



Sunshine and the Mayor's Office

If you want to discover City officials doing things they are not supposed to do... or City officials not doing things they are supposed to do... make a Sunshine Request for the information. The place to start is the official's calendar to find who, what, when, and where.

The Republican Governor of Florida made his calendar public and the Republican California Governor followed suit. Beginning in March, repeated Sunshine Requests for our Mayor's Office to publically provide the Mayor's weekly calendar in searchable Adobe Acrobat Portable Data Format [pdf] got no response at all.

State Proposition 59, written by State Senator John Burton, in 2004 amended the California Constitution to make Sunshine Requests a Constitutional Right. In addition to the Constitution, San Francisco has the *San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance* and *Proposition G*, intended to ensure open political meetings and access to information. In Chapter 67 of the Administrative Code, the Board of Supervisors set up the *Sunshine Ordinance Task Force [SOTF]* to help City Officials do the right thing when faced with a Sunshine Request. All the machinery for open government is in place.

These laws enforce our Constitutional right to reasonable request of documents created by our government. Within a prompt response time officials must provide documents in the format requested. In matters of privacy and security, the interpretation should lean toward freedom of information. Officials, if they "redact" [delete or hide] information for any reason, must explain the redaction. It directs officials to carefully preserve government documents.

This heavy legal machinery did not impress Mayor Newsom's hired hands. In September, the San Francisco Survival Manual (SFSM) and I filed a complaint before the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF #06019, SFSM & Wayne Lanier vs Mayor's Office).

In the first hearing in November, Joe Arellano, Director of Communications for the Mayor's Office, handed out a thick stack of photocopies in a last minute legal brief. Objections resulted in a continuance until December 20th.

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RESOLUTION Geary BRT

Whereas, the SFCounty Transportation Authority (SFCTA) is planning to issue its final Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Report and Recommendations to the SFCTA Board of Commissioners, and

Whereas, CSFN has concerns regarding the loss of any parking on Geary Blvd., specifically the reduction of any 30 degree parking spaces on the blocks on Geary between 14th Ave. and 30th Ave., and

Whereas, CSFN has concerns that SFCTA is planning to add angled parking spaces on neighborhood side streets adjacent to Geary Blvd., and

Whereas, CSFN has concerns SFCTA is planning to reduce the number of left-hand turns on Geary Blvd., and

Whereas, CSFN has concerns that the BRT plan will have a significant negative impact to vehicular and emergency traffic movement on Geary Blvd. and this negative vehicular impact will force vehicular traffic to use neighborhood side streets, causing danger to the neighborhood children and families, and

Whereas, in its publication, SFCTA states, "Planners will work with concerned neighbors to identify traffic calming improvements on nearby streets *as needed*," and

Whereas, in its publication, SFCTA states "it will NOT include an economic assessment at this stage, but socioeconomic impacts will be analyzed in the EIR/EIS stage to follow." CSFN has concern for the socioeconomic impact to the businesses on Geary, therefore be it

Resolved: CSFN hereby requests that SFCTA include the following recommendations in its Final Report. The final report and recommendations should require that the BRT plan and implementation:

- 1) Not reduce any 30 degree parking spaces on Geary Blvd. between 14th Ave. and 30th Ave. and do not change existing parking to 30 degree parking on Geary Blvd. going east of 14th Avenue to Masonic.
- 2) Not permit any 30 degree parking spaces on the blocks adjacent to Geary.
- 3) Not remove any left hand turns on Geary
- 4) Include *specific* mitigation measures which will effectively lower the impact of a loss of a lane of vehicular traffic in each direction and assure that public, police, fire

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If I hadn't been inundated with three Big Things all at once in the past two weeks, life would have been sooo much easier!

As it was, I've been organizing the meeting with **Mayor Newsom** (see announcement on page 3), helping newsletter editor **Mary Helen Briscoe** with the newsletter, and finally have had to take the time to defend CSFN against a three-page libelous document (which consequently seems to have been bruited as fact to the *SF Chronicle*). One at a time, these would not have been a terribly big deal to contend with, but because they were bunched together, it made something like preparing for the Annual Dinner look easy!

The scurrilous document, promulgated by a developers' lobbyist, inaccurately portrayed CSFN in many ways. One fallacious issue the lobbyist repeatedly flogged as fact was that CSFN had opposed "housing for the elderly," specifically meaning the Institute on Aging at the Coronet Theatre site. However, if you recall, CSFN voted to "... request the Planning Commission... approve a plan that... retains all the proposed 150 senior housing units..."

When faced with this truth, instead of admitting he was wrong, our accuser repeated his lie over and over again!

Another statement in the three pages of falsehoods was that CSFN opposed supporting schools, falsely stating that we had opposed last November's school bond. We did not. We did not take a stand one way or the other on this measure.

He told malicious falsehoods ... made numerous unsubstantiated statements, all of them just thrown out there, trying to see what will stick. He evidently repeated them to the *SF Chronicle* reporter who phoned me yesterday. The reporter re-stated those falsehoods as "fact."

Does CSFN make it difficult by asking the hard questions, by pointing out possible repercussions, by noting what could be unforeseen consequences? Yes. Does this make it difficult for those for whom these questions would pull the covers off nefarious schemes? Yes, it certainly can. And that is the reason they are poised to weaken us.

For a long time now I've understood that neighborhood groups have been under attack by various outside forces trying to infiltrate and weaken neighborhood groups because we pose a hurdle to unchecked development. Luckily this past week Potrero Boosters sent packing this same fellow who falsely accused CSFN when he tried to insinuate himself into their neighborhood group.

The positive thing that came out of this is that I was able to draw up a cursory inventory of the things we have accomplished. Our members sit on the •Public Safety Working Group, on the •Transportation Effectiveness Project, on the •Library CAC, and many other CACs, CABs, and many other ancillary groups. We have been working closely with •San Francisco Tomorrow (SFT),

Parliamentary Pointers Table or Postpone?

Do you ever wonder when to make a motion to Table a motion which is under discussion on the floor or whether that motion should be one to Postpone?

The motion to Table should be used to put a matter aside temporarily, take care of another, urgent, item, and then resume consideration of the matter which was under discussion. It should not be used to kill an item — in fact, Tabling an item does not kill it. It may be taken from the table after one item of business has been completed by a member moving "To Take from the Table" the item which was "Tabled."

If the matter is not taken from the table before the adjournment of the next meeting, it dies, and may be made again as a new motion. However, it is usually made to "Postpone to a Certain Time" something the assembly is not ready to adopt — perhaps more information is needed, or the matter is not urgent.

Both the motion to Table and the motion to Postpone take a majority vote to adopt, but the motion to Postpone is debatable, and the motion to Table is not debatable. The motion to Postpone will automatically come back at the next meeting under "Unfinished Business," but the matter laid on the table will not appear on the agenda and requires that a motion to "Take the Matter of ... from the Table" is necessary to revive it.

The Chair should ask the maker of a motion-to-Table, for his reason for tabling the matter; if it is not to permit taking up an urgent matter, then he should rule it out of order.

The correct motion to defeat a matter without bringing it to a vote is "To Postpone Indefinitely," the lowest ranking of the Subsidiary Motions — motions which deal with the main motion which are in rank order below:

- To Lay on the Table
- Previous Question (Stop Debate and Vote)
- Limit or Extend Limits of Debate
- Postpone to a Certain Time
- Refer to a Committee
- Amend
- Postpone Indefinitely
- Main Motion

...Evelyn L. Wilson PRP, Parliamentarian

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we closely monitor the •SFPUC, both water and sewer. Along with Community Boards we were crucial in getting the •Pre-App portion included in Discretionary Review. We work with •Ethics and were crucial to the formation of the •Sunshine Task Force and the Sunshine Task Force amendments. We were the genesis of the •Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. When •SFGTV Channel 26 (and 28 and 78) and streaming video abruptly stopped broadcasting Planning Commission and Board of Appeals hearings, we stepped in to sit down with Supervisor Peskin and the director of Tech & Info Services when funds were allocated from DBI to keep these important hearings broadcasting to the public. CSFN was crucial in preserving the •Music Concourse and its trees and benches. And these are the accomplishments that I can think of on the spur of the moment. There are many, many more. And I

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Graffiti Summit

On Saturday January 20th, the DPW hosted a special update on the growing problems of graffiti. 80+ people attended including CSFN President Berkowitz and me.

There were many wonderful speakers giving and hearing advice including the Chair of the Graffiti Advisory Board, Mohammed Nuru, Officer Chris Putz of the SFPD, and Deputy District Attorney Paul Henderson, and many others.

While much great information was shared, here are of the highlights:

It is important that we all take an interest in the subject.

There are regular trainings given by DPW by those wanting to erase the tags. It only takes about an hour for the class given by Merle Goldstone who may be reached at merle.goldstone@sfdpw.org Once a person has completed the short training (one hour or so), free paint and other supplies are given to the volunteer on an ongoing basis.

We also learned how vital it is to monitor the court sentencing of the vandals who tag our city. Often the judges do not view these crimes as seriously as one would expect. For instance, someone who breaks a store window and someone painting tags on the front of a store are not treated in the same way relative to consequences.

There is a program called “courtwatch” which will notify any interested parties when a graffiti tagging trial is at the sentencing phase. People are encouraged to attend and speak to the judge. Anyone can speak, even relative to cases in which they are not directly involved. For example:

“Your honor, I want you to know how bad this graffiti problem is getting. Our neighborhood group spends many hours a month correcting the damage taggers do. Please use the power you have to send a strong message to this person before you...”

Courtwatch is a developing program; we hope to have a presentation at an upcoming CSFN meeting.

...Gary Noguera (MPIC)

Resolution (Cont'd from p. 1 col. 2)

department and other emergency service vehicles will have adequate room to maneuver on Geary.

- 5) Include *specific* recommendations and funding for planners to identify traffic calming improvements and implement said recommendations on quiet parallel neighborhood adjacent streets to Geary Blvd.
- 6) Include *in this stage*, a socioeconomic impact assessment which will present recommendations as to measures which can effectively mitigate damages caused by the impacts of construction and street closures on Geary.

...Rich Worner (JPIA)

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Upon examination, the thick stack consisted of photocopies of Microsoft Word documents, copied or typed from the original Lotus Notes Calendar. This was not an electronic document, this was not searchable, it was not in PDF format, and it was not complete. Joe’s brief argued that the Mayor’s Calendar could not be provided in PDF, the working calendar could not be provided, virtually all useful information needed to be redacted, and that material was missing because they deleted the calendar a few days after it became “history”. Oops...!!! At the end of the hearing which finished well after 8:30 PM, the SOTF decided the **Mayor’s Office did have to provide the specific Calendar Request**, but did not have to comply with the standing weekly request.

In a follow-up SOTF meeting in January nobody from the Mayor’s Office showed and I received no specific calendar files from the Mayor’s Office.

Meanwhile on January 31 Supervisor Peskin introduced a resolution to the Board of Supervisors concerning public information officer conduct standards. The resolution is clear on the importance of such officers being seen as honest and trustworthy “protecting and advancing the free flow of accurate and truthful information” as a vital public function. The resolution commits the City policy to advancing the free flow of accurate and truthful information, striving to disclose, not hide information and responding in a timely manner.

SOTF met Monday February 12 and took up the continued matter. It turns out the Mayor’s Office has lost a substantial parts of its earlier calendar archives and cannot supply those lost records. The Mayor’s Office has reduced its redactions of names in the Calendar, but still insists on some, and claims it cannot make these redactions in its version of Lotus Notes (and so cannot provide PDF copies). SOTF compromised, finally, and we all agreed to the Mayor’s Office providing the available requested calendar days in Microsoft Word. The Mayor’s Office was directed to provide a written statement of its redaction policy.

I am left wondering whether this is only gross incompetence or an attempt to hide something.

...Wayne Lanier (PROSF)

CSFN Meeting With Mayor Newsom Friday, February 16, City Hall, Room 201

Members of CSFN, both delegates and individual neighborhood group members, may contact Judith Berkowitz to attend this meeting.

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To focus the meeting, there will be an emphasis on four topics:

- Formation of landfill task force
 - SFPUC inclining block residential rate structure
 - DLRI research as basis for development of SF DLP
 - Master plan for all acute medical facilities in SF
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Land Use and Housing Reports

Executive Committee Report

Report of February 12, 2007 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Chair Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the proposed Market-Octavia Area Plan and noted that today it was discovered that numerous significant revisions have been made to the 600 pages of documents have been submitted previously in September, 2006 to the Planning Commission pertaining to the proposed Market-Octavia Area Plan. As of today, copies of the revised documents were not available to the public for its review and comment.

The Committee voted to strongly urge the Planning Commission not to take any action on the revised documents at its regular meeting on February 15, 2007 until copies of the revised documents have been distributed to the public and that the Planning Commission not consider the revised documents for at least 30 days so to give the public the opportunity to review and prepare comments regarding the revised documents.

A special meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Report of January 22, 2007 Meeting

The Special Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Chair Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 4:08 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the following matters: the proposed Market & Octavia Area Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report pertaining to the plan.

The Committee ascertained that there were some technical errors in the resolution that was adopted at the January 16, 2007 Regular Meeting of the CSFN General Assembly pertaining to the proposed Market-Octavia Area Plan, and there was sufficient time for the General Assembly to amend and correct the resolution at its next regular meeting on February 20, 2007. So the Land Use & Housing Committee voted to recommend to the CSFN Executive Committee that CSFN not implement the resolution pertaining to the Market-Octavia Area Plan that was adopted by the CSFN General Assembly and that the Executive Committee refer the resolution to the CSFN General Assembly for reconsideration and action at its February 20, 2007 Regular Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Report of January 15, 2007 Meeting

The Special Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Chair Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 4:14 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

Chair Mary Helen Briscoe called the CSFN ExCom to order at 6:00 p.m. at Northern Station. Present were Judy Berkowitz, Dick Millet, Jim Lew, Hiroshi Fukuda, Joan Girardot, Babette Drefke, Tony Sacco and Evelyn Wilson. Guests were Marilyn Amini and John Bardis. Absent (unexcused) was John Barry.

Reports: President Berkowitz reported she spoke in Public Comment at a Rec & Park Budget hearing to increase the number of Park Rangers, she also spoke at a Police Commission meeting favoring installation of security cameras and at a Rec & Park hearing opposing the Marina Harbor renovations. She also attended "Graffiti Huddle" and the Mayor's Town Hall in District 2. She demonstrated the new website design and hopes the site will be up in a week.

LU&H Committee voted to re-refer the resolution which the GA had passed at the January GA meeting except for 90-day continuance to the General Assembly for reconsideration. ExComm voted to ratify this and pass it on to the General Assembly. First VP attended a preliminary meeting to allow farmers' markets on park land. Treasurer Jim Lew reported nice amount earned from Annual Dinner.

Program: Geary Blvd BRT in February. Future topics are: PUC Wastewater Master Plan in March; later months: Graffiti Abatement, Corridors Program, Undergrounding.

Unfinished business: Community Leadership Alliance reported to Berkowitz that it is divesting its connection with the Democratic Party. Decision on membership application postponed pending further research.

New Business: Persons suggested for nominating committee: Eileen Boken, Karen Crommie, Gary Noguera, Barbara Austin, Choi Eng Grosso. Investing part of CSFN funds in CD approved. Treasurer Jim Lew will investigate. Officer term limits and job inventory postponed pending written request. Topic of chloramine will not be considered for future program.

Adjournment at 8:00 pm.

...Mary Helen Briscoe (PROSF) Chair

LU&H Reports (Cont'd)

The Committee considered the following matters: the proposed Market & Octavia Area Plan and Final EIR for the proposed Marina Harbor Renovation Plan, proposed conditional use requirement for demolition or dwelling unit, and proposed inclusionary affordable housing amendments.

The Committee voted to recommend to the CSFN General Assembly to urge the Recreation & Park Commission not to adopt the environmental findings presented in the Final EIR for the San Francisco Marina Renovation Project and not approve this project.

The Committee scheduled a special meeting to be held on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chairman

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The Hazards of Chloramine: Is our tap water really “safe”?

The following article does not reflect the stated view or any action of the CSFN.

On 2/2/04, many people in the Bay area, from San Francisco to Sunnyvale started experiencing unexplained skin rashes, respiratory and digestive problems. Some symptoms were severe. Doctors couldn't find the cause. When people learned it might be the new disinfectant chloramine, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, they went off the tap water and their symptoms disappeared.

These symptoms are mild to serious and include one or more of the following:

Skin: dry, red, burning, inflamed, itchy skin or rashes. Welts and sores.

Respiratory: sinus congestion, runny nose, sneezing, coughing, wheezing, and even full blown asthma-like reactions.

Digestive: dry mouth, dry throat, acid reflux, irritable bowel-like symptoms.

Eyes: dry, burning, tearing, stinging.

These symptoms appear to be diverse but they boil down to skin and mucous membrane irritation. For people with suppressed immune systems, chloramine places their health at greater risk because it is less effective than chlorine at killing disease-causing microorganisms in the water.

The major route of exposure to chloramine is through showering and bathing, and breathing it in indoor air, rather than from drinking. No ordinary household water filter will completely remove chloramine, especially for bathing and showering. People with skin and respiratory sensitivity to chloramine must now bathe in bottled spring water.

The San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC) and the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) claim chloramine is safe. However, according to the EPA, there are no skin, respiratory, or epidemiological (population) studies on chloramine itself, cancer studies (IRIS) are incomplete and therefore, inadequate for assessment.

Home owners should know that chloramine is much more corrosive to their plumbing than chlorine because

1. it eats through lead solder on copper pipes, stripping the solder, leading to leaking/failing pipes, and
2. leaks cause water damage and mold growth (some molds are extremely toxic), and
3. it causes lead to be leached from solder, brass fittings, and/or lead pipes into drinking water.

Constant plumbing repairs can cost thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Chloramine is toxic the environment. It is far more poisonous to fish, amphibians and other aquatic life than

Personal View on HE Receipts

Because of rumors about actions taken at the Jan 16 2007 CSFN General Assembly I thought it best to review past Planning Department Housing Element (HE) actions to set the record straight.

Over \$14,000 was collected from those concerned about the effects of the HE on City neighborhoods. The CSFN treasurer was asked to administer the fund.

These funds were to be used only for costs of the appeal — legal fees, filing fees and copying costs. The bills paid from the fund amounted to \$2172.09.

Later CSFN members voted to withdraw as fiscal agent although activity concerning the HE would continue.

On May 6, 2004 CSFN turned over a check for \$9686.44 to the Pacific Heights Residents Association (PHRA). Letters were sent advising donors that they could have a refund minus a percentage of expenses, or let the funds be carried to the (PHRA).

All refund requests were honored. CSFN was no longer responsible for the money.

The treasurers of CSFN from 2004, 2005, and 2006 are not responsible for any negligence on the part of the PHRA treasurer. The PHRA treasurer or lawyer should approach the sources that were hired and ask for duplicate bills.

CSFN volunteer treasurers have been doing a great job. An audit of the check from CSFN in the amount of \$9,696.40 would be of interest to all.

...Babette Drefke (EMIA)

Articles reflect the opinions of the submitter,
not necessarily the opinion of the CSFN.

OMISSION

In our January Newsletter we omitted attribution for the Resolution regarding installation of Security Cameras. East Mission Improvement Assn (EMIA) brought the resolution to the January General Assembly.

President's Message (Cont'd from p 2)

know I will hear from a lot of you pointing out the many achievements I have missed here!

Delegates to CSFN have been working with (and butting heads with) City government for 35 years. We will continue to do so for a long time despite despicable rumormongers.

This is the point in the newsletter I usually list the meetings I have attended representing CSFN... It has been an inordinately busy month, with Planning Commission and Rec & Park, please see the ExComm Report for a partial list of meetings.

Please help make Treasurer **Jim Lew**'s job easier by sending in your organization's Annual Dues to CSFN. Please fill out the Membership Form you find enclosed here, and send it in with your payment. We really do need your updated information!

...Judith Berkowitz (EMIA)

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CSFN Draft Minutes Gen. Meeting January 16, 2007

1) President Judith Berkowitz called the meeting to order at 7pm at Northern Police Station.

A **Quorum** was determined with 20 member organizations present. 9 guests were present.

Introduction of Guests and Delegates was accomplished.

Host Organizations: Kathy Devincenzi and John Bardis represented Laurel Heights Improvement Association and the Inner Sunset Action Committee respectively. Kathy asked that the members present sign a letter to former treasurer Babette Drefke, to ask her to search her archives, or allow a fellow delegate to search them, for important past documents that are currently needed. The request was approved and the members signed a signature page for the impending letter.”

2) The November Minutes were reviewed and Approved.

3) **Officer Reports:** President Berkowitz reported that everyone said they had a fabulous time at the Holiday Dinner and that it was most likely profitable — pending the treasurer’s evaluation. She read Assemblyman Leno’s certificate honoring CSFN.

V. Pres Mary Helen Briscoe: Introduced the new member applicant, Forest Knolls Neighborhood Org. Their representative, Walter Caplan, gave an outline of his 200-member organization, on the northwest corner of Mt. Sutro. This application was unanimously accepted.

2nd V.P. Hiroshi Fukuda had nothing to report.

Recording Sec. Dick Millet absent (excused).

Corresponding Sec. John Barry reported that he was happy to be here, and filling in for Dick Millet.

Treasurer Jim Lew announced that it is time to renew CSFN membership. Delegates from all Member Organizations should fill out the Renewal Form and have their treasurer send in the \$45 yearly dues.

4) **Committee Action Items:** LU&H Action presented as the Program. See below.

5) **Unfinished Business:** None.

6) **New Business:** Pres. Berkowitz presented the Emergency Motion (EMIA) concerning the plans for installing security cameras in certain “high crime” locations. “Resolved, that the CSFN supports the placement of cameras on public light poles in known problem and crime areas.” The Motion was declared an emergency, and M/S/P unanimously.

The Market-Octavia Plan was the subject of the motion published in the January newsletter p. 1 for being mislabeled, and containing aspects of being a “Trojan Horse,” in that it had significant citywide implications. Kathy Devincenzi, Esq., moved an “Amendment of the Whole” to replace the text of the original motion, with one that gets at the same issues, but from different

“talking points” accomplishing, largely, the same result. This friendly amendment was accepted, and the membership approved the restated Motion 16-1, with 7 abstentions. Resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods expresses serious concern that the Market-Octavia Plan and its implementing zoning will result in adverse traffic and parking impacts and highrise, high-density structures and be it further Resolved that the CSFN believes that the new high-density zonings contained in the Plan (NCT and RTO) are or may be inappropriate for other residential areas of the City. Be it further resolved that the CSFN requests a Continuance of at least 90 days because of lack of adequate Notice and consideration of the Citywide implications of the newly-proposed NCT and RTO zoning categories. [Please see ExComm Report for recommended re-referral to General Assembly of partial rescission of this Motion]

7) **The Program:** This was a detailed outline of what the Market-Octavia Plan is, by Bardis, Amini, and Fukuda, for the CSFN, and by Tim Colen, who spoke for the HAC (Housing Action Coalition), in defense of the Plan. No one seemed to be opposed to most of what the Plan was about, but the opposition was to what it might produce as a side effect citywide, and that its scope structure had some verbiage that went to effecting citywide policy, without so stating.

8) **Adjournment:** accomplished at 9:45pm.

...Submitted by John Barry (SHARP) Acting Secretary

Chloramine (Cont’d from p 5)

chlorine. Water main breaks containing chloraminated water have already wiped out populations of fish and frogs in the East Bay and Marin creek areas.

Since the SFPUC and SFDPH have turned a deaf ear to citizen complaints, Assembly Member Ira Ruskin is introducing legislation concerning chloramine.

For more information, see www.chloramine.org or call Citizens Concerned About Chloramine (CCAC) at 650-328-0424.

...D. Kula, CCAC, submitted by R. Albright (TPCOSC)

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The View from Russian Hill

Russian Hill Neighbors (RHN) encompasses one of the densest areas of the City. Beautiful views, convenient shopping, and public transport are all precious amenities that the organization strives to preserve and enhance. A primary concern is the increase in building height, which can change neighborhood character and affect the quality of life in the area.

Two of the many projects RHN is currently working on are architectural preservation and greening of the neighborhood. Last year, RHN planted more than 40 trees with help from Friends of the Urban Forest. The organization is especially pleased and proud of the new Helen Wills Park at Broadway and Larkin. This year's project is the greening of the Broadway Tunnel. With the help of the Department of Public Works, they hope to add trees to the Hyde Street overpass as well as along the south wall.

Another project of RHN's Neighborhood Improvement Committee is a pilot program to employ young people from Enterprise for High School Students to clean up trash and litter. (<http://www.ehss.org>) RHN also hopes to organize the many diverse commercial districts in the area into a cohesive merchants' association.

RHN is an active participant of CSFN and appreciates CSFN for providing strength in numbers. Being part of a large citywide group adds credence and clout to neighborhood issues. RHN is currently working with other city groups in their lawsuit against the Housing Element.

An RHN member deserving of special commendation is Penny Clark. She has been active on the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee and, as a dedicated and active chair of RHN's Design & Zoning Committee, has worked unstintingly to preserve neighborhood character.

...Thanks to Judy Junghans (RHN)

...Photo by Al Greening



Hosting Schedule

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| February | Miraloma Park Improvement Club – MPIC
• Oceanview, Merced Hts, Ingleside – OMI |
| March | Marina Civic Imp & Prop Owners Assn–MCIPOA
• North Beach Neighbors – NBN |
| April | Mission Creek Harbor Assn – MCHA
• New Mission Terrace Imp Assn – NMTIA |

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Excelsior District Improvement Assn
Fair Oaks Community Coalition
Forest Knolls Neighborhood Org
Friends of the Music Concourse
Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn
Greater Geary Blvd Merchants & Property Owners Assn
Inner Sunset Action Committee
Laurel Heights Improvement Assn
Miraloma Park Improvement Club
Neighborhood Parks Council
New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn
North Beach Neighbors
OMI Neighbors in Action
Pacific Heights Residents Assn
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Russian Hill Neighbors
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AGENDA
General Assembly Meeting
February 20, 2007

- 6:30 I. Sign In and Refreshments
- 7:00 II. Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum
 - A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests/Short Announcements
 - B. Hosts
 - 1. Miraloma Park Improvement Club — MPIC
 - 2. Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside Neighbors in Action — OMI-NIA
- 7:15 III. Approval of January Minutes
- 7:20 IV. Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-Presidents
 - C. Secretaries
 - D. Treasurer
- 7:30 V. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter
 - A. Land Use & Housing
 - B. Open Space
 - C. Water Task Force
- 7:45 VI. Unfinished Business
- 8:00 VII. New Business
 - A. Nomination and Election of Nominating Committee
 - B. Resolution concerning Geary BRT (JPIA)
- 8:15 VIII. Program — Geary BRT
 Elizabeth Bent (SFCTA),
 Paul Kozakiewicz (Sunset Beacon, Richmond Review)
- 9:15 X. Adjournment

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