Large

I have been a resident of San Francisco for over fifty years and a political activist for over 40 years and a neighborhood activist in Cayuga Terrace for 34 years, where I am currently Treasurer of the Cayuga Improvement Association.

Besides being active in my neighborhood association, I am one of Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval's two representatives on PROSAC; I am Vice President of the District 11 Council; I am Treasurer of the District 11 Democratic Club; I am the CIA delegate to the Excelsior Action Group; a board member of the Friends of the Geneva Office Building ; and a member of the Executive Board of the CSFN.

BUD WILSON Member At Large

I have decided to run for this elected office since I would welcome the opportunity to help formulate and implement CSFN policies to meet the changing needs of our city's neighborhoods. I have been a neighborhood advocate for the past 15 years. I have been a delegate to the CSFN for 10 years and served one term as Treasurer. I was President of the GWPNA for 5 years and VP of the West of Twin Peaks Central Council for 3 years. I have been the Chairperson for the District 7 Advisory Council for the past 3 years and I am the VP of the SF Veterans Affairs Commission. I would appreciate your support.

GEORGE ZABACK Member At Large

I became active in the Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization and served as president for six years. That association became inactive about ten years ago. Out of continuing interest in our neighborhood, I joined the Twin Peaks Improvement Association (TPIA) as an associate member for Forest Knolls. TPIA was instrumental in opposing the expansion of Sutro Tower five years ago. When TPIA joined the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, four years ago, they elected me as their delegate.

Bylaw Committee Report

CSFN Proposed Bylaws amendments:

ART. V, Sec. A. Composition. Strike out “and” before “three”, and add after “large”, “and the parliamentarian.”, so that it would read, “The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers, three members elected at large and the parliamentarian.”

Rationale. This would make the parliamentarian a voting member of the Executive Committee.

Add either at the end of this Section or as a new Section D. The following: “All members of the Executive Committee have the responsibility to attend meetings unless excused by the chair. Three consecutive unexcused absences will constitute grounds for removal from office.”

ART. VI. Sec. B. Term. Currently reads “1. Officers shall serve for a one-year term beginning at the close of the May meeting, or until a successor is elected. 2. No person may hold a given office for more than two consecutive terms. 3. No person shall hold more than one office at a time. There are several proposals to amend this Section as follows:

Proposed by the current Executive Committee: Amend by striking out 1. And inserting: 1. Officers shall serve a two-year term beginning at the close of the May meeting or until a successor is elect.

There would be no change to the remaining sub-sections. Proposed by the Bylaws Committee:

1. No change.
2. No person may hold a given office for more than three consecutive terms.
3. No change.

Proposed by Tony Sacco and the Nominating Committee:

1. No change.
2. Add: Officers may serve a third term if there are no other candidates for the office.
3. No change.

Rationale: It is increasingly difficult to find candidates for the offices. Please consider each of the proposals carefully. The one which receives a two-thirds vote will be the new reading of the Bylaws. This will be voted on before the election in May.

Previously noticed at the March General Meeting:

ART. VI. Section C.2. Nominations. Strike out the words, “at its January meeting” (line 3).

Rationale. Since the Nominating Committee is not elected until the February meeting, the Committee cannot have a January meeting.

Bylaws Committee: Ramona Albright, Tony Sacco, Evelyn Wilson.

...Submitted by Evelyn Wilson, SPEAK

Executive Committee Minutes/April 28

Executive Committee met at the Northern Police Station on April 28, 2004, at 7:07pm. Members: Meskunas, Comstock, Berkowitz, Millet, Drefke, Zabeck, Eberhardt (Gruel excused). Visitors: Girardot and E. Wilson.

President Meskunas reported that the Amended Housing Element Hearing would be heard at the Planning Commission on May 13th. Motion to hold a Special Meeting (Meskunas, 2nd Eberhardt) on May 11th or 12th, depending on availability of the Northern Police Station. Notice to be sent to all members via e-mail when possible by May 2nd, via telephone for those without E-mail. (Unanimous.)

Treasurer Drefke reported that the transfer of specific funds for the Appeal would begin as soon as notice was sent to the Appellants who contributed to the CSFN account that their funds would be transferred. Appellants will be informed that they have the option to be refunded if they chose. They will have five days from the notice to respond, otherwise the funds will be transferred to the new entity.

Membership Applications of Stanyan Fell Neighborhood Assn. was recommended for approval by the General Assembly if they provide a list of boundaries and note their number of members (Meskunas, 2nd Millet, Unanimous): India Basin was recommended for approval by the General Assembly with the necessary bylaws, boundaries and number of members (Meskunas, 2nd Eberhardt, Unanimous).

Program and Order for the May and June General Assembly as follows: May-Matt Adams, Chair of the Rate Fairness Board will appear in a special presentation Chaired by the Water Task Force, June- Angela Alioto, Chair SF 10 Year Homeless Plan. Adjournment: 8:20.

...Submitted by Doug Comstock, Chair, ExCom

Sewer Rates (Cont. from p. 1)

The recommendations are presented in the RFB’s “Wastewater Services Rates Report.” It is available on the SFPUC’s Website at:

http://sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MSC_ID/89/MTO_ID/NULL/MC_ID/5/C_ID/1857/holdSession/1

Within three years staff is recommending a 33% increase to San Franciscans’ water bill.

The following rates are for FY 2005 only:

Rate Class	Current	Proposed By Staff	RFB Recommend	% Increase
Lifeline Residential	1.86	2.18	2.15	15.59
Regular Residential	4.83	5.45	5.37	11.18
Non-Residential	5.35	5.88	5.85	9.35

MAY LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee held its regular meeting in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station on Monday May 3.

Our guests were from Tenderloin Rescue Mission. The Resolution the Committee recommends concerning the Tenderloin is at the end of the LU&H report.

The Agenda included (1.) AB2702 which threatens to remove SF's 2ndry unit exemption under 65852.2; (2.) the DR cost increase resolution published in the April CSFN Newsletter; (3.) the Tenderloin's request for assistance from CSFN in their quest for a better neighborhood; (4.) the Appeal of the Housing Element's Neg Dec which will be heard on May 13 in the Planning Commission. (5.) Countywide Transportation Plan

Re: CWTP. Eileen Boken gave a synopsis of this document, which in part is based on assumptions contained in the draft Housing Element. Eileen will draft comments on it for CSFN to review by May 18. There is also a workshop on May 13. SHE reported that Ed Harrington's audit was very critical of the Transit Authority

Re: AB 2702: the Resolution the Committee recommends concerning the AB2702 is at the end of the LU&H report.

Re: the DR "cost recovery": we discussed the possibility of no fee increase and recovery of the cost from the permit applicant. Bearing in mind that the CSFN has already taken a position on Pre-App, which will be heard at the same PC hearing as "cost recovery," it seems that the sensible solution is to tie the two: let Pre-App run for a year. If it fails miserably, then consider "cost recovery" solutions.

Re: the appeal. Discussion of various aspects; no action was taken.

Resolution recommended to CSFN General Assembly
Whereas the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods recognizes the need to preserve the character of our neighborhoods; and

Whereas the two parcels of open space in Diamond Heights known as the Clipper Street Community Garden, (block 2850, lot 001, bounded by Clipper Street, High Street, and Clipper Terrace), and the Scenic Overlook (block 2848, lot 001, bounded by Portola Drive, High Street, and 195 Portola Drive) have been informally used by residents of San Francisco as parkland for over 40 years, providing a continuous greenbelt allowing simultaneous cooperative use by gardeners, pedestrians, tourists and dog owners; and

Whereas the majority of residences in Diamond Heights are infill condominiums and apartments, affording residents very little access to private outdoor space, making access to public outdoor space even more valuable and necessary; and

Whereas the overwhelming majority of residents of Diamond Heights wish to preserve these areas as open space;
Therefore be it resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) recommends to the Board of Supervisors that they support and uphold any legislation that allows these two parcels of land — the Scenic Overlook, and

the Clipper Street Community Garden — to remain as open space.

Resolution recommended to CSFN General Assembly

Whereas the Tenderloin District of San Francisco has changed dramatically in the last several years, with a marked increase in the number of families with children and of senior citizens, such that there is a desire for a neighborhood conducive to safety for our children and seniors; and **Whereas** conditions exist in the Tenderloin which adversely affect the safety, health and welfare of the neighborhood and its residents, which conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The Tenderloin is over-saturated with liquor licenses well beyond the number indicated by the State of California's Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), — the legal limit for the area is twenty-five (25) but the Tenderloin has forty-five (45) with two (2) pending;
- The Tenderloin's Boeddeker Park is in a condition not suitable for safe use and enjoyment by families, children, and seniors;
- There exists in the Tenderloin a proliferation and over-concentration of adult entertainment venues, with thirteen (13) within 1000 feet of each other, including one next to a school;
- The JCDecaux toilet at the corner of Eddy and Jones Streets is unsanitary and unsafe since it is a site for drugs use and sales as well as prostitution.

Therefore be it resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) requests that the appropriate City officials, policy bodies and departments take action to accomplish the following:

- Impose a moratorium on any new liquor licenses in the Tenderloin District and take the necessary steps to reduce the concentration/number of liquor licenses already present in the Tenderloin;
- Create a clean and safe environment in Boeddeker Park so that families, children and senior citizens, neighborhood residents and visitors can safely enjoy the park;
- Review and change any land use policies and controls that have fostered the proliferation and over-concentration of adult entertainment venues in the Tenderloin neighborhood and, further, develop a plan or a strategy to relieve Tenderloin community and residents of this undue burden and resulting adverse impact;
- Remove the JCDecaux toilet situated at the corner of Eddy and Jones Streets.

Resolution recommended to CSFN General Assembly

Whereas AB 2702 will remove the exemption San Francisco currently has under Government Code 65852.2 for its secondary units; and

Whereas San Francisco's geography has not changed, rendering the reasons for the exemption remaining the same;
Therefore be it resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) opposes any and all attempts by the State Legislature to remove San Francisco's Exemption ...
Submitted by Judith Berkowitz, Chair Land Use & Housing Committee

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!!CALL TO ACTION!!

Proposed DR Policy Changes & DR Fee Increases



will be heard at the Planning Commission on May 20. Time Yet to be determined.

Proposed Sewer Rate Increases

The SFPUC will hold a public hearing to consider a Sewer Service increases on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 400 of City Hall.

DR Process (Cont. from p. 1)

developed, including a mechanism whereby the neighbors submit their comments directly to the Department subsequent to the Pre-Application meeting between the project sponsor and affected parties. This could be accomplished by providing a form with the Pre-App notification packet. It would eliminate the possibility of the project sponsor misinterpreting or misrepresenting neighborhood concerns to the planner. That form should become a part of the project file.

3.) The number of requests for DR can be further reduced if the Commission commits to clarifying contradictions between the Planning Code and the new Residential Design Guidelines. Types of concerns that come up repeatedly over time should be dealt with consistently with standards that have been set forth. Those already noted in the draft Residential Design Guidelines (page 5, paragraph 2) should be clarified so staff and the public understand how those conflicts will be resolved in all similar situations in the light of Code and established standards. Any problem that cannot be solved in light of standards already set forth is by definition extraordinary—that is, not resolved with established standards and guidelines. It is this type of problem that will potentially come before the Commission. If clear standards and guidelines are set forth, then Planning's actions will not be seen or thought to be arbitrary.

4.) The Department needs to devise a method of assuring that the plan accurately reflects the details and the footprint location of the permitted project.

5.) A Pre-App notification process is pro-active, raising issues up front so they can be addressed early on. As, and if, plans are modified, interested parties should be kept abreast of changes.

6.) Before the Permit Application leaves Planning, standard issues should be resolved. A Planner who needs assistance can and should go to administration for help with issue resolution before the application leaves Planning's jurisdiction.

The Coalition believes that the Pre-Application procedures and the above-referenced suggestions will dramatically reduce the DR caseload. We believe that if consideration of the Pre-App process is severed from the Administrative Review process and implemented immediately, a dramatic decrease in DRs will result

Next Meeting

TUESDAY
May
17th

Agenda

General Assembly Meeting
• May 17, 2004 •

- 6:30 Sign In and Refreshments
- 7:00 Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum
 - A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests
 - B. Presentation by Host Organizations:
 - 1. Sunset Parkside Education & Action Comm (SPEAK)
 - 2. TwinPeaks Council & Open Space Conservancy
- Approval of April Minutes
- 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 (Dick Millet)
 - F. Treasurer (Babette Drefke)
- 7:30 **Time Certain: Water Task Force :**
Matt Adams, Chair, Rate Fairness Board
- 8:30 **Committee Reports**
 - A. Bylaws Amendments
 - B. Nominating Committee Election & Ballots
 - C. Land Use and Housing
 - D. Open Space Committee
- 9:00 **Unfinished Business**
 - A. SPEAK Resolution re: Cell Phone Antennae
- 9:15 **New Business**
Announcements
Adjournment

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