



IMAGINE THE WAY — THE BLUE GREEN WAY

Completion of San Francisco's portion of the 450-mile Bay Trail has taken some solid steps forward with help from the Mayor's Office of Greening, the Neighborhood Parks Council, and a coalition of nonprofit and community groups and City agencies.

Currently the Bay Trail runs from the Golden Gate Bridge to AT&T Park. Across Mission Creek and south to Candlestick Point State Park, the proposed trail has been named the Blue Greenway. In addition to a network of walking and bicycling paths, the Blue Greenway will incorporate the first stages of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, which will provide multiple points of access to the Bay for non-motorized small boats.

The views from much of this edge of the city back toward downtown are breathtaking; the generally phenomenal weather is also a well-guarded secret of the Dogpatch, Bayview and Hunter's Point neighborhoods. An attractive trail along the relatively flat corridor would provide a much-needed opportunity for exercise in a quarter of town faced with serious health challenges. For this reason especially, Supervisor Sophie Maxwell is a strong proponent of the effort and an eloquent voice for the need to add usable green space in a district that is notably lacking in this amenity.

The Blue Greenway Task Force has been working for six months to draft a vision for the Blue Greenway, and a roadmap for implementation of the vision. The results of this intensive effort will be revealed on Saturday, June 24th at a community event called "Imagine the Way" to celebrate the official launch of the Blue Greenway initiative. This event will begin with a bicycle tour from China Basin Park on Terry Francois Blvd, just south of Mission Creek, to India Basin Shoreline Park on Innes Avenue. Shuttle bus

service will be available from China Basin Park to India Basin Park every half-hour from 10:30 on.

Fortunately, Mayor Newsom is inspired by both the vision of green and the knowledge that open space development provides major economic incentives and benefits. To help get the project to the next level, the Mayor recently established a Task Force with representatives of all city agencies that can assist the project as well as key stakeholder groups and Blue Greenway committee members. This is the kind of process undertaken in Oakland that has been establishing its own waterfront trail over the last nine years, including taxpayer support provided by Measure DD which passed in 2002.



Kayaks enjoy the bay on the greenway.

Along the way, viewers will be able to watch dragon boat races in China Basin Cove, and kayaks and whaleboats rowing along the waterfront. Temporary installations of public art will be located at Agua Vista Park on Terry Francois Boulevard, 3rd and Cargo Way, and India Basin Shoreline Park.

The event will culminate with a community celebration from 11-4 at India Basin Shoreline Park, including a free barbecue, music, dancing, speakers, circus performers, a sailboat race, a water display by the SF Fire Department, and free kayak rides from City Kayak.

Maps and information about the Blue Greenway will be on view. The Task Force also wants to bring the draft plans to as many neighborhood organizations as possible this summer for your input. If you can't make it to "Imagine the Way," contact Jeff Condit at the Neighborhood Parks Council (621-3260) to schedule a presentation. You can also view the plans at www.sfnpc.org or www.bluegreenway.org.

...Corinne Woods (MCHA)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All this past month I have been encouraged by what so many of you have said to me: that the unpleasantness of the past year is finally over. This doesn't mean we can relax... it simply means that there will be more ExComm meetings like May's: productive, a feeling of camaraderie, and everyone taking an equal share of the work of the organization. A true breath of fresh air!

We are a stronger organization when we have active committees, so I encourage you all to participate in the activities of CSFN's committees. Sign-up pages for the Coalition's eight standing committees will be available at the June meeting. Yes, it's great that everyone participates at the monthly meetings, but in the committees is where we really get to know our issues. Please see Evelyn Wilson's article on our committees elsewhere in this issue.

CSFN Committees are:

- **Bylaws,**
- **Gov't & Elections,**
- **Land Use & Housing,**
- **Media Relations,**
- **Newsletter (which is an elected committee),**
- **Open Space,**
- **Transportation,** and the
- **Water Task Force.**

One of the more enjoyable events of last month was the Potrero Boosters Annual Dinner. In a gorgeous new space and with fabulous food, the California Culinary Academy received us at their new Potrero campus. Joan Girardot and I were honorees, Joan for her "work in the trenches: staying on top of what's underground." I also received recognition. Both very much appreciated, and a big thank you to Tony Kelly, Boosters President.

Unfortunately, the CSFN website has been dismantled by the former webmaster without CSFN permission or knowledge... what can I say? Poor sportsmanship is the mildest thing I can think of for this sad, childish behavior. Or, as MONS Director Daniel Homsey put it after taking a look at one of the missives which circulated last month: "Toxic."

At any rate, what was done to the website is theft. When one is a volunteer — as we all are in neighborhood organizations — we donate our time and talents to the organization. The product of our efforts belongs to the organization.

Up until the theft CSFN members could go to the website to could see CSFN Bylaws, current and past Newsletter issues, to download applications to join or renew CSFN membership, locate what organization is in which neighborhood, find delegates and officer information at the site, find CSFN history, and see the list of resolutions we have passed over time.

The website and the its contents are the property of the Coalition. Dismantling the website amounts to taking information from the organization, information that is crucial to our operation. The way this information is organized on the website may be said to constitute artwork that the former webmaster says he refuses to let us have. That is different from the information itself. The design or formatting of it may be construed as artwork, and may command a fee from a graphic artist, however, no statement for art services rendered has ever been received by the Coalition. We cannot and will not be held hostage. We are confident that we can resolve this issue with our former newsletter editor and webmaster without resorting to legal action.



Girardot and Berkowitz honored by Potrero Boosters

So, Entering the 2006–07 year, the Coalition is stronger than ever. The meeting of the CSFN Assembly on June 20th will be really interesting: Isabel Wade and the Neighborhood Parks Council present the Blue Greenway... In

coming months CSFN will host Dr Fred Abadi, the Director of DPW, and Tim Egan with the PROP I/2004 Economic Performance Study. More to come, and looking forward to seeing you all at the June 20th meeting!

...Judith Berkowitz (EMIA)

Vacancies on the CSFN ExCom

CSFN Bylaws Article VI, Sec D states: "A vacancy shall be filled by a special election held two meetings after the announcement of the vacancy has been published in the newsletter. The Executive Committee shall appoint a representative to fill the vacancy for the interim."

The office of Corresponding Secretary is vacant due to the resignation of Lionel Brazil, who announced that he was withdrawing from the nomination. This is the official notification that there is a vacancy. A special election will be held at the August meeting to fill the vacancy, at which time nominations may be made from the floor. In the interim, the Executive Committee will fill the position with a temporary appointment.

...Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) Parliamentarian

CSFN COMMITTEES

It's that time of year again! Time to reconstitute the CSFN standing committees. Come prepared to sign up for service on at least one committee.

In most organizations much of the research, discussion and recommendations come from the work of committees — a committee being a body of one or more persons assigned to deal with certain aspects of the objects of the organization where a small group may meet, deliberate and devise recommendations for the membership to act on. The CSFN Bylaws do not spell out the specific duties of each committee, but rather state that standing committees must be authorized by the membership and may not be dissolved except by action of the membership. Committees *must* have face-to-face meetings except when emergency action must be taken and there is not time for a special meeting of the committee.

The custom in CSFN has been to have sign-up sheets for each committee at the beginning of each administration for those interested in taking part in the committee. The President then appoints these members, and at its first meeting the committee selects its own chairman. Some of the committees have, in the past, drawn up their own rules which have been ratified by the membership. Such rules may include when the committee meets, whether new members must attend x meetings before having a vote, and that there may be only one vote per member organization represented.

Each committee should have a "Mission Statement" to help it focus on its responsibilities. There probably should also be a statement as to how special meetings of the committee are noticed, such as e-mail or telephone. The Executive Committee has requested that each committee adopt such rules, and have them in writing so that we may reproduce them as a *Manual for Committee Procedures*.

Ideally each member organization should be represented on all standing committees, but realistically, each member organization should be represented on at least one committee.

The Executive Committee with approval of the membership has required that committee reports must be in writing in the newsletter, and that only brief interim reports and action items may be made at the general assembly meetings. This means that committees should meet within the interval between the general assembly meeting and the deadline for the newsletter — usually in the first week of the month. Some exceptions must be made for such committees as the Government and Elections Committee, which must meet and make recommendations according to deadlines for endorsements and elections.

...Evelyn Wilson, PRP Parliamentarian

CONGRATULATIONS NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS!

The Officers for 2005–2006, who were elected on May 16, will try mightily to close out the era of CSFN uncivil argument, fractious controversy and cosiness with Joe O'Donoghue and the Residential Builders. When Doug Comstock, editor of the CSFN Newsletter, and Barbara Meskunas, former CSFN Treasurer and longtime O'Donoghue pal, put CSFN resources into the YES on D campaign, a major upheaval in this neighborhood umbrella group was indicated. And on May 16, the *real* reform slate won!

Why did the Coalition ever vote YES on D? The organization put its trust in its Government and Elections Committee for guidance. No one on the Committee saw through Measure D as a ploy to use the frail elderly to mask the real goal: an attempt to rezone Public areas at Laguna Honda and in the rest of the City which are currently zoned "P" for Public uses exclusively. No one on the Committee except Meskunas and Comstock appears to have read the measure beforehand. Thus, the CSFN was hooked into an early endorsement of this fraudulent measure and Meskunas and Comstock wrote a Voter's Handbook ballot argument in CSFN's name in favor of D. Even if others on the Committee had read Prop D, they might never have spotted the sleight-of-hand of Code master Alice Barkley, attorney for O'Donoghue's Residential Builders Association, who crafted small, elliptical changes in the measure's Planning Code amendment language which would have opened up Public open space areas throughout the City, not just at Laguna Honda, to the construction of for-profit nursing homes. Unmasked in the press, O'Donoghue denied that the RBA would ever want to build nursing homes in Public areas. Oh, no.

After opening its eyes to this fraud, clearing the CSFN's name was important. Thus in May, just before electing its new slate of officers, the CSFN Assembly voted to rescind their endorsement of Prop D, and, *mirabile dictu*, the Meskunas-Comstock self-called "Reform" Slate of Officers went away, too. They literally left the room, folks, in case you missed it, and conceded defeat. Yes, it was too late to remove the CSFN endorsement of Prop D from the Voters' Handbook, but rescinding their earlier endorsement was a point of honor for the Assembly. In the future, let's hope the motto will be, "Read the fine print" before we take a position.

Thanks to SPEAK board of Directors and especially Eileen Boken, for bringing the Resolution to rescind Prop D to the Assembly on May 15!

...Mary Anne Miller (SPEAK)

ANNUAL REPORT

Land Use and Housing

Mission. During the 2005/06 year of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, the members of the Land Use & Housing Committee (LU&H Committee) worked effectively to carry out the mission of the committee – to preserve and enhance the unique world-renowned character of San Francisco’s residential neighborhoods. In implementing this mission, committee members met many times – 28 committee meetings – during the 2005/06 year, and also attended many public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors and even met with the Mayor.

Major Accomplishment. At our first meeting in June 2006 of this CSFN fiscal year, the members of the LU&H Committee learned about an ominous proposed legislation, Better Neighborhoods Planning and Implementation Process. This would create a new administrative procedure that would bypass the Planning Commission hearing and planning processes for development projects in San Francisco’s residential neighborhoods. The LU&H Committee rallied the CSFN membership and, after numerous public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, the CSFN succeeded in “shelving” this legislation by having it referred to the Board of Supervisors’ Land Use & Economic Development Committee.

Issues Considered. The LU&H Committee considered many other matters and issues during the year including the following:

- SF residential demolition policy,
- SF dwelling unit merger policy,
- cost recovery for appeals to Board of Supervisors,
- financial service use in service/light industrial districts,
- proposed amendment of Section 311 notification requirements,
- proposed increase of height exemption from 10 to 16 feet for elevator penthouses,
- CSFN Newsletter articles,
- Market / Octavia Neighborhood Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report,
- CSFN land use & housing position paper,
- Crestmont development project,
- 1122 Green Street illegal construction,
- proposed charter amendment to eliminate requirement for printed notice of all meetings of city agencies,
- proposed priorities and amendments to the medical cannabis dispensaries legislation,
- the pending court action challenging the certification of the Negative Declaration by the Board of Supervisors of the proposed Housing Element of the General Plan,
- seismic safety program proposed by Seismic Safety Advocates,
- appeal pending before the Board of Supervisors of the categorical exemption of the proposed medical cannabis

- dispensaries legislation from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act,
- the next (2007) updating of the Housing Element of the Master Plan,
- position of merchants on Geary Boulevard regarding the proposed rapid transit,
- proposed helicopter operation at San Francisco General Hospital,
- the proposed mixed-use project at 3575 Geary Boulevard (site of the Coronet Theater),
- meeting with City Attorney Dennis Herrera,
- meeting with Mayor Gavin Newsom,
- Saturday closure of Golden Gate Park to automobile traffic,
- proposed fees for applications for Discretionary Review,
- appointments to the Sunshine Committee,
- better streets for pedestrian policy, and
- Proposition D to rezone site of Laguna Honda Hospital.

Actions Taken. The LU&H Committee recommended to the CSFN General Assembly the following recommendations and positions:

- 1) urge the Board of Appeals to uphold the determination of the Department of Building Inspection to require the Appellant to submit under a new Building Permit Application any new plans for a proposed newly revised construction project at 1170-1180 Green Street;
- 2) a) schedule a public hearing on the several Amendments of the Whole introduced by the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed “Better Neighborhoods Planning & Implementation Process” ordinance, and
b) communicate immediately to the Board of Supervisors the Commission’s intention to hold a public hearing and urge the Board to take no action on the proposed ordinance pending the receipt of the Planning Commission’s recommendation;
- 3) urge the Board of Supervisors to refer to the Planning Commission the proposed “Better Neighborhoods Planning & Implementation Process” ordinance as amended to date for hearing and recommendation;
- 4) urge adoption of proposed priorities and amendments to the medical cannabis dispensaries;
- 5) urge the Board of Supervisors to not adopt the proposed Better Neighborhoods Planning legislation and establish a pilot program of the proposed ordinance with a sunset date;
- 6) urge the Planning Commission to schedule public hearings on the amendments of the whole that have been introduced and adopted by the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed ordinance, Better Neighborhoods Planning & Implementation Process and urge the Board of Supervisors take no action regarding the Better Neighborhoods Planning and Implementation Process ordinance pending the receipt of the recommendation by the Planning Commission regarding the proposed ordinance;
- 7) urge the Board of Supervisors to overrule the determination by the Planning Department declaring that the proposed Better Neighborhoods Planning and Implementation Process ordinance is exempt from the

John Bardis, Judy Berkowitz, Eileen Boken, Lionel Brazil, Francisco Centurion, Bernie Chodin, Penelope Clark, Karen Crommie, Hiroshi Fukuda, Joan Girardot, Mollie Hopp, Ellen Kernaghan, Jim Lew, Charley Marsteller, Mary Anne Miller, Dick Millet, Evelyn Wilson, and George Zaback. The following committee members are commended for the hard work on the committee and effective comments at public hearings in support of positions adopted by the CSFN: Marilyn Amini, Judy Berkowitz, Bernie Chodin, Penelope Clark, Hiroshi Fukuda, Ellen Kernaghan, Charley Marsteller, Mary Anne Miller, and Dick Millet.

Future Challenges in 2006/07. Presently the LU&H Committee faces two major challenges for year 2006/07:

- 1) the possible resurrection of a new version of the presently dormant “Better Neighborhoods & Implementation Planning Process” legislation, and
- 2) the program currently underway to implement the proposition adopted by the voters to develop an Economic Development Strategy for San Francisco.

— *John Bardis (ISAC) Chairman*

Patricia Walkup

You may have heard the sad news that Patricia Walkup, a tireless neighborhood advocate and founder of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, died June 6 at age 59. In case you didn’t know Patricia, she was the co-chair of the three campaigns to build Octavia Boulevard. Without her, the freeway would still loom over the Hayes Valley neighborhood. Architect Robin Levitt said he met her in the early 1990s, when crime was a big issue in the neighborhood and Walkup was organizing neighborhood walks with police officers. Next, the two worked to ensure that the Central Freeway, damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, was replaced by a six-lane, tree-lined boulevard on Octavia Street. The battle played out in three ballot measures in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Walkup and Levitt organized signature campaigns for the ballot measures, hosted many meetings and closely followed the project as it was implemented.

José Luis Moscovich, executive director of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, worked with Walkup for a decade on the Octavia Boulevard project, which recently earned the “Freeway Project of the Year” award. Moscovich dedicated the award to Ms. Walkup, saying, “She never gave up. She saw it through.”

Neighborhood activity goes on. The next Octavia Boulevard Citizens Action Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday June 26th at 6 p.m. in the Transportation Authority office, 100 Van Ness Avenue, 26th floor. The CAC will be discussing the funding of ancillary projects as well as a proposed circulation and traffic study for the area around Octavia Boulevard and other corridors leading to and from the Central Freeway.

...*Mary Anne Miller (SPEAK)*

NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT

Copies of the third revision of the Natural Areas Management Plan, a document thicker than the Manhattan telephone book, have been available since February, 2006, on line and in libraries. The first draft of the Plan was the Citizen’s Task Force Draft and was published in June, 2002. Four years later and the Plan is finally going for environmental review. The delay has been expensive.

A bit of history of how the delay happened: For the first draft of the Plan, in the fall of 2002, the supervisors got involved and appointed a large citizens advisory committee to examine the Plan in detail. In January, 2003, the committee began its process of approximately 10 publicly announced and well-attended meetings over the next 11 months. The draft Plan went back to the consultants and was modified according to written suggestions of the committee. The second draft was published in the spring of 2004 and then reviewed in a series of 4 large public meetings, held throughout the City in the summer, 2004.

After the public reviews, the second draft Plan was then reviewed in house by the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) with a group of critics and supporters called together by RPD to go over some of the more contentious sections of the Plan, such as trail closures and off-leash dogs. This group after months of discussion signed on to an agreement that resolved all of the major conflicts. Examples: As for trail closures, approximately 95% of the so-called trails proposed to be closed in the Plan are ‘social trails,’ that is, informal cuts that are redundant, pose safety hazards, or degrade park resources by causing erosion or harm to plant or animal communities. Off-leash dogs constitute a contentious issue that is happening in all of our SF Parks, and the Natural Areas are no exception, of course.

Now, the third draft was published in February. It represents the result of many voices of the public heard and listened to over the past four full years. It is time (and some would say way past time) for the Plan to move into environmental review. This move will not mean that the public will not have any more say. Environmental review is exactly when most such plans get their first public review. The delays to environmental review since the first draft was published 4 years ago have cost taxpayers money. The time has come to put the Plan out for environmental review and put the Natural Areas Program in place with a management plan.

...*Pinky Kushner (SPEAK)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Land Use & Housing • Monday June 19, 6PM at Northern Station • Chair John Bardis • jbardis@xdm.com • 776-2014
 Bylaws • Chair Evelyn Wilson • 566-7826
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 Government & Elections •
 Newsletter • Chair Mary Helen Briscoe • 346-1448
 Open Space • Chair Ramona Albright • 621-9621
 Water Task Force • Chair Joan Girardot • 346-5525

CSFN DRAFT MINUTES

General Meeting, May 16

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Pres. Judy Berkowitz at 7:02 pm at Northern Police Station, Tuesday, 16 MAY 2006

QUORUM ascertained: 37 organizations and 15+ guests attending.

INTRODUCTION of Delegates and Guests.

HOST ORGANIZATION presentations: Haight Ashbury Improvement Assn (HAIA) and Van Ness Neighbors (VNN).

SPECIAL MOTION TO REORDER BUSINESS: Ratification of new members, Francisco Heights Civic Assn. (FHCA) and Jordan Park Improvement Assn (JPIA) to take place **before** the election of Officers. Moved (McAfee), 2nd, PASSED (22 yes, 12 no, 1 abstention.)

*Ex-Com recommended by 7 to 0 vote to recommend that the General Membership vote to accept into CSFN both the Francisco Heights and Jordan Park organizations. Membership vote for acceptance of both organizations was (30 yes, 1 no) by hand vote.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President's Message: Judy Berkowitz, page 2 MAY '06 Newsletter.

1st VP: Steve Gruel, page 9 of MAY '06 Newsletter, Resigned position, tonight.

2nd VP: Richard Shadoian: No report in Newsletter. Resigned position, tonight.

RECORDING SEC'Y: Dick Millet: Minutes of 18 April '06 on page 8 of MAY '06 Newsletter. Moved/2nd/ APPROVED as printed in newsletter.

TREASURER, B. Meskunas: Submitted updated report of PAID members and cash in the bank. Resigned position, tonight.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Lionel Brazil: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*By-Law Committee (Evelyn Wilson): Will be writing language change that provides for "delay" of voting privileges on new members.

*Newsletter Committee (Mary Helen Briscoe, acting editor): Mary Helen has taken over as acting editor upon Doug Comstock's April 14th resignation. She apologizes for minor errors in the May Newsletter.

*Land use & Housing Committee: (John Bardis) reported

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*RESOLUTION RESCINDING the CSFN's SUPPORT of Proposition D, Laguna Honda Hospital Ballot Measure, by SPEAK:

WHEREAS, the CSFN had voted to support the Proposition D, Laguna Honda Hospital Ballot Measure based on the understanding that Prop. D was solely concerning changes to the admissions policy at Laguna Honda... THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSFN rescinds its support for the Prop. D, Laguna Honda Hospital ballot measure. Vote: Moved, 2nd, PASSED (23 yes, 8 no, 5 abstention.)

PROGRAM: CSFN OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Ex-Com (Steve Gruel) prepared an ballot by SLATE (blue). See below. Nominating Committee Mary McAfee & Mary Harris moved that the Ex-Com ballot not be accepted, and that the Nominating Committee-generated ballot, which

has voting on the basis of individual office be used: Moved, 2nd, PASSED (25 yes, 6 no, 4 abstention).

NOM-COM RECOMMENDATIONS Ballot:

President: Judy Berkowitz, EMIA

1st Vice President: Mary Helen Briscoe, PROSF

2nd Vice President: Hiroshi Fukuda, RCA

Recording Secretary: Dick Millet, PBNA

Corresponding Sec'y: Lionel Brazil, EDIA

Treasurer: Jim Lew, NBN

ExCom Members-at-Large:

Joan Girardot, MCI/POA

Tony Sacco, NMTIA

Babette Drefke, EMIA

"OTHER Slate" Ballot:

President: Cheryl Brodie, HAIA

1st Vice President: Steve Gruel, GGHNA

2nd Vice President: Richard Shadoian, CVIA

Recording Secretary: -----

Corresponding Sec'y: Doug Comstock, PROSF

Treasurer: Barbara Meskunas, BANG

ExCom Members-at-Large: -----

The "OTHER SLATE" withdrew, the candidates declared they would not run on an "individual office" basis. The President, Judy Berkowitz, therefore, declared that the NOM-COM RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES be designated as elected by acclamation.

OTHER: Biedeman Area Neighborhood Group (BANG) has withdrawn from the CSFN, letter attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*RESOLUTION by SPEAK: "Posting Text of Ballot on Website." CONTINUED to June '06 Meeting.

WHEREAS, the Department of Elections maintains hard copy files of ballot measure documents which are available to the public. Whereas, there is minimal oversight by the Department of these files... THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSFN urges the Department of Elections to post the text of ballot measure on its website as soon as they have been submitted to the Department. (Action postponed until next meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS: HAIA & CVIA Resolution: See Page in May newsletter: resolved by the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN), that it become policy that statutory fines for "quality of life" infractions processed at the Superior Court's Traffic Division be maintained, and the option of performing community service for equivalent hours be offered. Not introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Corinne Woods (Mission Creek) Blue Greenway and Neighborhood Parks Council Festival Event Saturday 24 June '06 Pier 48 thru India Basin. All welcome!!

ADJOURNMENT: 9:26 pm.

...Dick Millet (PBNA), Recording Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT

Open Space

The committee continuous to work to represent the position of the Coalition as regards open space in San Francisco.

Last year the committee played a central role in landmarking the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

Largely through the efforts of committee member Kathy Howard, the coalition previously sponsored the successful landmaking of the pollarded trees in the concourse.

— Ramona Albright (TPC/OSC), Chair

Executive Committee Report

CSFN ExCom was called to order at 6:25 p.m. at Northern Station by Chair Mary Helen Briscoe. Present were Judy Berkowitz, Hiroshi Fukuda, Dick Millet, Jim Lew, Joan Girardo, Babette Drefke, Tony Sacco and Evelyn Wilson. Also present: Mary Anne Miller, Eileen Boken, John Bardis and Emeric Kalman. Absent: Lionel Brazil.

Reports: President Berkowitz handed out print-outs of officers' duties to newly elected board. She presented draft press release concerning Prop D and proposed ad hoc committee to study health issues particularly concerning elderly. Idea tabled until next month after elections

First and second VPs: no report.

Corresponding Secretary: absent

Recording Secretary, Dick Millet presented general assembly draft minutes for study and feedback.

Treasurer James Lew received the CSFN books and bank papers.

Program: Leland Yee will be contacted for swearing in of new officers. Isabel Wade proposed as speaker for June with Fred Abadi of the DPW, Lois Scott of Code Enforcement and speakers on the Prop I law suit as future speakers.

Unfinished business: May Barry will do CSFN 2005 audit; Treasurer will give her necessary information. Two membership applications will be returned by the ExCom because of lack of elected officers and incomplete information. Vice President will write with explanation.

New Business: President Berkowitz presented estimates for producing newsletter commercially. It was decided that newsletter committee will produce newsletter in simplified form for June and will send out call for members who might be interested in taking on job of the newsletter, letterhead and webmaster. ExCom appreciates work former editor, Doug Comstock, did to publish newsletter and oversee website. Vice President will arrange for transfer from him of vital CSFN items. Vice President handed out copies of amended Newsletter Guidelines for study and feedback from Board. Committees: Sign-up sheets shall be prepared for June meeting showing the dates of previous year's meetings. Non CSFN members may sign up for any committee, but may not vote. A year-end report will be requested from committee chairs. Parliamentarian Wilson presented proposal for nominating and election changes. Two items referred to the By-Laws Committee: Strengthening of conflict of interest clause and ballot text oversight. Letters and emails received by President or addressed to CSFN will be placed in binder for viewing by membership.

Next Excom meeting will be June 28 at 6:30 at Northern Station.

Adjournment at 9:25.

... Mary Helen Briscoe (PROSF) 1st VP

West Presidio Interview

In a neighborhood of vistas from the ocean at Baker Beach and Lobos Creek Dunes in the Presidio Park, a veritable UN of Russian, Chinese, Polish, Korean and other ethnicities live and are welcomed as constant visitors even in the cold and foggy summer. This primarily residential area, however, in 1995 was dramatically altered by tour buses.

It took 50 to 60 tour buses per hour driving through their residential streets to galvanize the formation of the West Presidio Neighborhood Association (WPNA) according to Mary McAfee. It became an 8-year struggle in the nineties at a time when the 1995 sewer collapse and subsequent construction shook the neighborhood to its core. At the same time middle-of-the-night Muni buses contributed sleeplessness.

With backing and support for resolutions from CSFN the group achieved a ban on tour buses which in spite of lax enforcement has worked. However, not so successful was their recent fight to preserve as open space the Ansel Adams Grove. The Supervisors voted to allow the lots to be sold for single-family housing.

These fights to preserve their neighborhood involved many hard working and caring neighbors who were always willing and available to pitch in and help out. To name a few of the great neighbors, WPNA owes special thanks to Deborah and Bruce MacLeod, Tom Meyer, Kimball Livingston, Rachel Gishkin, Laruen Lamm and Suzanne.

...Interview with Mary McAfee (WPNA)

Park Scan for Problems

ParkScan is a web-based program that gives the power to San Francisco residents to track maintenance conditions in San Francisco's parks and playgrounds. Through ParkScan you can report conditions in your neighborhood parks by taking pictures and submitting them on to the ParkScan online report form at www.parkscan.org. It will then get a tracking number and be reported to the appropriate department. The conditions that you provide informs the City and County of San Francisco about park conditions from a customer standpoint to help fix immediate dangers and plan for a park maintenance program that is responsive to community priorities. So How Does Your Park Look? Visit www.parkscan.org to let the City know or to learn how to get involved.

...Alfredo Pedrozo, submitted by Mary Helen Briscoe (PROSF)

AGENDA

General Assembly Meeting
June 20, 2006

- 6:30 I. Sign In and Refreshments
- 7:00 II. Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum
- A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests
- B. Hosts
 - 1. Cayuga Improvement Association/CIA
 - 2. Cole Valley Improvement Association/CVIA
- 7:15 III. VII. New Business - Swearing in of Officers
- 7:30 IV. Approval of May Minutes
- 7:35 V. Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-Presidents
 - C. Secretaries
 - D. Treasurer
- 7:50 VI. Committee Action Items - written reports in Newsletter
 - A. Land Use & Housing
 - B. Media Relations
 - C. Open Space
 - D. Water Task Force
 - E. Gov't & Elections
- 8:00 VII. Unfinished Business
 - A. SPEAK Resolution - Ballot Text
 - B. Bylaw Change - SHARP
- 8:15 VIII. Program - Isobel Wade - Neighborhood Parks Council
- 9:15 IX. Announcements
- 9:30 X. Adjournment



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ACTION ITEMS
Resolution: Ballot Text on Website
Resolution: Bylaw Change



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