



Our Friend Evelyn Wilson has Died

As a board member of SPEAK (Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee) almost from its inception, Evelyn Wilson was the volunteer parliamentarian of CSFN (Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods). She was the fresh-faced lady in the front row who followed every word in the sometimes contentious discussions of the Assembly for many years, calling the infractions of Roberts Rules of Order as she saw them.

“She was lucky to have the life she did, but made her own luck by ‘staying on the sunny side,’ letting nothing get her down,” observed Jack Barry of SHARP.

Born in Wisconsin 94 years ago, Evelyn attended San Francisco schools, Columbus School, Laguna Honda School, and then Lowell High School. Then she attended the Dorothy Durham School for Secretaries, became skilled in using the Stenotype — a machine shorthand device — and was invited to demonstrate the machine at the Golden Gate International Exhibition on Treasure Island. She said she received no salary except a pass to the Fair, but after a few months, she found jobs as a receptionist, switchboard operator, file clerk and bookkeeper.



In 1947, she married and settled in to become a stay-at-home mom, moving into her home on 42nd Avenue in the Sunset on the same day as her elder son was born. When he started school, she became a PTA member, and when the District PTA offered a course in Parliamentary Procedure, she took the course and found it fascinating. She continued to study the subject,

eventually becoming a Professional Registered Parliamentarian which brought her skills to organizations all over the State. “I enjoy going to meetings and conventions wherever they need a Parliamentarian to monitor, and sometimes to referee, the discussion,” she said.

She served as District PTA President and when SPEAK was organized, she was invited to organize the schools in the Sunset area to become members. She worked with SPEAK in many capacities since then, including President, Secretary and Treasurer and was elected this year to be SPEAK secretary.

She served as Parliamentarian for the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods right through our August meeting, also acting as SPEAK delegate. “Most of us CSFN delegates had only a casual acquaintance with Mr. Roberts and his Rules of Order until we signed up for the classes Evelyn offered in

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Bundling Expansion of National Marine Sanctuaries and Creation of Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area

When the National Marine Sanctuaries off the Northern California coast were formed, the entire coast off San Francisco's Ocean Beach was excluded. This exclusion was based mainly on chronic violations from the Westside Treatment Plant and disposal of bay dredging materials off Ocean Beach. The coast off Ocean Beach is now eligible to be part of a National Marine Sanctuary. It has become eligible as the Westside Treatment Plant is now a model of sustainability and bay dredging materials are now going to the Deep Ocean Disposal Site.

All three Northern California National Marine Sanctuaries will most likely be expanded by executive order of the President once the environmental review process has been completed.

Beside the coastline, there are also wetlands and open waters within San Francisco Bay which could be afforded protections. This could include waters off the GGNRA. This could be done by the formation of the Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area.

A National Monument would be able to protect open waters as

well as wetlands and could be formed by an executive order of the President. Currently, a group of wetlands in San Francisco Bay is protected under the National Wildlife Refuge program. However, the National Wildlife Refuges do not protect open waters and cannot be expanded by executive order of the President.

By advocating to protect the environment of the Greater San Francisco Bay, the CSFN would establish a regional presence. This presence would create strategic alliances with other cities and counties within the region. These strategic alliances could benefit the CSFN both now and in the future as issues arise in Sacramento.

SPEAK is requesting that the General Assembly support this resolution. The next step would be going to Washington DC to advocate for the bundling of the proposed expansions of the Northern California National Marine Sanctuaries and the creation of the Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area.

— Please see the resolution regarding this matter on p.4 —
...submitted by Eileen Boken (SPEAK)

Land Use & Housing Committee Report

September 9

Hiroshi Fukuda convened the Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 5:38 P.M. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station.

The Committee considered the following items

1. Planning Code Article 2 re-write

The goals of the Department's proposal are to reorganize Article 2 so that it is easier to use, rationalize use definitions by consolidating them into one section of the Code, and have all zoning districts use one set of use definitions. To do this, the Department is proposing a two-phase approach.

- The first phase would consolidate definitions into one location (Section 102) and to reorganize Article 2 into a format similar to Articles 7 and 8.
- The second phase would delete use definitions in Articles 7 and 8 and modify those Articles so that they reference the consolidated use definitions in Section 102.

The first phase of the process for reorganizing Article 2 and rationalizing definitions will require some substantive changes; however the Department's intention is to keep these to a minimum and to maintain current controls and standards.

This is going to the City Attorney for approval at the end of August. Then on to Planning Commission for initiation, then approval late Sept or early Oct.

We need to carefully examine the 'consolidation, simplification, and changes in definitions' because up-zoning, unintended consequences, and CEQA impact may occur.

2. **1481 Post.** A Super-Condo developers want to build on Cathedral Hill. New York Developer Adco Group wants to bypass neighborhood zoning limits to build a massive 30+ story, 400-foot tall luxury condo on Cathedral Hill that would be visible from much of the city. It would be the first high-rise West of Van Ness. Watch out Japantown, Parkmerced, West Portal, Richmond, and Sunset Districts! Many issues: proposal is nearly double the height of any existing building on Cathedral Hill; tower separation big problem. The increased traffic on Post St. will make worse an already unsafe environment for pedestrians on Post Street.
3. **1601 Larkin.** It comes back to Planning Commission on Oct. 3rd. Essentially the same project with minor changes. Proposed plan demolishes a historic resource without proving significant community benefits CEQA issue still remains, no adequate mitigation for demolition a of Historic resource.
4. **75 Howard Street.** A public hearing on this Draft EIR and other matters has been scheduled by the City Planning Commission for September 12, 2013, in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco. Please call (415) 558-6422 the week of the hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time. Public comments will be accepted from August 1, 2013 to 5:00 p.m. on

Executive Committee Report

August 28

We regret that the CSFN ExComm Report is not available.



Evelyn

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procedure," says Ramona Albright. "Those who took the class proudly possess formal certificates, stating that we'd completed the course, which Evelyn framed and ceremoniously presented to us."

Evelyn sat between Harold Gilliam and me this past Thursday night at the All-San Francisco Concert of the Symphony at Davies Hall. SPEAK had two rows of members there and we had great seats. The music was terrific and Evelyn took in every nuance of Michael Tilson Thomas' lecture before each piece and laughed with pleasure. She had a great time.

Four days later at about 7:00 p.m. she suffered a stroke to a critical area of her brain and fell to the floor in the kitchen of her house. Her son, Josh Wilson, told me that she died early in the morning of September 9, at about 12:53 a.m.

We will miss Evelyn tremendously.

...Mary Anne Miller (SPEAK)



LU&H Report

(cont'd from previous column)

September 16, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Sarah B. Jones, Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103 or or . Comments received at the public hearing and in writing will be responded to in the Responses to Comments document.

5. **Japantown.** Japantown Cultural Heritage Economic Sustainability Strategy (JCHES) to be heard at Historic Preservation Commission on Oct. 16th, Planning Commission on October 17th, and BOS Land Use Committee possibly on Oct. 21.
6. **480 Potrero Street.** a 6-storey Mixed-Use project in a predominately 1 and 2 storey area. Concern: Too tall for neighborhood and inadequate parking. Adjacent to historic resource, Verdi Club. Project to be heard at Board of Appeals in October.

The next Regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore.

Adjourned: 7:15 PM

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting August 20, 2013

1. **Call to Order.** President Judith Berkowitz brought the August 20 meeting to order at 7:02 in the Northern Police Station Community Room.
 - a. *Quorum declared.* 22 delegates and alternates represented 20 CSFN member organizations. Six guests signed in.
 - b. *Agenda approved.*
 - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Host Bill Benkavich (BCNA) described his organization's history, objectives and current issues (e.g. 8 Washington). and announced a park opening at Washington and Drum. Attendees enjoyed the various culinary delights provided by the association.

2. **Minutes.** The July 16 General Assembly draft minutes as printed on page 3 of the August Newsletter were approved.

3. Officers' Reports.

- a. **President Berkowitz** (EMIA) passed around the CSFN Committee Signup Sheets, noting that CSFN counts on our committees to do the important work of the organization. She exhorted everyone — not just delegates, but individual members of member orgs as well — to sign up for at least one of the eight committees.
 - **SaveMuni Report:** Comments are due for the TEP; a free TEP draft EIR can be had from the Planning Dept • The Planning Commission deadline on Public Comments on the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) has been extended to Sept. 17; on 75 Howard DEIR comments are due by Sept. 20. • She spoke with and to the Civil Grand Jury. • SF General Hospital:

after the bond passed to build the new hospital, UCSF had said there would be no more construction at Potrero Campus, but is now planning to expand by constructing a new research building on the only open space left on campus. UCSF had promised but is now renegeing on seismic retrofiting of the old brick buildings where the research is now located. This means that the City's taxpayers will have to foot the retrofiting. • AT&T U-verse cabinets (726 of them) are explained in the cover story — not the technology — but the problems of opposing their placement on public rights-of-way. • The front page story in the [CSFN August NL](#) expands on exactly what and how to register a complaint of the sidewalk boxes. All the links are live.

- b. **1st VP Wooding** (MTHA) noted that 8 Washington is 99% funded, and if the voters reject its construction in November, CalPERS loses \$ 43 million.

- c. **2nd VP Hillson** (JPIA) said local CEQA amendments is over, but not really (software needs to come on line). A Planning Commission presentation will explain how to work within the new local CEQA. • Links to the Undergrounding petition were mentioned, and Article 2 of the Planning Code on use and density needs to be read carefully.
- d. **Recording Secretary Head** (SHARP) noted that SFMTA is planning terrible traffic lane reductions on Masonic and directed folks to the petition opposing them.
- e. **Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer Millet** (PBNA) asked help in finding some member organizations' current addresses.

At this point, President Berkowitz, noting the time (7:45) and the presence of the Program presenters in the room requested that without objection the Program Agenda Item be taken out of order.

4. Committee Reports.

- a. **Bylaws.** Chair **Evelyn Wilson** (SPEAK)
- b. **Government & Elections.** Chair **Charles Head** (SHARP)
- c. **Land Use.** Chair **Hiroshi Fukuda** (RCA) updated us on

75 Howard and noted the LU&H Cmte Report on p2 of the August NL.

- d. **Open Space.** **Kathy Howard** (SPEAK) noted that there was a delay in the soccer fields trial and spoke of an upcoming Commonwealth Club affair.

- e. **Transportation.**
- f. **Water Task Force.** Chair **Joan Girardot** (MCI& POA)

5. Unfinished Business.

6. **New Business.** **Eileen Boken** (SPEAK) introduced a resolution to be voted on at the September General Assembly:

Resolved that CSFN urges the northern California congressional delegation to advocate for the bundling of the proposed expansions of the northern California National Marine Sanctuaries with the creation of the Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area.
7. **Program.** John Kwong of DPW Bureau of Street Use & Mapping, Kearstin Krehbiel of SF Beautiful, and Marc Blakeman of AT&T participated in a discussion about problems involving AT&T U-verse Above Ground Facilities Cabinets, including locating, failure to notice and installation in public rights-of-way. We learned about postings, follow ups, protests, finances, graffiti, camouflage, materials and contacts available.
8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

...*Charles Head (SHARP) Recording Secretary*



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Resolution Regarding Bundling Expansion of National Marine Sanctuaries and Creation of Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area

Whereas, draft Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) are currently being written for the proposed expansions of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary by Executive Order of the President; and

Whereas, these proposed expansions would protect coastal waters off northern California; and

Whereas, there are areas within the greater San Francisco Bay which are also in need of protection; and

Whereas, in 2013, the US federal government designated the San Francisco Bay and Estuary as a wetland of international importance under the 1971 Convention of Wetlands of International Importance also known as the Ramsar Convention; and

Whereas, in 1988, areas of the San Francisco Bay and Estuary have been designated to be within the boundaries of the UNESCO Golden Gate Biosphere; and

Whereas, the formation of the Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area would allow for protections both of bay wetlands and open waters and can be formed by Executive Order of the President; and

Whereas, there are wetlands parcels in the south bay, Skaggs Island and other areas which would be eligible for inclusion in the Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area; and

Whereas, there are open waters south of the Port of Oakland, in Suisun Bay where the mothball fleet currently resides and off the Golden Gate National Recreation Area which would be eligible for inclusion in the Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the northern California congressional delegation to advocate for the bundling of the proposed expansions of the northern California National Marine Sanctuaries with the creation of the Greater San Francisco Bay National Monument and Recreation Area.

...submitted by Eileen Boken (SPEAK) — 4 —

Resolution Regarding the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets Project

The proposed Masonic Avenue Complete Streets project is estimated to cost \$18 million minimum; our tax dollars could be better spent. Many affected residents did not receive notice of the project; adequate EIR has not been performed.

SHARP opposes the plan and urges adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, Masonic Avenue is an arterial road used daily by 32,000 vehicles, 13,000 bus riders, over 1,000 pedestrians; and

Whereas, the proposed Masonic Avenue redesign will permanently remove two traffic lanes during rush hours resulting in increased not reduced congestion on Masonic and surrounding streets; and

Whereas, pedestrian safety will be lessened, not strengthened; pedestrians boarding the bus or crossing the street must step over the bicycle lane; and

Whereas, EMS response time will be reduced; new traffic lanes are inadequate for wide emergency vehicles; and

Whereas, the loss of 167 parking places will adversely affect residents, disabled, seniors, visitors and others; and

Whereas, MTA counted 31 bicyclists during peak hours on Masonic Ave; nearby Baker St. with less than 10% of Masonic Ave traffic provides an alternate bicycle route; therefore be it

Resolved, that the CSFN urges that elected officials, the SFMTA, the SFCTA, and the MTC should

1. rescind and withdraw their approval and support of the current Masonic Ave redesign plan,
2. adopt an alternate plan that maintains traffic flow,
3. retain curbside parking on Masonic Ave,
4. establish a better, alternate bicycle route on nearby streets, and
5. install pedestrian safety improvements.

...submitted by Charles Head (SHARP)



40-Storey Tower Proposed for 1481 Post Street

The Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association (CHNA) is taking an active role in opposing a long-dormant but now active proposal to build a towering condo at 1481 Post Street.

The building currently proposed (the latest in several iterations of the project) would occupy the area now devoted to a health club and tennis courts adjacent to the Cathedral Hill Apartments on 1333 Gough Street. The initial project proposal, dating as far back as 2005, encountered widespread community opposition because of requiring significant height, setback and density variances. The current proposal has grown even taller, now exceeding 400 feet — *160 feet over the existing height limitation of 240 feet.*

A town meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral this June drew 400 residents of the area who were encouraged to file comments on the Planning Department's NOP-EIR. Their response reflected the widespread opposition to the proposal. These objections included:

- Request for spot zoning which would change the basic character of the neighborhood and illustrate how master planning becomes a fruitless exercise if high rises outside of the downtown area are randomly approved throughout the city
- Increase impacts on traffic and transit on Post Street, already heavily traveled and destined to carry an even heavier traffic load when the new CPMC Hospital and Medical Office Buildings are completed. It is not unreasonable to assume that a traffic nightmare will be created since three of the City's most heavily-traveled cross-town corridors (Van Ness, Gough and Franklin) are within a block of the proposed building.
- Worsen pedestrian safety, already a concern in the neighborhood, especially because of the number of seniors living in the area.
- Adversely affect the welfare of patients on the medical care floors of the Sequoias, not only during construction, but on a permanent basis because the new building would be located only 17 feet from these facilities.
- Create a "highrise wall" on Geary and Post Streets, further increasing shadow and wind impacts on the neighborhood.

We expect this project to come before Planning in early 2014 and will be submitting a resolution to the CSFN membership in advance of the hearing.

...Marlayne Morgan (CHNA)



Committee Meetings

Land Use & Housing: Monday 5:00PM Oct 7 • Northern Police Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • ninersam@aol.com • 386-2212
Gov't & Elections: Chair Charles Head • charlesnhead@hotmail.com
Open Space: Ongoing Meetings • Chair Nancy Wuerfel • nancenummer1@aol.com • 731-6432, Co-chair R Albright • 621-9621
Transportation: Wednesday 5:30PM Oct 23 • Coffee Bar (corner Florida/Mariposa) • Chair Mari Eliza • mari@abazaar.com
Water Task Force: Chair Joan Girardot • 346-5525

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AGENDA General Assembly Meeting September 17, 2013	
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. Pacific Heights Residents Assn — PHRA 2. Russian Hill Improvement Assn — RHIA
7:05	III. Approval of August 2013 Minutes
7:10	IV. Officers' Reports A. President B. Vice Presidents C. Secretaries D. Treasurer
7:25	V. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter A. Bylaws B. Government & Elections C. Land Use & Housing D. Open Space E. Transportation F. Water Task Force
7:40	VI. Unfinished Business. Reso from SPEAK
7:45	VII. New Business. Reso re Masonic Ave proposal
7:50	VIII. Program. SF Coalition to Underground Utilities. Speakers: Anne Brubaker, Chair SFCUU John Kwong, DPW Bureau of Street Use & Mapping
	IX. Adjournment

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