



## West Side Greenhouse Gas Emissions: A Solution Searching for a Problem

Like dominos falling, this year's financial collapse of Muni exposes the weakness of San Francisco's new, green "transit first" policies. Muni is currently \$129 million over budget and going broke fast. Muni is shortening existing routes, raising rates and reducing service. If San Francisco's mass transportation doesn't work, the City's future plans for redevelopment on the west side of San Francisco won't work either.

**A New Plan for the West Side:** Following the guidelines of California Senate Bill 375, "The Redesigning of Communities to Reduce Greenhouse Gases," San Francisco is preparing to reduce greenhouse gases in Westside neighborhoods by trying to limit the amount of vehicle-miles-traveled (VMTs). Although cars are the single-largest source of greenhouse gases in California, San Francisco already has the lowest automobile ownership rates per capita in the country outside of Manhattan. Soon, driving a greenhouse gas-emitting car in San Francisco will be relegated to the same status as smoking a cigarette in a kindergarten classroom.

San Francisco's emission reduction policies are going to change Westside neighborhoods just as much as the introduction of cars changed the City over the last century. Our single-family homes and the character of our neighborhoods will be changed by the mandates of SB375. In order to reduce VMTs, the City has created "transit corridors" throughout San Francisco. Streets (transit corridors) such as West Portal, Judah, Taraval, Ocean and 19th Avenue are all prime candidates for transit-corridor redevelopment projects. A transit corridor can be up to a half mile wide, so there won't be many neighborhoods that are not impacted by this policy.

Reducing a neighborhoods VMTs means that future high-density developments will be larger, taller (four to eight stories), and will be limited to half-a-parking-spot per unit or no parking per unit. Current Westside developments usually have at least one parking spot per unit. Developers love these new parking standards because they can build more units instead of parking. The Planning Department also likes more development because 90% of its revenue comes from development fees. Surrounding neighborhood streets will become off-site parking "lots" for these new developments.

More emphasis will supposedly be placed on mass transit such as Muni and reduced focus will be placed on car travel. As bike lanes are added, hundreds of parking spaces may be removed on streets such as Portola Avenue. Wider sidewalks will be added for pedestrians, along with longer traffic lights, more crosswalks, and, of course, fewer lanes for cars.

High-density traffic corridors are not theoretical. The City has already set a planning precedent by approving the Market-Octavia Plan, which was based on 1) Balancing transportation by considering people movements over auto movements, 2) Reducing parking requirements to encourage housing and service requirements without adding cars, 3) Allowing flexible types of new housing to meet a broad range of needs, and 4) Building a 400-foot-high housing tower consisting of 603 residential condominiums. Westside neighborhoods are prime targets for transit corridor developments because of the low population density of single-family homes.

The Balboa Park development plan, approved this April for the areas surrounding the Ocean Avenue Bart and Muni stations will produce as many as 1,780 new housing units and 104,680 square feet of commercial development over the next 20 years. The neighborhood zoning density, size, height and scope have all been increased. Project developers are actually not required to build *any* parking. In fact, developers are being discouraged from building parking and must follow stringent guidelines if they do want to build parking. The Balboa Park Development Plan states, "Residential parking is not required and generally limited. Commercial establishments are discouraged from building excessive accessory off-street parking in order to preserve the pedestrian-oriented character of the district and prevent attracting auto traffic."

In truth, San Francisco's new high-density, transit corridor developments are more about increasing City property taxes, development fees and commercial taxes than they are about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Muni's funding is based on fares, State funding for transit operations and — you guessed it — parking tax receipts and additional parking revenues. The more cars that Muni takes off of the streets, the less money Muni will have for its transit operations. Car fees represent approximately 25% of Muni's revenue.

## Gas Emissions

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**Predictions:** Westside neighborhoods will become clogged with the cars of the people who move into brand new high-density condominium developments and have nowhere to park their cars. Finding a parking place in your neighborhood for your visitors will become as impossible as finding parking in downtown. The unique character of Westside neighborhoods will be altered. Muni will continue to remain under-funded, underperforming, and unreliable. As the Westside population density increases, Westside greenhouse gas emissions will *increase*, rather than decrease. Do Westside neighborhoods even have a high amount of greenhouse gas emissions?

*...George Wooding, Vice President  
West of Twin Peaks Central Council*

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## Goodbye, Again

The routine rotation of district captains without cause is irredeemably counter-productive to community policing, which requires solid working relationships between captains and community members. These relationships develop over time: it takes several years for a captain to develop meaningful knowledge about his or her district and to gain the trust of residents.

With the departure of Ingleside Station Captain Denis O'Leary and the assignment of Captain David Lazar to command Ingleside, once again, community volunteers undergo the process of orienting and getting to know a new captain who, for his part, must begin the complex process of learning about the Ingleside communities. This is a steep learning curve: intensive knowledge of neighborhoods and their residents requires several years of application. Intensive, rather than superficial, knowledge is what San Francisco community volunteers who work with their officers have come to expect.

Almost a decade ago, during the focus group meetings of the Efficiency Plan process and at so many subsequent community meetings over the years, the consensus has been that community policing requires consistency both in staffing and in communication, two components of good policing that are inseparable. In stark opposition to this view is the practice of transferring to new posts commanding officers who are doing a fine job in their districts and who have forged solid relationships with residents.

The explanation commonly offered for this practice is that frequent rotation of district commanding officers prevents the formation of "fiefdoms", meaning, one supposes, that long tenure at a district station leads to insubordination in a commanding officer. This concern reflects poorly and without justification on the quality of command staff supervision.

But for the community as a whole, the routine transfer of captains without cause hinders the smooth and well-functioning collaboration of community and Department.

## Walk San Francisco Pedestrian Safety Coalition

Is pedestrian safety one of your organization's concerns? If so, are you currently doing anything about it? If not, do you wish you were doing something?

Walk San Francisco is a non-profit organization whose mission is to:

- Advocate for pedestrian safety for all
- Advocate for walking as a healthy way of life
- Make San Francisco a more walkable and accessible city for all, including those with disabilities (We were voted the most walkable U.S. city by WalkScore <http://www.walkscore.com/> in 2008.)

We would like to partner with other organizations throughout the City to create a coalition of groups to encourage walking as fun, healthy recreation and transportation. We believe that everyone is a pedestrian even if all of the walking you do is to and from your car. We educate people no matter which mode they may be traveling as (pedestrians, drivers, or bicyclists) so that we can all co-exist safely.

Are you interested? We hope so! We propose to meet just 2 to 4 times per year to share:

- Pedestrian / Walking Issues (e.g., walking to school, specific intersections, trucks, other)
- Ideas for Campaigns / Education
- Current Activities by DPH, MTA, other City agencies which affect pedestrian issues
- Anything that concerns us or interests us regarding walking

Please contact Katy Liddell by May 31st to let us know if somebody from your organization will join us.  
[cliddell@hotmail.com](mailto:cliddell@hotmail.com) or 415.412.2207

*...Katy Liddell (South Beach/Mission Bay  
Neighborhood Assn)*

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It prevents all concerned—captains, residents, and officers, as well—from achieving optimal results from our efforts and enforces on all a relentless cycle of orientation and re-education, again and again. This process presents a disincentive for community volunteers to continue their efforts to build solid community policing relationships since their efforts are repeatedly frustrated.

Substantial publicly funded financial and personnel resources have been expended on consultants and studies aimed at improving the effectiveness of our police force. But this simple measure—allowing captains to remain in their districts as long as their performance is strong—will do more to promote good relationship building and communication than all the studies we taxpayers have funded.

*...Karen Wood (MPIC)*

# CSFN Draft Minutes General Assembly Meeting April 21, 2009

1. **Call to Order.** President Gary Noguera (MPIC) brought the meeting to order at 7:05 at Northern Police Station.
  - a. *Quorum declared.* Delegates and alternates represented 22 CSFN member organizations. 6 guests signed in.
  - b. *Agenda approved.*
  - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Hosts Penelope Clark (Russian Hill Neighbors, RHN) and Gerry Crowley (Telegraph Hill Dwellers, THD) described their organizations' objectives, history, and current issues.
2. **Minutes.** The March 2009 General Assembly draft minutes were approved as printed on p 4 of the March newsletter.
3. **Officers' Reports.**
  - a. **President Noguera** (MPIC) No report
  - b. **1<sup>st</sup> VP Clark** (RHN) No report
  - c. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mahan** (EDIA) Has written the letter urging the Planning Commission deny the CU Permit for the Masonic Center renovations.
  - d. **Recording Secretary Berkowitz** (EMIA) Draft minutes on p 3 of March NL. Graffiti Summit on April 23.
  - e. **Corresponding Secretary Millet** (PBNA) No report
  - f. **Treasurer Lew** (NBN) submitted a written report. Still a few unpaid member organizations. Will phone delegates and/or officers of those associations.
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Land Use & Housing:** Chair Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) noted the Committee report is on page 4 of the April newsletter. • Please note article concerning Discretionary Review (DR) on page 1. • DR process phase 1 and 2. Agreed with Pre-App process which was presented at Planning Commission on April 2, but it appears that the Design Review Team now has been assigned discretionary powers that were heretofore not spelled out. CSFN objects to this, even though we had initially applauded the idea of the DRT • 2009 Housing Element: we asked for a Continuance because the Draft of Part I: the Data & Needs Analysis had not been available prior to the hearing. It is now online. • Funds for copying the Market-Octavia record still welcomed. • Attorney Kathy Devincenzi reported that the writ has enjoined any version of NCT reduction of 1-1 parking, or placing a maximum parking cap. The City is ordered to complete the EIR on the 2004 Housing Element by June 30. She got all substantive issues. She filed the motion today.
  - b. **Water Task Force:** Chair Joan Girardot (MCIPOA) is involved in continuing fight against tiered rates. Contrast with suburban customers. Water 15% raise in rates each year for 10 years. • Sewer 13% raise for 2 years + 8% + 9% ... • No oversight body. • Third tier removed from water rates. • Three tiers still remain for sewer rates. • We need uniform volume rate. • Contract expires on June 30 with the 28 suburban customers. • SF has lowest per person water consumption; but being asked for even lower consumption while developing higher density; tens of thousands of new residences • City calls for more conservation, recycled water, ramping up ground water program (pumping from aquifer). • New contract cuts SF back to 81 million gallons / day. • April 23 Rate Fairness Board. • April 28 recommendation of Rate Fairness Board to Commission •
  - c. **Nominating:** Chair Melinda LaValle (CHNA) directed attention to the committee's written report on page 3 of the

## SF Beautiful Awards

Bring recognition to individuals, organizations, businesses and civic entities that have partnered to improve the quality of life in San Francisco. Nominate a project that has enriched the life of your community by enhancing the City's physical environment. Nominated projects must be located in San Francisco and visually or physically accessible to the general public. **Due date for nominations is June 1st.** Awards will be presented during San Francisco Beautiful's Beautification Awards Dinner and After-Party on October 29th at the Westin St. Francis on Union Square.

Special consideration will be given to those projects that reflect this year's theme, "*Saving Our City: Beauty Has a Place.*" We are looking for beautification projects that happen due to creative thinking and collective efforts — even in the face of resource shortages (both financial and natural) and some urban planning policies that threaten neighborhood character. These beautification projects take many forms and happen everywhere — schools, parks, stairways, neighborhood historic districts and streetcar lines. These projects often start with a few people who have a vision and then a community force builds around them.

Eligible projects include but are not limited to the following: Landscaping and planting, •Neighborhood conservation, •Historic preservation, •Litter and graffiti reduction, •Commercial district enhancements, •Innovative and sustainable landscaping and architectural design, •Citizen initiatives to beautify the public realm, •Enhancement of area's sense of place, •Open space, park and plaza enhancements, •Public art.

Details: call 415.421.2608x12 or visit [www.sfbeautiful.org](http://www.sfbeautiful.org)

### Draft Minutes

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- March NL. The NomCom recommends the following to serve on Executive Committee 2009–10: President – Judith Berkowitz (EMIA), 1st VP – Penelope Clark (RHN), 2nd VP – Angelique Mahan (EDIA), Recording Secretary – Demian Quesnel (EVPA), Corresponding Secretary – Dick Millet (PBNA), Treasurer – Jim Lew (NBN), Members-at-Large – Sue Cauthen (NBN), Lorraine Lucas (HAIA), Gary Noguera (MPIC). • Nomination from the floor: Joan Girardot (MCI& POA) was nominated for Member-at-Large by Carola Shepard (PHRA).
5. **Unfinished Business.** CHNA reso concerning healthcare principles (see p 2 of April NL). Motion to postpone indefinitely: Motion carried: 12-6-0.
  6. **New Business. Resolved:** CSFN urges the Board of Supervisors to hold a hearing on the proposed new Master Water Sales Agreement. Motion to declare emergency: 20-0-0. On the motion: Motion carried: 20-0-0.
  7. **Program.** CHNA's reso concerning healthcare principles. Roma Guy speaking for the reso and CHNA. Geoffrey Nelson and CPMC staff speaking against.
  8. **Adjournment.** The March CSFN General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM.

*...Judith Berkowitz (EMIA) Recording Secretary*

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# Land Use & Housing Committee Report

May 11

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Chair Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 5:41 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the following items:

1. DR Hearing May 14, 2009 6:30 PM  
CSFN Urges the Planning Commission to oppose Discretionary Review Reform because it delegates DR to the Design Review Team. CSFN strongly opposes hearing of DR request by any entity or person(s) other than the Planning Commission.
2. Housing Inventory Report
3. Housing Element 2009 — Data and Needs Analysis, 108 pages now available.
4. Housing Element 2004 Update
5. Japantown Better Neighborhood Area Plan — Planning Staff will recommend higher heights, and less parking than what the Community wanted.
6. M/O Update

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 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 7:14 P.M.

...*Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chairman*

## June 1: Hearing on Legislation to Legitimize Existing Secondary Housing Units

With the enactment of the Market-Octavia and Eastern Neighborhood plans, combined with the development of new transit-oriented zoning classifications, Supervisor Mirkarimi has identified a policy need to provide property owners the opportunity to legitimize secondary housing units by taking advantage of new density allowances. This zoning change removed one of the greatest obstacles to preserving housing density along transit corridors, but left property owners without an economical way to take advantage of the new rights to legitimize infill housing that already exists, which the city so desperately needs to preserve.

To address this challenge, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi has proposed a change to the Building Code to allow property owners to apply for an amended Certificate of Occupancy from the Department of Building Inspection which will allow property owners to receive official documentation of the housing that already serves the neighborhoods. This legislation accomplishes two major goals:

- 1) property owners can, without having to retrofit their entire building, legitimize existing housing for the cost of an inspection and increase their property value, and
- 2) tenants residing in those units will receive full benefits

# Executive Committee Report

April 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Vice President Clark. Those present were Noguera, Berkowitz, Clark, Lew, Mahan, Wilson, Giradot and Cauthen. Millet was absent as notified. There was a quorum.

## Officer's Reports:

**President Noguera** had no report.

**Vice President Clark** said she would be unavailable for the May Excom meeting, but would email the draft agendas for both the next Excom and General Assembly meetings to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mahan, who said she would chair the next Excom meeting.

**Recording Secretary Berkowitz** reported she attended a summit on Graffiti: there is legislation to reduce the time for private removal of graffiti from one month down to two weeks.

**Treasurer Lew** said he planned to purchase a short term CD of \$6,000 for the organization's funds.

The **program** for the May 19 General Assembly of Board of Supervisors President David Chiu and the Sunshine Task Force was discussed and approved. Since the Supervisors meet the same day as our meeting and can sometimes run late, it was decided to leave the order of the program flexible, with President Chiu given priority.

At Large Member Giradot brought up the subject of a CSFN resolution regarding the request for the Board of Supervisors having a hearing on the PUC's Master Sales Agreement (for 25 years) with its suburban customers. However, since the Agreement was signed on April 28, the question may be moot. Water rates for the next five years were to be announced on Tuesday, May 5. CSFN will still send a letter requesting a hearing on the sales agreement.

**Future General Assembly programs** were discussed, with the Planning Department's 2009 Housing Element recommended for the June meeting, with the Open Space outreach program as an alternative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

...*Penelope Clark (RHN) Chair*

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and protections afforded by the building and housing codes.

Both the Planning and Building Inspection Commissions have overwhelmingly endorsed the legislation. The next step is on June 1st when the legislation moves to the Land Use Committee for approval.



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Land Use & Housing** • Monday 5:30PM June 8 • Northern Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • ninersam@aol.com • 386-2632  
**Gov't & Elections** • Chair Melinda LaValle • melindalavalle@aol.com  
**Bylaws** • Chair Evelyn Wilson • evelynwilsregparl@earthlink.net • 566-7826  
**Open Space** • Chair Nancy Wuerfel nancenummer1@aol.com • 731-6432, R. Albright 621-9621  
**Water Task Force** • Chair Joan Giradot • 346-5525  
**Transportation** • Chair Gary Noguera • garynoguera@earthlink.net •

# Candidate Statements

## **JUDITH BERKOWITZ (EMIA) • PRESIDENT**

Taking a much appreciated break for this past year, I have served as CSFN President for three years, working, and, I think succeeding to create a City that is responsive to its neighborhoods' needs. I have served in successive CSFN roles: Recording Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and am the past Land Use & Housing Committee Chair.

I would be honored to serve as President again this coming year. You know me as a listener who respects differing views and the value of teamwork. The amazing variety of our neighborhoods requires inclusion of all members' opinions in our Coalition.

Besides continuing on the Land Use & Housing Committee, I work on both the Government & Elections and the Newsletter Committees. Also, I currently sit on the (City's) Public Safety Working Group along with others in CSFN. This past year I served as an independent consultant on the 2009 Housing Element CAB. I would be honored to continue to serve CSFN again this year.

## **PENELOPE CLARK (RHN) • 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

I came to San Francisco in 1960 to study interior design at the Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design which had moved to its final location on Potrero Hill. I worked as an interior designer for a number of years (I am still a member of A.S.I.D., but retired). Ultimately I became interested in antiques — principally from China and Japan. After having an oriental antique shop for many years I now sell antiques privately, mainly wholesale. After being a renter my first decade in San Francisco, I became a homeowner on Russian Hill in 1971.

After doing several building projects for myself, I became very interested in how the City's Planning and Building Departments operate, and worked on the Design & Zoning Committee so for Russian Hill Neighbors. I realized that it is important to be concerned with the City's policies for the entire city, not just one's own neighborhood, so I joined the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee in 2005.

## **ANGELIQUE MAHAN (EDIA) • 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

A native San Franciscan, I have live in the Excelsior all of my life and am a proud Graduate of Mercy High School. After returning from my second stint in college I became active in the Excelsior District Improvement Association.

I have served on EDIA's Executive Board for the past 4 years and have served 3 years as Vice President and one as 2nd Vice President. I have been a Delegate to the District 11 Council, and have been a Delegate to CSFN for several years. It is my honor and privilege to represent my community and serve on the CSFN Executive Committee.

## **DEMIAN QUESNEL (EVPA) • RECORDING SECRETARY**

I first visited San Francisco when I was 16 yrs old, for 4 hours. I fell in love with the city and decided it would be my home when I was old enough to make it so. Within 6 months of turning 18, I was living here and have ever since. The village within the city called The Castro has been my home ever since.

In the last 5 years I have become interested in the dynamics of neighborhood organizations and am finishing a degree in Urban Studies at SFSU. I am also working with the [Neighborhood Empowerment Network](#) and the [Mayors Office of Neighborhood Services](#), especially around the creation of a comprehensive neighborhood organization database that will be used citywide for appropriate outreach by city agencies. I am the delegate to CSFN from Eureka Valley Promotion Assn, and have worked for my neighborhood for some years.

## **DICK MILLET (PBNA) • CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

I am an Architect and have lived in SF since 1962. I bought a home

in Potrero Hill in 1969 and have lived there ever since. I have been involved in Potrero Hill neighborhood activities all that time, holding various offices in the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association, including president for nine years. I have been a delegate to the CSFN for some years and held the offices of Treasurer for 2, Corresponding Secretary for 2, and Recording Secretary for 2. I have volunteered in Supervisor Sophie Maxwell's office for 6 years on Monday and Friday.

## **JIM A LEW (NBN) • TREASURER**

I have been a neighborhood activist for some 20 years as a member of North Beach Neighbors. I served as its president for two years. I was its newsletter editor for five years. I currently am on its Board of Advisors. I have also previously served on the CSFN Executive Board for a number of years and as treasurer.

In order for volunteer organizations like North Beach Neighbors and the CSFN to survive, different individuals must step forward to carry on their good work so that that they can survive as viable entities. But for them, there would be no one standing to protect and enhance the neighborhoods. I am willing and able to contribute my effort towards that very worthy task.

## **SUE CAUTHEN (NBN) • MEMBER-at-LARGE**

A CSFN delegate for 25 years, Sue Cauthen has also served as vice president and corresponding secretary. She wants to continue as member-at-large to assure that City Hall is responsive to community concerns and neighborhood groups have maximum participation in their government.

At a time when bedrock civic protections like discretionary review, density levels and historic preservation are under siege, CSFN's capacity to mount a strong response is critical. Sue wants to be part of the creative process that crafts that response.

She chairs the Sunshine Task Force's education and outreach committee, as well as the Board of Supervisors library advisory group. Sue also heads the Coalition for a Better North Beach Library & Playground, which is working to save the stately North Beach library from demolition and to assure that a parcel taken by eminent domain to be a park becomes a park.

## **JOAN GIRARDOT (MCIPOA) • MEMBER-at-LARGE**

(withdrawn from consideration)

## **LORRAINE LUCAS (HAIA) • MEMBER-at-LARGE**

As the delegate from HAIA, I'm running for the position of Membership at Large on the Executive Committee. I previously served as the CSFN Vice-President, Chair of Land Use & Housing for several years, and the Editor of the newsletter for two years. I worked in Los Angeles for two years, and upon returning to SF, I became the delegate from HAIA.

Some of the issues the Executive Committee needs to deal with are: the newsletter in the electronic age, procedures for organizations to make motions, transportation issues (with MUNI cutbacks), communication of delegates between meeting, and establishing a committee to deal with SF economic issues. If elected, I promise to ensure the ExCom meetings are open and transparent and tackle these and other issues. We need to ensure our neighborhood voices are heard at City Hall, especially during this economic crises, when SF will have to make hard choices at what services to cut.

## **GARY NOGUERA (MPIC) • MEMBER-at-LARGE**

I have been doing public service in SF since the early 1980s focusing on a broad range of clients and organizations. I was a foster parent to several runaway teens, served as a Board member for "Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly" and was a CASA volunteer (court appointed special advocate) where I served as a sworn officer of the court mentoring a child in the foster care system, and serving as his voice in court. I have 10 years of past service there and multiple years as a Board member of MPIC I became a delegate to CSFN 4 years ago where I have served in various roles, including President and 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President.

# Host Organizations for the May General Assembly Meeting Twin Peaks Council & Open Space Committee

The TPC/OSC have been proud and grateful members of the CSFN for over a quarter of a century. We have served on and created committees, including most offices of the Executive Committee, (V.P., Secretary, and Treasurer). The most recent committee created is that of Open Space. As our name implies, we have worked to preserve open space throughout the city.

Our first success was Tank Hill, thirty plus years ago. Most recently, we are working to expand the redwood Park next to the Transamerica pyramid building. Our work is considered pivotal in preserving it some years ago.

The popularity of the Harvey Milk film serves as reminder of the work with him to create San Francisco's "Doggie Poo" ordinance.

During the two plus years of the "CSFN "reorganizing" (attempted creation of the "League") the TPC/OSC supplied both venue and refreshments for the CSFN monthly meetings.

We were desperate to see the organization continue to provide the City of Saint Francis with miraculous devotion of the members of its member organizations. No greater legacy exists for our future than that of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods.

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## SHARP

S.H.A.R.P. is a 100 Year old civic organization open to anyone who lives or works in the area bounded by Lincoln Blvd., 5th Ave.-Lagunda Honda, Dewey, Taraval and 19th Ave. We have broken ground on the new headquarters building on ninth ave. and are thinking of burying a time capsule there. Traffic signal upgrades we have been pressing for are now in progress on 19th Avenue's deadly corridor; undergrounding of electrical facilities in our neighborhood are proceeding apace. We ask for your support in maintaining our open spaces at 7th and Lawton for community use. Visit our website at sharpsf.com and click on our recent newsletters for more of our group's information/recent activities.

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## June 18: DR Hearing at Planning Commission

Due to an administrative oversight, the Planning Department did not place the required newspaper ad for the Discretionary Review item which was on the Commission's calendar for May 14 at 6:30 pm. As a result, we will need to continue this item to June the 18th.

We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to your continued participation in the Discretionary Review reform process on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Planning Commission hearing

...*Elaine Forbes,*  
*Finance Director Planning Department*

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### Hosting Schedule

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| <b>May</b>  | • Sunset Heights Assn of Responsible People — SHARP<br>Twin Peaks Cncil & Open Space Cnservancy — TPC&OPC |
| <b>June</b> | • Twin Peaks Improvement Assn — TPIA<br>Cathedral Hill Neighbors Assn — CHNA                              |
| <b>July</b> | • Buena Vista Neighborhood Assn — BVNA<br>Sunset Parkside Education & Action Committee — SPEAK            |

**AGENDA**  
**General Assembly Meeting**  
**May 19, 2009**

- 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. Sunset Heights Assn of Responsible People — SHARP
    - 2. Twin Peaks Council & Open Space Committee — TPC&OSC
- 7:10 III. Approval of April 2009 Minutes
- 7:15 IV. Officers' Reports
  - A. President
  - B. Vice Presidents
  - C. Secretaries
  - D. Treasurer
- 7:20 V. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter
  - A. Land Use & Housing
  - B. Open Space
  - C. Water Task Force
  - D. Transportation
  - E. Government & Elections
- 7:40 VI. Special Order of Business — Election of Executive Committee 2009–2010
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