



CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting June 16, 2009

1. **Call to Order.** President Judith Berkowitz (EMIA) brought the meeting to order at 7:05pm at Northern Police Station.
 - a. *Quorum declared.* Delegates and alternates represented 21 CSFN member organizations. 6 guests signed in.
 - b. *Agenda approved.*
 - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Hosts Melinda LaValle (CHNA) and Dona Crowder (TPIA) described their organizations' objectives, history, and current issues.
2. **Short Announcements.**
 - a. Assemblymember Fiona Ma's District Manager Bob Twomey spoke on the Joint Budget Hearings and informed the delegates that they can be viewed on Comcast channel 68 and can be followed on the State Assembly blog site.
 - b. Babette Drefke announced that, as she requested before, she never received a letter of 2006 that Kathryn Devincenzi (LHIA) moved and was signed by all attending CSFN delegates to be sent to Drefke requesting treasury documents. She would like the letter.
3. **Minutes.** The May 2009 General Assembly draft minutes were approved as printed on p 3 of the June 2009 newsletter.
4. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a. **President Berkowitz (EMIA)**
 - i. President's Message is on page 2 of June newsletter
 - ii. Announcement of committees and distribution of signup sheets
 - iii. CSFN Retreat scheduled for July 19th, 11:30am to 2:30pm at a venue to be determined. Further communication re details will be sent to participants.
 - iv. Draft 2009 Housing Element and proposed DR Reform going before the Planning Commission June 18.
 - v. The CSFN Program for July will be a presentation of the Draft 2009 HE. Copies are available online and at the Planning Dept. *Part II: Objectives, Policies, Implementations* is \$5.60/copy.
 - vi. Installation of new officers will be in July.
 - b. **1st VP Clark (RHN):** ExComm Report is on page 4 of newsletter
 - c. **2nd VP Mahan (EDIA)**
 - d. **Recording Secretary Quesnel (EVPA):** Introduced self and asked for patience of members as he ramps up.
 - e. **Corresponding Secretary Millet (PBNA)**
 - f. **Treasurer Lew (NBN)**
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Land Use & Housing:** Chair Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) discussed the following issues:
 - i. Proposed DR Reform going before Planning Commission
 - ii. Japantown Plan — "acknowledgment" of Plan at Planning Commission
 - iii. 2009 Housing Element of General Plan
 - iv. Funds exhausted in M/O suit's photocopying of record
 - v. Bike Plan – June 25th
 - b. **Gov't & Elections:** Chair LaValle (CHNA):
 - c. **Bylaws:** Chair Wilson (SPEAK):
 - d. **Open Space:** Chair Wuerfel (SPEAK):
 - e. **Water Task Force:** Chair Girardot (MCIPOA): discussed the following items:
 - i. *San Francisco Weekly* published an article about the water contract
 - ii. 25-year sales agreement in place and in effect July 1, 2009
 - iii. Our reservoirs are full as opposed to EBMUD's which are not
 - iv. Because of economic downturn, there are multiple bids on projects and bids are below PUC engineers' estimates
 - f. **Transportation:** Chair Noguera (MPIC):
6. **Unfinished Business.** (*Please see below Item 8: Program*)
7. **New Business.** Emergency resolution proposed by EMIA to oppose Assembly Bill 1272:

Whereas there is no demonstrated need for AB1272 because there has been no trauma center helipad request which has been rejected by local government for over 20 years, and *Whereas* AB1272 takes local land use issues out of the control of local government, and *Whereas* AB1272 undermines the intent and protections of CEQA by transferring the responsibility for CEQA compliance to CalTrans, and *Whereas* AB1272 does have a fiscal impact that the author has not acknowledged, therefore be it **Resolved, that the CSFN strongly urges Senators to vote to oppose AB1272.** Motion to declare emergency: 21-0-0. **On the motion: Motion carried: 16-0-5.**
8. **Program.** On Community Policing regarding proposed resolution opposing transfer of district captains without

Land Use & Housing Committee Report

July 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened at 5:55PM, Monday, July 13, by acting chair, Penelope Clark. In attendance were Marilyn Amini, Dick Millet, John Bardis, Judy Berkowitz and guest, Jared Giarrosso from Fiona Ma's office.

The first item on the agenda was the 2009 Housing Element. Since this is the subject of the upcoming General Assembly meeting program, the discussion centered around what the focus of the program would be: Part I (data & needs analysis) and/or Part II (objectives & policies). Since the physical format of the Element does not follow previous ones, changes made are very difficult to track, so it was suggested to request an explanation of policy changes. Others thought the presentation should center on Part I. The final recommendation was to have another committee meeting Monday, July 20, to decide what questions would be asked of presenter Kearstin Dischinger.

It was noted that the City has finally made a payment to the attorneys who won the case over the EIR of the 2004 Housing Element. The EIR is due the end of July, but the Planning Department said it would not be ready for several months.

The Planning Commission decided to "acknowledge" rather than "endorse" the work done on the unfinished, but stalled, Japantown Better Neighborhood Area Plan. Evidently, the Commission felt the plan was less far along than the department indicated they thought it was. Further discussion of this will be resumed at future committee meetings.

There is nothing new to report on the Market-Octavia Plan suit, though money for photocopying expenses still needs to be raised.

BOS File 090026 (and/or 090027) second unit legislation introduced by Supervisor Mirkarimi, a planning code amendment was sent on to the Board and the second reading was passed July 16.

There was a great deal of discussion on the Discretionary Review Reform package passed by the Planning Commission. This included a failed motion to ask the Commission to reconsider the plan. The reform package includes changes to the Planning Code which would allow the Commission to delegate its authority to rule on DRs to a committee of Planning Department staff (aka the Residential Design Team, RDT) on whether a DR meets the criterion of "exceptional and extraordinary circumstances." If not, the DR could not be heard by the Commission, though the DR requester could file an appeal with the Board of Appeals. The Planning Department expects to request the Board of Supervisors to make the necessary legislative changes in September. Barring a change of heart by the Commission, it will be necessary to

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cause. [Community Policing Resolution, Full text of resolution published on page 5 in June 2009 newsletter]

- a. Arguing in favor of resolution: Karen Wood (MPIC)
- b. Presenting the SFPD position on issue: Assistant Chief of the SFPD, Jim Lynch.

Some Points made:

- i. More varied assignments creates higher levels of training to move up in the organization
- ii. Ingleside being used as implementation station for PERF report recommendations
- iii. Expected turnover within department in near term 200-500 officers
- iv. Consistency of service across city

Resolved that CSFN strongly opposes the transfer of district captains without cause and urges the Mayor and Chief of police to discontinue this practice. **Resolution failed: 1-13-6**

9. Additional New Business:

- a. ExComm Report on page 4 of June 2009 newsletter
- b. Newsletter Production: President Berkowitz announced that as per ExComm discussion and following GA discussion, CSFN Newsletter is proposed to change form. It will be in a format consisting of:
 - i. Minutes from prior month's meeting
 - ii. Report from prior month's ExComm meeting
 - iii. Agenda for the upcoming General Assembly meeting
 - iv. Any submitted Committee Reports
 - v. Any required announcements to comply with required notification periods
 - vi. Any submitted announcements from member organizations

10 Adjournment. The June 2009 CSFN General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

...Demian Quesnel (EVPA) Recording Secretary



LU&H Report

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contact members of the Board of Supervisors and convince them that turning over the discretionary review of a building project to departmental bureaucrats is not a good idea. Without the potential DR hearing before the Commission (who are not dependent on fees and are long-time residents of the City and who tend to be more sympathetic to neighborhood character and values) project sponsors, particularly speculative developers, will have little incentive to work with neighbors.

Judy Berkowitz reported that AB1272 (exempting hospital helipads from requiring an EIR) was suddenly dropped from the agenda of the state Senate committee hearing after the bill's sponsor, Assemblymember Jerry Hill (San Mateo), learned that he did not have the votes in that committee. It is presumed that he will now introduce amendments to it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

...Penelope Clark (RHN) Acting Chair

Executive Committee Report

June 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Vice President Clark. Those present were Berkowitz, Clark, Lew, Mahan, Wilson, and Cauthen. Notified absences were Millet, Quesnel, Lucas and Noguera. There was a quorum. Guest: Girardot.

Officers' Reports:

President Berkowitz said that she had written a letter to pertinent state officials regarding AB1272, a bill which would exempt proposals for a helipad on hospitals from CEQA requirements, thereby exempting it from local planning input and any mitigation of environmental impact. The bill, cosponsored by Tom Ammiano, was passed by the Assembly without a hearing by either the Local Government or Environmental committees, and is now moving on to the Senate. It will be heard in the Senate's Local Government and Environmental committees

The physical set-up and format — typeface, columns, headings — for the 2009 Housing Element is different from past housing elements which make it difficult to track changes. The Planning Department spokesman told President Berkowitz that the content was "all new" and not based on previous elements. However the changes were indeed tracked during the HE CAB meetings.

A Retreat is tentatively scheduled for July 19, pending location selection and member response. The purpose of the retreat is to discuss ways of making CSFN a more effective organization. Ways of enhancing revenue would also be considered.

Treasurer Lew reported there were still a few groups whose dues were unpaid: Bayview, Ewing Terrace and Mission Creek. President Berkowitz said that TPIA had recently paid their dues.

Second VP Mahan said she was continuing to do outreach to groups who belong but participate little in CSFN's activities. She also reported on the Supervisor's Budget Committee meetings which are overwhelmed by participants from the non-profits. Individuals wishing to speak at these meetings have no chance unless they are willing to wait many hours. After a discussion by the members of Excom, it was agreed that Sue Cauthen would work with Angelique on a recommendation for a procedure to open up the Budget Committee's hearings to more diverse input. This will be taken up at the next Excom meeting.

Both secretaries were absent, and First VP Clark had no report.

The agenda for the July 21 GA meeting was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

...Penelope Clark (RHN) Chair

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Hosting Schedule

July • Buena Vista Neighborhood Assn — BVNA
Sunset Parkside Education & Action Committee — SPEAK
Aug • Cayuga Improvement Assn — CIA
Cole Valley Improvement Assn — CVIA

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Land Use & Housing • Monday 5:30PM July 20, August 10 • Northern Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • ninersam@aol.com • 386-2632
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AGENDA
General Assembly Meeting
July 21, 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. Buena Vista Neighborhood Assn — BVNA
 - 2. Sunset Parkside Education & Action Committee — SPEAK
- 7:10 III. Installation of 2009–10 Officers
- 7:15 IV. Approval of June 2009 Minutes
- 7:15 V. Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice Presidents
 - C. Secretaries
 - D. Treasurer
- 7:20 VI. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter
 - A. Land Use & Housing
 - B. Open Space
 - C. Water Task Force
 - D. Transportation
 - E. Government & Elections
- 7:30 VII. Unfinished Business
- 7:35 VIII. New Business
- 7:45 IX. Program: Draft 2009 Housing Element *Part I: Data & Needs Analysis, Part II: Objectives, Policies & Implementation Programs.*
 Presenter: Kearstin Dischinger, Lead Planner
- X. Adjournment

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