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RECOGNITION FOR EMERIC KALMAN

Commendation by Supervisor Sean Elsbernd

Emeric Kalman, one of my constituents, is well known to City Hall. Emeric is a long-time advocate of citizen participation in government.

For many years Emeric has been a member of the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association Steering Committee and an active participant in the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods and the West of Twin Peaks Central Council, umbrella organizations that together represent over 60 neighborhood groups citywide.

In 1969 Emeric chose the United States as his home after his escape from Communist Romania, via Vienna. Because of Emeric's engineering education and skills, he could have relocated to a number of West European countries but he chose to make his home in the United States, accepting a job with Boeing in Seattle. Emeric eventually moved to San Francisco with his wife, accepting a job with Bechtel. Their son Ron was born in San Francisco in 1973.

Upon his retirement, Emeric became involved in City issues. Escaping from a Communist country and bringing with him to America the harsh experience of totalitarian government abuse, Emeric has long been passionate about government accountability, transparency and citizen oversight. Emeric hates waste of any kind. For two decades, he has participated diligently in civic affairs to do what he could to make local government spend taxpayer money wisely, prudently and fairly. He has been particularly interested in finance issues, pointing out possible conflicts of interest, waste and fraud. Using his engineering background, he often offered a less expensive alternative to City development projects, bringing to the attention of decision makers flaws and risks that others might have overlooked.

Emeric worked hard to get San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance and Amendments enacted and over the years has participated in many matters before the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, the General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee and the City's Capital Planning Committee. He is a citizen expert on San Francisco Public Utilities Commission issues and has regularly participated in matters before the Commission, the SFPUC Revenue Bond Oversight Committee, the Rate Fairness Board, the CAC

and Water and Wastewater Subcommittees, and the Mayor's SFPUC Transparency Workshops. He has worked on the Hetch Hetchy Rebuild, the Sewer System Master Plan and issues affecting Lake Merced, particularly the poisoning of Lake Merced through chloramination of our drinking water. He is a valuable member of the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods Water Task Force, reporting back to the neighborhoods on water and wastewater issues.

For two decades, Emeric has been involved in many other issues almost too numerous to mention: Library issues, Mental Health Board issues, Recreation and Parks and Open Space issues, particularly the Marine Harbor redevelopment, Zoo matters, the Presidio transfer, Doyle Drive, and many development proposals before the Planning Commission. Particularly close to his heart have been issues affecting the mentally ill and the care of the homeless, including the appropriate reuse of Treasure Island for the homeless. Emeric has worked on political campaigns and done more than his share of community organizing and signature gathering. And Emeric has accomplished all of this while having had to learn English as an adult as his fourth language – after Romanian, Hungarian and German.

Emeric is so well known at City Hall – is there anyone who does not know him?

At all times when confronting City staff about these issues Emeric Kalman has combined Old World gentility and grace with New World zeal for justice and fairness in government. We commend and thank Emeric Kalman for his devotion to issues affecting San Franciscans. And we extend our best wishes for Emeric and his family.

...Supervisor Sean Elsbernd

The Board of Supervisors approved the following resolution (page 3, column 1) on Tuesday,

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• Editor's note: Emeric Kalman is gravely ill at Kaiser
• Hospital, 2425 Geary, 94115, Room 6355. He would
• appreciate cards and visits.
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CSFN Special Meeting of the General Assembly

March 4, 2008

THE DULY NOTICED SPECIAL MEETING was called to order by Pres. Judith Berkowitz at 7:10 PM at Northern Police Station, Tuesday, March 4, 2008, with one Order of Business: to review selected San Francisco ballot propositions.

QUORUM ASCERTAINED: 13 organizations and 8 guests/speakers attending.

Issue 1: Bayview Mixed Use Ordinance (Pro speaker: Michael Cohen, MOEWD, no Con):
To support: 11 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstain

Issue 2: Hunter's Point/Bayview 50% Affordable Ordinance (speakers as above):
To support: 0 aye, 11 nay, 1 abstain

Issue 3: Teacher's Incentive (Pro speaker: Jill Wynn, no Con): Discussion centered on method of collection (a parcel tax).
To oppose parcel tax method: 8 aye, 3 nay, 1 abstain

Issue 4: Campaign Finance (Ordinance) (Pro speaker, Mike Farrah, no Con):
To support: 11 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain

Issue 5: Bd. of Supervisors to approve Mayor's PUC appointees (Charter Amendment):
To oppose: 12 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain

Issue 6: Retiree Health & Pension Plan (Charter Amendment) (Pro Speaker: Supervisor Elsbernd, no Con):
To support: 12 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain

The Solar Energy Incentive Program, put forth by the Mayor, and the Change to Residential Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program, put forth by Supervisors Peskin, Dufty, Maxwell and Sandoval, were withdrawn from the June ballot, so were not voted on. The supervisors apparently intend to use the legislative process to pass the housing changes proposed in their initiative.

This special election meeting, having no other business on the agenda, adjourned at 9:40 PM.

...Penelope Clark (RHN) Acting Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Land Use & Housing • Monday 5:30 pm April 14 • Northern Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • ninersam@aol.com • 386-2632
Gov't & Elections • Chair Melinda LaValle • melindalavalle@aol.com
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Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee met January 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Executive Committee meeting. Present were Evelyn Wilson, Tony Sacco, and Judith Berkowitz. Ramona Albright was absent (excused).

The committee considered and approved amendments to three sections of the bylaws:

- 1.) Eligibility to be a candidate for office,
- 2.) Attendance for executive committee meetings, and
- 3.) Vacancies in office.

The following amendments were approved for presentation to the membership, with adoption at the March meeting:

- 1.) Current Bylaws read as follows:

Article VI, Elections, Sec. A. Eligibility for office. Only those delegates or alternates duly representing member organizations in good standing, and who have attended at least six meeting within the twelve months prior to the nomination, shall be eligible to run for office. Eligibility must be confirmed by written signature in the attendance log. Signature of either the delegate and/or the alternate will qualify for the minimum mandatory six meetings.

Amend by striking out the first sentence and inserting:

“Only those delegates or alternates duly representing member organizations in good standing, and whose organization has been represented at no fewer than six meetings within the last twelve months including the April meeting preceding the May election prior to the nomination, shall be eligible to run for office.” The balance of the text remains the same.

- 2.) Current Bylaws read as follows:

Article V, Executive Committee, Sec. D. 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.

Amend by striking out

“will constitute grounds for removal from office”
and inserting

“will result in vacating that office.”

- 3.) Current Bylaws read as follows:

Article VI, Sec. D. Vacancies. 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.

Amend by striking out the whole section and inserting,
“The President may appoint a member to fill a vacancy with approval of the Executive Committee.”

The first amendment restores a former provision, and is necessary to enable the nominating committee a broader field of eligible candidates.

The second and third amendments are to insure full participation of Executive Committee members and facilitate filling vacancies.

...Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) Chair

Port Development in China Basin

The Port of San Francisco announced that four development concepts were submitted for Seawall Lot 337, a 16 acre waterfront site along the south bank of China Basin Channel, in Mission Bay. The development teams submitting proposals are:

- Build Inc.; Cherokee Investment Partners; UrbanGreen Devco, LLC
- Federal Development, LLC; Lehman Brothers; Construction Management and Development, Inc.
- Kenwood Investments, LLC; Boston Properties Inc.; Wilson Meany Sullivan, LLC
- San Francisco Giants; The Cordish Company; Farallon Capital Management, LLC

Port Executive Director Monique Moyer has appointed an eight member SWL 337 Advisory Panel with expertise in urban design, waterfront open spaces, environmental management, economic development, city planning policy, local community issues, and participatory government. The SWL 337 Advisory Panel will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Port Commission for a short-list of developers to be invited to prepare detailed development proposals and accompanying financial proposals. The development concept submittals will be screened for responsiveness to the Port's requirements before the Advisory Panel's review. The Advisory Panel members are:

Ruth Gravanis, Chair, S.F. Commission on the Environment, Paula Collins, Vice Chair CEO, WDG Ventures, David Baker, David Baker + Partners Architects, Robin Chiang, Robin Chiang & Company, Sarah Karlinsky, S.F. Planning and Urban Research (SPUR), Tony Kelly, Potrero Boosters, Amy Neches, S.F. Redevelopment Agency, John Rahaim, Director, S.F. Planning Department.

"The Port and City are extremely fortunate to have the dedication of such a very highly regarded, experienced Advisory Panel," said Director Moyer. "This panel will be instrumental in helping the Port factor community perspectives into the evaluation process, before recommending a short list of developers and, ultimately, a selected development team for the Port Commission's consideration."

The SWL 337 development concepts will be presented by the development teams at the February 26, 2008 Port Commission Meeting, starting at 3:15 p.m., Ferry Building, Second Floor. On Saturday, March 1, 2008, the Advisory Panel will convene an all-day SWL 337 public workshop at Jelly's Café, across the street from SWL 337. The workshop will be formatted to enable development teams and community stakeholders to have a direct exchange on the public's response to the development concepts.

Short-listed developers will be invited to respond to a Request for Proposals (RFP), which will require detailed development and financial proposals for SWL 337. The

SWL 337 Advisory Panel will also review the RFP proposals and make a recommendation on the developer selection to the Port Commission.

"The Port is excited about the development concepts submitted yesterday. SWL 337 represents an extraordinary opportunity. It is a spectacular setting for public waterfront open space at the gateway to Mission Bay, a transition point between the Embarcadero Promenade to the north, and the Blue Greenway open space network in the Southern Waterfront. Coupled with a broad mix of uses that invites locals and people from outside to work, live and recreate, the Port Commission also is looking to SWL 337 to generate significant revenues to finance shoreline clean-up, open space and historic preservation projects in other locations of the waterfront," commented Kimberly Brandon, Port Commission President.

The Port of San Francisco is an enterprise agency of the City and County of San Francisco that manages a broad range of commercial, maritime, and public-access facilities along 7.5 miles of the City's waterfront that are held in public trust for the people of California.

Synopsis

1. Four development teams submitted development concepts for SWL 337. These development concepts are posted on the Port web site at www.sfport.com/swl337
2. An advisory panel was selected to rate the concepts
3. The Port continues to accept public comments on the SWL 337 project and development concepts through its web site, which is www.sfport.com/SWL337. These comments are being forwarded to the Port Commission, Port Senior Staff and the SWL 337 Advisory Panel.
4. The SWL 337 advisory panel will be making a presentation to the Port Commission on Tuesday, April 8th on its findings (review) of the submitted developer concepts.

...Gary Noguera (MPIC)

UCSF Mission Bay Hospital Update

On February 21st the architects Anshen+Allen of San Francisco for the new UCSF Medical Center for children, women and cancer patients at Mission Bay presented the latest status of the site plan/exterior design of the new hospital. Building configuration was significantly improved, especially the Third Street exterior, which had been the aspect raising the most controversy in previous meetings. Mr. Jeff Logan, of Anshen+Allen Architects, was complimented by representatives from several of the neighborhood groups present, for the changes to the exterior of the building.

The next meeting of the Hospital Replacement Community Advisory Group "Action Team" is scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2008 at 6:00 – 8:00PM, UCSF Mission Bay Campus, Genentech Hall, Room N-114. The agenda at this March 31st meeting will focus on **helicopter flight test results and helipad alternative sites analysis.**

...Milt Gaines, EMIA Representative to the UCSF Mission Bay Community Task Force

Executive Committee Report

February 27th, 2008

The CSFN ExCom was called to order at 7:05PM at Northern Police Station by Chair Gary Noguera. Present were ExCom members Berkowitz, Noguera, Wilson, Lew, Girardot, Clark and Cauthen. Mahan and Millet were unexcused absent. There was a quorum.

Reports: President Berkowitz advised that the Market-Octavia plan was approved at the Land Use & Economic Development Committee and sent to the full Board of Supervisors. The Ammiano-proposed total formula retail ban issue for the Mission has been rescheduled to March 27th. President Berkowitz spent much of her time these last weeks focused on Govt & Elections issues.

1st VP Noguera: Attended the Feb TEP meeting and will be attending the Rec & Park meeting to read the CSFN resolution about proposed renovation of Rossi Park.

2nd VP Clark: No report

Treasurer Lew: Reminder that 2008 dues are to be paid by March 1st. Any organization in arrears has lost voting rights. Per our bylaws, reinstatement occurs upon payment.

Secretary Millet has the Feb minutes from the GA meeting ready. New correspondence is up to date.

Program for March: Supervisor Chu and Merle Goldstone of DPW Operations, City Anti-Graffiti Program, Graffiti Watch. SF TEP as backup.

New Business: Explore grantwriter possibilities There was a discussion about the idea of exploring hiring a grantwriter for CSFN. With someone in that position, we could potentially increase our revenue stream throughout the year. Many benefits would ensue e.g. communications relief and the ability to have a better website and newsletter. Pres Berkowitz and VP Noguera to further explore and report back.

Adjournment: The February ExCom meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

The next ExComm meeting will be March 26th at 7:00PM at Northern Station.

...*Gary Noguera (MPIC) Chair*

LU&H Committee Report

March 10, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Chair Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 5:45 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station on Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the following:

1. Market Octavia Area Plan: Supervisor Mirkarimi has referred the Market Octavia amendments back to Planning Commission as a "professional courtesy" for its review and recommendation. No such basis for referring amendments back to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation. Urge Planning Commission to give proper notice to the public, and enough time for public comment, proper review, and recommendation back to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission has up to 90 days to report back to the Board of Supervisors.
2. Discussion of mayoral appointee to Planning Commission Ryan Brooks.
3. (a) Eastern Neighborhood Area Plan will be back at the Planning Commission for approval. The Eastern Neighborhood Area Plan Draft EIR is pending. (b) San Francisco General Hospital Institutional Master Plan will be heard on April 10 and the Draft EIR has been released for Public Comment.
4. ICI Paints bought Hollywood Video lease. Controversy around wholesale aspect of the business.
5. Economic Development plan has not been distributed. CSFN urges proper distribution before BOS action.
6. Academy of Art Institutional Master Plan is very inadequate. Violations must be stopped and corrected.
7. Developer is asking for height increase to 150 feet at Van Ness/Filbert. Will follow this.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, April 14, 2008 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 7:42 P.M.

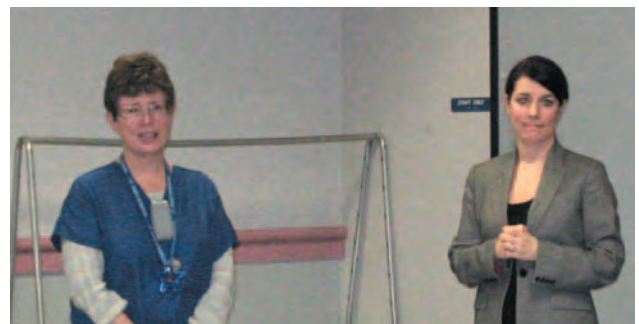
...*Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chairman*

Newsletter Alert

Do you enjoy reading the monthly CSFN Newsletter, and find it full of useful information? I think that we can all answer that question in the affirmative. That is why I want to share some information again about our editor and newsletter production manager, Mary Helen Briscoe. She is retiring from her duties after the May issue!

We must find someone to take over her role. We are asking for a serious outreach from each delegate to their organizations, or for one of the delegates to take on the responsibilities. If someone is not found, we may have to eliminate the newsletter as we know it today. Please help us continue the newsletter tradition by acting to help TODAY!

For more information, please contact Gary Noguera
469-8899.



Mary Michelucci (left) and Catherine Stefani (right) spoke about the future of St. Luke's Hospital at CSFN's February meeting.

Broadway Tunnel Funding

Resolution Commending Emeric Kalman

Resolution commending Emeric Kalman on his many years of service to his community and participation in local government.

WHEREAS, Emeric Kalman chose San Francisco as his home after escaping communist Romania, eventually settling in the West Portal area; and

WHEREAS, Having grown up in a communist country and enduring the harsh experiences of totalitarian government abuse, Emeric has long been passionate about government accountability, transparency and citizen oversight; and,

WHEREAS, Emeric made it his personal mission to ensure local government spend taxpayer money wisely, prudently and fairly; and,

WHEREAS, After retiring from a long and distinguished engineering career, Emeric has devoted his time to participating in civic affairs, becoming a citizen expert on San Francisco Public Utilities Commission issues; and,

WHEREAS, As a valuable member of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods Water Task Force, Emeric has lent his expertise on such major projects as the Hetch Hetchy Rebuild, The Sewer System Master Plan, and Lake Merced; and,

WHEREAS, Emeric has been involved with many issues that will have a lasting impact on his adopted City, including the Presidio Transfer, the Marina Harbor Redevelopment, Open Space, and Doyle Drive; and,

WHEREAS, His commitment to his community as a member of the Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association has made Mr. Kalman a favorite in his neighborhood just as he is all over the City; and,

WHEREAS, Emeric's Old World gentility and grace combined with New World zeal for justice and fairness in government made him a force to be reckoned with and a real asset to San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends Emeric Kalman for his outstanding contributions to his community and the entire City of San Francisco and extends best wishes to him and his family.



Marilyn Amini, Joan Girardot, Emeric Kalman at CSFN Christmas Party 2006.

As you probably heard, DPW is out of money and we are out of a project! I want to bring you up to date on the situation.

As you may know, the total project cost was estimated at approximately \$661,000. Our project was awarded \$325,000 from the Department of Public Works, and we were actively seeking grants for the remaining \$336,000. This past week we were informed that the Broadway Tunnel money was retracted because it was not yet spent. This is not the only project affected by cuts. They even retracted money on projects around the City that were started. All in all, the City has stopped spending \$12,000,000 of the \$220,000,000 deficit. There seem to be no State or Federal funds available. Both levels have their own deficits to remedy.

We will continue to seek funding for this worthy project through corporate sponsors, developing a potential Park Improvement District, and private donations. If you have any bright ideas, please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated.

...Judy Junghans (RHN)

Gov't & Elections Report

The G&E Committee met on Tuesday February 26th at Richmond Police Station Community Room to consider the June ballot measures. We voted for the CSFN General Assembly to consider the following measures without committee recommendation: the School Parcel Tax; Mixed-Use Development Project for Hunters Point & Bayview; Hunters Point 50% Affordable Housing Requirement; Campaign Finance Reform; Health and Pension Reform; and the Board of Supervisors approval of Mayoral appointees to the PUC. The short time frame did not allow the opportunity to get speakers to this committee meeting. The meeting began at 5:35 and adjourned at 7:15.

At the duly Noticed Special General Assembly meeting on March 4th we voted to support the Bayview Resolution after hearing from Michael Cohen of the Department of Economic & Workforce Development; we voted to support Health and Pension Reform after hearing Supervisor Elsbernd speak. Michael Farrah from the Mayor's office spoke about the Campaign finance reform, which we also voted to support. We voted to oppose the Hunter's Point Affordable housing (no speaker in support showed) and initially to oppose the school parcel tax, represented at the meeting by School Board member Jill Wynns. A motion passed to write paid ballot arguments for our positions on the Bayview measures and Health and Pension Reform.

At our G&E Committee meeting March 6th, again at Richmond Station Community Room, we drafted ballot measure arguments. There was also a motion and a 2nd to rescind the March 4th GA vote to oppose the School Tax, and to take it up again at the regularly scheduled GA meeting on March 18th. Therefore we will re-hear that measure at the next General Assembly meeting for a second vote. That meeting started at 5:45 and adjourned at 6:40.

...Melinda LaValle (CHNA)

CSFN Draft Minutes General Assembly Meeting February 19, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Pres. Judith Berkowitz at 7:00 pm at Northern Police Station, Tuesday, 19 FEBRUARY 2008 with introduction of Delegates and Guests.

QUORUM ASCERTAINED: 18 organizations and 7+ guests attending.

PRESENTATION by HOST ORGANIZATIONS: East Mission Improvement Ass'n. (EMIA) and Bayview Hunters Point Coord Council (BVHPPC) provided the refreshments.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT**, Judith Berkowitz: see p2 of Feb '08 N'ltr
Upcoming meetings: "Meet the Moderates" p 7 of N'ltr; Understanding the City Budget Workshop: p6 of N'ltr.
CSFN member assns MUST renew their membership by the March 18 meeting or lose Voting Privileges.
- **1st VICE PREZ**, Gary Noguera (MPIC): see X-Com Report, p 4 of Feb. 08 Newsletter.
- **2nd VICE PREZ**, Penelope Clark (RHN): "No Report."
- **RECORDING SEC'Y**, Position "still O P E N". 15 Jan '08 Gen'l Meeting Minutes see p 6 of Jan 08 N'ltr and "insert" for 16 Oct '08 General Meeting Minutes; both Minutes "APPROVED" by verbal vote.
- **TREASURER**, Jim Lew (NBN): submitted written and verbal report.
- **CORRESPONDING SEC'Y**, Dick Millet (PBNA): Correspondence BINDER available at side table.
- **GUEST**, Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval: the Supervisor announced legislation he is sponsoring introducing: 1) PROHIBIT any New Liquor Stores in SF, we have more than any city in the country. 2) FORBIDS "Paving" of Front Yards, provides enforcement. 3) ALLOWS for Taxi Medallion Owners to CHARGE drivers an additional \$12 daily that convert to "alternative fuel" vehicles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**, Gary Noguera (MPIC) chair, page 4, January 08 Newsletter.
- **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**, Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) chair: see Report p 2 Jan 08 N'ltr. Bylaws Amendments regarding "Officer Candidate Qualifications" and "filling of officer vacancy" Vote on these amendments will be at the March GA meeting.
- **LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE**, Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) chair: see p 4, Feb 08 N'ltr.
- **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**: Gary Noguera (MPIC). Chair, No Report.
- **GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**: Melinda LaValle (CHNA) Chair: Will schedule a meeting before March 4 Special General Assembly Meeting.
- **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**: Nancy Wuerfel (SPEAK) chair. No Report.
- **WATER TASK FORCE**, Joan Girardot (MCIPOA) chair. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

PROGRAM:

- A) **Resolution: "Oppose BAN on Formula Retail."** see p3, 19 Feb '08 N'ltr. "Be it resolved that the CSFN opposes the proposed Ban on Formula Retail." Moved, Currier (OMRA), 2nd, PASSED unanimously. (13-0-2) by Roll Call vote.
- B) **Resolution: see "SAVING SAINT LUKE'S,"** p 1, 19 Feb 08 N'ltr: "Resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges CPMC and Sutter Health keep all aspects, including the Acute Care Facilities, the Emergency Room, and the Ninth and Tenth Floor open and staffed to its fullest capacity to continue its critical and most needed of services to the most destitute and those in need in the southern and southeastern neighborhoods in San Francisco." Moved, Currier (OMRA), 2nd, PASSED (16-0-0) by Roll Call vote.
- C) **Election of Nominating Committee:** It was Moved (Noguera, MPIC), 2nd, the creation of 3-person "Nominating Committee," comprised of Gerry Crowley (THD), Barbara Austin (FHCA), Rae Doyle (GWPNA), PASSED by Acclamation (hand) vote
- D) **Resolution:** see "LU&H Committee Report" p 4, Feb 08 N'ltr: "Be it resolved that the CSFN strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to distribute copies of the "Sustaining Our Prosperity: The SF Economic Strategy," to the Neighborhood organizations and interested general public and provide a minimum of 60 days public review period prior to the Board taking any action on this proposed citywide economic development plan for SF." Moved by H. Fukuda (RCA). 2nd. PASSED (15-0-0) by Roll Call vote.
- E) **CITY PLANNING BALLOT INITIATIVE** proposed by the Board of Supes for November 08 ballot to increase densities, allow an additional 10 foot rear yard encroachment, gives priorities to projects that follows these guidelines, therefore slowing down other projects. If passed this measure will be "inflexible." Problem is that March 13th is the deadline for Ballot arguments.

It was Moved "to have a Special General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday 4 March '08 at Northern Police Station to consider the proposed G&E Committee's recommendations on proposed ballot measures," 2nd, PASSED by verbal vote

ADJOURNMENT: 8:55pm

...Dick Millet (PBNA) Acting Recording Secretary

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Earth Hour San Francisco

Join thousands of your Bay Area friends, neighbors and businesses and millions of people around the world to make a bold statement about climate change on **March 29, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Turn out your lights for one hour. Earth Hour.

San Franciscans are often in the forefront of environmental responsibility and action. Earth Hour is another example of that commitment. Buildings from Nob Hill to the Embarcadero will go dark during Earth Hour. Iconic structures and office buildings will take part, as will homes and apartments throughout the Bay Area.

Join Mayor Gavin Newsom and the City of San Francisco as they lead the effort at 8 p.m. local time.

At the first Earth Hour last year in Sydney, Australia, power consumption dropped by more than 10 percent. But Earth Hour is not just about cutting back for one hour. It's about taking a stand and thinking ahead about what you, your neighbors and your city can do to slow climate change.

Seize the Earth Hour moment. **Change some of your outdated energy-wasting light bulbs to new, efficient and inexpensive compact fluorescents. Think of other ways you can cut your energy usage and trim your electric bill after Earth Hour has passed.**

We are beginning to witness dramatic impacts as a result of the amount of carbon we load into the atmosphere. Large sections of San Francisco are at risk from rising sea levels. In 2007, snowpack in California's Sierra Nevada was at 46 percent of its normal amounts. This snowpack is the source of 85 percent of San Francisco's water supply.

To alter the current course of climate change we must act now.

That's why World Wildlife Fund is organizing Earth Hour around the world; that's why Mayor Newsom and San Francisco area businesses and residents are joining in. One person *can* make a difference. Cities coming together can change the world.

Earth Hour SF hopes each of you will also go to www.earthhour.org and do three simple things:

1. On the main page click on "Sign Up for Earth Hour" – add your name to the 80,000+ from around the world already participating.
2. Under "Downloads" print posters, postcards, web banners, and stickers.
3. Click on "Cities", then "Cities Involved", and then "San Francisco" to find specific information about local involvement.

One hour, San Francisco. Earth Hour.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee met on February 29 to discuss process and procedure. We are contacting present officers who are eligible to serve another term. With these results we will then proceed to contact potential candidates to run for office.

...Barbara Austin (FHCA) Chair

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Forest Knolls Neighborhood Org
Friends of the Music Concourse
Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn
Greater Geary Blvd Merchants & Property Owners Assn
Laurel Heights Improvement Assn
Miraloma Park Improvement Club
New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn
North Beach Neighbors
OMI Neighbors in Action
Pacific Heights Residents Assn
Panhandle Residents Org Stanyan Fulton (PROSF)
Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn
Richmond Community Assn
Sunset Heights Assn of Responsible People (SHARP)
Sunset Parkside Education & Action Cmte (SPEAK)
Telegraph Hill Dwellers
Twin Peaks Improvement Assn
West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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Hosting Schedule

- March** • Ewing Terrace Neigh Assn — ETNA
• Excelsior District Improvement Assn — EDIA
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- May** • Fair Oaks Community Coalition — FOCC
• Golden Gate Heights Neigh Assn — GGHNA

AGENDA

General Assembly Meeting
March 18, 2008

- 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. Ewing Terrace Neighborhood Assn — ETNA
 - 2. Excelsior District Improvement Assn — EDIA
- 7:15 III. Approval of February 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
 - E. Transportation
 - F. Government & Elections
 - G. Bylaws
 - H. Nominating
- 7:55 VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Bylaws Amendments
- 8:00 VII. New Business
 - A. None
- 8:00 VIII. Program: Seawall 337 Development
Speakers: Kanya Dorland
- 9:00 IX. Adjournment

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