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CSFN Annual Dinner!

CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting November 17, 2009

1. **Call to Order.** President Judith Berkowitz (EMIA) brought the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at Northern Police Station.
 - a) *Quorum declared.* Delegates and alternates representing 18 CSFN member organizations. 12 guests and alternates attended.
 2. **Introductions.** Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Host Glenn Kobuchi (ETNA) described his organizations' objectives, history, and current issues.
 3. **Minutes.** The October 2009 General Assembly draft minutes were approved, as printed on p 2 of the November 2009 newsletter.
 4. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a) **President Berkowitz (EMIA) discussed:**
 - i. Dec 9th SFT Annual Holiday Party
 - ii. Dec. 15th CSFN Annual Holiday Dinner
 - iii. DR Reform before BOS Land Use Committee
 - b) **1st VP Clark (RHN):**
 - i. Discussed DR Reform
 - ii. Discussed last ExComm meeting
 - c) **2nd VP Mahan (EDIA)**
 - d) **Recording Secretary Quesnel (EVPA)**
 - i. Discussed DR Reform
 - e) **Corresponding Secretary Millet (PBNA):** mail distributed
 - f) **Treasurer Lew (NBN)**
 5. **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Land Use & Housing:** Chair Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) discussed the following issues:
 - i. DR Reform
 - ii. Double density
 - iii. CPMC
 - iv. Art Gallery at 1969 California, Pacific Heights
 - b) **Open Space:** Chair Wuerfel (SPEAK)
Presented resolution regarding the artificial turf Rec and Park is proposing to put in Golden Gate Park.
Resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods opposes the Recreation and Park Department's proposal to introduce the highly urbanized artificial turf fields into Golden Gate Park, replacing natural plantings with potentially toxic artificial turf, increasing paving in the Park, degrading wildlife habitat, increasing traffic to the Park and through the neighborhoods, significantly decreasing the darkness of the night sky, infringing on the wild nature of Ocean Beach, and changing the overall character of the western edge of the park from a sylvan retreat to that of a developed sports complex.
CSFN recommends that the Recreation and Park Department put this project on hold for a period of six months, so that the questions regarding these issues can be investigated and resolved before proceeding. (Open Space Committee, SPEAK) (for vote see below Item 6.b.i.)
 - c) **Water Task Force:** Chair Girardot (MCIPOA):
Gave a detailed report:
 - d) **Transportation:** Chair Noguera (MPIC): discussed the following:
 - i. Transit effectiveness program SFMTA.com, changes to be implemented Dec. 5th
 - e) **Bylaws:** Chair Wilson (SPEAK)
 - f) **Gov't & Elections:** Chair LaValle (CHNA)
6. **New Business:**
 - a) **The New Northern Station Captain Ann Maddox briefly presented herself to the assembly.**
 - b) **Marc Duffet spoke re:** resolution as printed on Pg. 3 of the November Newsletter "Artificial Turf Soccer Fields in Golden Gate Park?"
 - i. **Roll Call Vote** on resolution as printed on Pg. 3 of the November Newsletter "Artificial Turf Soccer Fields in Golden Gate Park?" **Resolution Passed Aye 16, Nay 2, Abstain 0**
 - c) **Miraloma Park spoke re:** Proposal for a Wildlife Care and Nature Education Center in San Francisco County
7. **Program.** Program on the Central Subway: PRO: John Funghi, Anna Gabbert and Betty Chau of the SFMTA; CON: Howard Wong and Jerry Cauthern of SaveMuni.com.
8. **Voice VOTE to correct introduction of resolution in Sept minutes regarding Central Subway.**
9. **Roll call vote on resolution to oppose Central Subway Resolution. Passed Aye 12, Nay 2, Abstain 1**
10. **Adjournment.** The November 2009 CSFN General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM
...Demian Quesnel (EVPA) Recording Secretary

Executive Committee Report

December 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Vice President Clark. The meeting was postponed from November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, to December 2. Those present were Judy Berkowitz, Penelope Clark, Jim Lew, Angelique Mahan, Gary Noguera, and Demian Quesnel. Notified absences: Sue Cauthen, Lorraine Lucas, Dick Millet, Evelyn Wilson. There was a quorum.

Officer's Reports:

President Berkowitz updated plans for the annual Holiday dinner, confirming **Melissa Griffin** of the Examiner and www.thesweetmelissa.com as the evening's speaker. ExCom members volunteered for Check-In at the Door, selling Drawing tickets, taking photos •She mentioned that in the October Planning Directors' forum held in the North Light Court (see Oct ExCom Report) **Director Rahaim** bemoaned the 800 page additions to the length of the Planning Code, most of it was probably Market-Octavia. •She also announced that a group from CSFN would be meeting with Supervisor **Eric Mar** of the Land Use Committee to discuss proposed Discretionary Review reform. •A letter from Rahaim and Planning Commissioner President **Ron Miguel** has been received by CSFN regarding the front page of the November NL. We will need to address each issue.

First VP Clark said she spoke with staff from the Planning Department working on DR reform and they told her they were most concerned about what they considered needless DRs filed against very small additions to homes that were code compliant. If that is so, that is what the amendment should say. She also said she would book the Northern Station Community room for General Assembly and Excom meetings for 2010 (the dates for 2010 General Assembly meetings are noted below).

Second VP Mahan reported that CSFN will form a partnership with the 2010 Census in its public outreach program and will use the CSFN newsletter and web site for that outreach. She said she would meet with **Government & Elections Committee Chair Melinda LaValle** to work on setting up a Slate Mailer PAC as approved by the Excom. She said she had heard from two groups in Visitation Valley who are interested in formalizing their groups and joining CSFN.

The January 2010 General Assembly program was approved:
Police Chief George Gascón.

The Excom meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

...*Penelope Clark (RHN) Chair*

Mark your calendars — 2010 General Assembly dates for 3rd Tuesday meetings at the Northern Station Community Room are:

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	(Dinner — December 21)

Land Use & Housing Committee Report

January 11, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Chair Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, January 11, 2009 at 5:40 P.M. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the following items

1. Inclusionary housing

The State Supreme court refused to reconsider the Appellate Court decision to Los Angeles making mandated inclusionary housing payments for market rate housing illegal. San Francisco has the same requirements. The result is that the entire basis for the SF administration for funding affordable housing (at 15% of developers' number of units) is and has been illegal. It will be interesting to see what develops.

The Yerba Buena Commons, at 88 Perry St., by developer Luis Belmonte, represents a "for profit" and 100% affordable rental project. CSFN Land Use and Housing will investigate.

2. Infill Opportunity Zone (IOZ)

It has been passed by the Planning Commission, SF Transit Authority, and Board of Supervisors. CSFN needs to be alert for any abuse of the CEQA process.

Still need to have the Health Department and Planning Department to accurately determine the "holding capacity" of a city of 1.2 million residents, taking into account the need to evacuate after a major earthquake or any another emergency. We still are waiting a Master Plan for acute medical services. See below for IOZ details.

A. BOS

<http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/committees/materials/091335.pdf>

B. SB 1636 (Figueroa) 2002

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/01-02/bill/sen/sb_16011650/sb_1636_bill_20020912_chaptered.html

C. SF Transit Authority (See Item #8)

<http://www.sfcta.org/content/view/675>

3. DR Reform to be taken up at the BOS Land Use and Economic Development committee on Feb. 22, 2010. CSFN will work to prevent the Design Review Team from denying DRs to be heard by the Planning Commission.

4. Japantown Area Plan organizing team will meet for the first time in three months on Jan. 13, 2010.

5. Housing Element 2009 — the next Citizens Advisory Body will meet Jan. 20, 2010 at 8:30 AM at the Planning Department, 4th floor. Please try to attend.

6. Mayor wants to subsidize solar power and wind turbine power. We must think about the wind turbines in a dense city.

7. City is proposing to sell Treasure Island to Lennar. Treasure Island is owned by the State of California and the City cannot sell it.

The January Regular LU&H meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

...*Hiroshi Fukuda, Chair*

Resolution Concerning 555 Washington Street – Downtown Plan, Prop K

Telegraph Hill Dwellers will present a resolution at Tuesday's CSFN meeting. The proposed 555 Washington project is scheduled to be heard at the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, January 21. The proposed project would put a 400-foot building next to the Transamerica Building and would require legislation to upzone the height limit from 200 to 400 feet at that location. This would be in violation of the voter-approved 1985 Prop M Downtown Plan, which created a forward-thinking zoning plan by pushing new high-rise development south of Market Street. It also called for appropriate retention of heights at downtown's northern edge where it meets Jackson Square, North Beach and Chinatown.

Additionally, voters passed Prop K which barred new buildings from casting shadows on parks. This project would cast shadows on Sue Bierman Park and Maritime Plaza which are protected by Prop K.

Whereas, the proposed project at 555 Washington Street would require rezoning legislation to accommodate a building of 400 feet in a zone allowing only 200 feet and

Whereas, the proposed rezoning would violate the provisions of the voter-mandated 1985 Downtown Plan (Prop M) which called for appropriate transition heights at downtown's northern border and

Whereas, the proposed project would cast shadows on Ferry (Sue Bierman) Park and Maritime Plaza in violation of voter-mandated Prop K which bars new buildings from casting shadows on public parks, therefore be it

Resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods opposes the currently proposed project at 555 Washington Street.

...Telegraph Hill Dwellers (THD)

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Land Use & Housing • Monday 5:30PM Feb 8 • Northern Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • ninersam@aol.com • 386-2632
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Hosting Schedule

Jan	• Francisco Heights Civic Assn — FHCA Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn — GGHNA
Feb	• Excelsior District Improvement Assn — EDIA Forest Knolls Neighborhood Org — FKNO

AGENDA	
General Assembly Meeting	
January 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. Francisco Heights Civic Assn — FHCA 2. Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn — GGHNA
7:10	III. Approval of November 2009 Minutes
7:15	IV. Officers' Reports A. President B. Vice Presidents C. Secretaries D. Treasurer
7:25	V. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter A. Land Use & Housing B. Open Space C. Water Task Force D. Transportation E. Government & Elections
7:35	VI. New Business: Resolution concerning 555 Washington St (THD)
7:45	VII. Program: Police Chief George Gascón
	VIII. Adjournment

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Action Item:
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 — Downtown Plan, Prop K

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