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Annual Holiday Dinner 2013

Executive Committee Report

December 4

Chair George Wooding called the meeting to order at 5:54 pm. Present were Judy Berkowitz, Wooding, Rose Hillson, Charles Head, Dick Millet, Penelope Clark, Melinda LaValle and Paul Webber. There was a quorum with 100% attendance.

Officers' Reports

President Judy Berkowitz: Annual Awards Dinner: Because this is our only fundraising event of the year individual ExComm members as well as their organizations are expected to be (at the minimum) CSFN Sponsors. • As decided at the October ExComm meeting Joe Eskenazi, investigative reporter for the *SF Weekly*, is our Featured Speaker. Tim Redmond, former editor of the *SF Bay Guardian*, is our awardee. • Elected officials have been invited. • Event logistics were discussed — who will do what job: check-in, ticket sales for the 50/50 drawing, etc. • A bit more organizational work needs to be done on the December 17 Holiday Dinner.

Berkowitz proposed that CSFN donate to the “No Wall on the Waterfront” campaign. The vote to do so was unanimous.

1st Vice President George Wooding: Supervisor David Chiu is proposing to make secondary units legal citywide. • Supervisor Scott Wiener’s soda tax may lead to taxes on other food items. • Any one of nine bills before the state legislature may change prop 13. • The SF MTA is going to be asking for over \$1 billion in the Nov election. The MTA will also be after the vehicle licensing fee (VLF) in the Nov election.

2nd Vice President Rose Hillson: Recreation & Open Space Element (ROSE) comments are due, however Planning is evidently not going to incorporate any further comment into the document. The new 47-page ROSE may be certified in February. • Planning Commission Rules are changing to meet the new CEQA standards. • SF Committee to Underground Utilities (SFCUU) is meeting; progress is being made on that front.

Recording Secretary Charles Head: The November draft minutes are prepared and submitted for the January newsletter.

Treasurer Dick Millet is gathering checks from the P.O. Box from our Benefactors, Patrons and Sponsors as well as individual Dinner reservations.

Corresponding Secretary Dick Millet: All mail is picked up and distributed.

Program for January General Assembly meeting: We will have a discussion on the ROSE and/or possibly another item of immediate import.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

...George Wooding (MTHA) Chair

Transportation Committee Report

January 14

Last month we had illness, social events, and scheduling conflicts, so we missed a formal committee meeting. A lot is happening: Within the last few days, the sfenuf.org site and our emails disappeared. We are looking into that. Meanwhile, please communicate with the Transportation Committee through this email: mari@abazaar.com

Letter Writing Campaigns: Supervisor Chiu did a really good job of talking to people at the CSFN Holiday Dinner. One thing he remarked about CSFN is that we are good and prolific letter writers. Let’s keep it up! Whether or not you can meet with a committee, you can help by writing email and comments to the Supervisors and other city officials when we ask you to do so. Commenting on articles at the source is also good, as is interacting on Facebook and the social media. If you can help us by writing template letters for people to sign, let us know. We get a lot more traction and faster results with letters. City official contacts are here:

discovervink.wordpress.com/letters-and-comments/san-francisco-officials

Residential Parking Permits: There is a lot of discontent with the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) system. One thing I learned is that a lot of people are unhappy with the RPP system and few people have a solution. I broke the issues into four groups and am asking people to sign up for the area they are most concerned with so each group can tackle their area of interest. Pick one if you like and let me know.

1. Writing mitigation policy for new buildings approved with no on-site parking.
2. Review the policy for allowing RPPs and the other special or limited permits and consider suggesting changes.
3. Review enforcement hours for parking limitations and consider suggesting changes.
4. Review the costs of the permits, fees and fines and consider suggesting changes.

Last week we met with Mark Miller, a neighbor who has taken it upon himself to gather a lot of detailed information that he is willing to share about how the SFMTA is and is not enforcing city RPP codes. He is offering to bring a presentation to the Transportation Committee and later the whole CSFN General Assembly if we like. I am hoping that he will take on the RPP issues so I can tackle some other problems.

SFMTA is fighting First Responders(!): The SF Fire Chief is voicing the same concerns we are about SFMTA plans that ignore state design specifications. Traffic-calming bulb-outs and lane reductions are making their job as first responders more difficult, and now the SFMTA wants to add traffic circles and completely remove traffic on some streets. It is amazing that the SF Bike Coalition and the SFMTA, through their mouthpiece are fighting the Fire Department and the Police Department, as well as picking on the supervisors. Do they like anyone other than themselves? We hope to get the Fire Chief or someone from the Fire Department to a CSFN meeting to help us understand what we can do to support their efforts to stop this street control nonsense.

What would you rather pay for: lane reductions or public parking near transit hubs? The methods the SFMTA is using to fight cars are not working. They are creating major gridlock and traffic jams all over the Bay Area. Many people feel the best solution is to get cars parked fast and efficiently near freeway exits and public transportation hubs. People around the Bay Area who are complaining about the lack of parking near BART stations are questioning how many more people would take BART if there were sufficient parking nearby.

The next meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday January 29 at 6 PM. Theater Artaud.

...Mari-Eliza (EMIA) Chair

Committee Meetings

Land Use & Housing: Monday 5:00PM Feb 10 • Northern Police Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • ninersam@aol.com • 386-2212

Gov't & Elections: Chair Charles Head • charlesnhead@hotmail.com

Media Relations: Acting Chair Eileen Boken • aeboken@gmail.com

Open Space: Ongoing Meetings • Chair Nancy Wuerfel • nancenum1@aol.com • 731-6432, Co-chair R Albright • 621-9621

Transportation: Wednesday 5:30PM Jan 29 • Theater Artaud • Chair Mari Eliza • mari@abazaar.com

Water Task Force: Chair Joan Girardot • 346-5525

CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting November 19, 2013

1. **Call to Order.** President **Judith Berkowitz** brought the November 19 meeting to order at 7:02 in the Northern Police Station Community Room.
 - a. *Quorum declared.* 28 delegates and alternates represented 20 CSFN member organizations. Four guests signed in.
 - b. *Agenda approved.*
 - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves/made short announcements.
 - d. **Hosts**
 1. Mary Harris — President Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside Neighbors in Action (OMI-NIA) talked about saving trees, rebuilding the school, needing a larger Oceanview library.
 2. Joanne Kenealey, new President of Outer Mission Merchants & Residents Association (OMMRA) noted a proliferation of pot clubs in the area.
 2. **Minutes.** The October General Assembly Draft Minutes were approved as printed on page 3 of the November *Neighborhood Views*.
 3. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a. **President Berkowitz** (EMIA) The BoS Budget & Legislative Analyst's Office has requested CSFN members' input to analyze the market demand for a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program. • SaveMuniSF Report – Noted the Mayor's Transportation Task Force Report allocates an inordinate amount of money to parklets and "street enhancements." • The preliminary polling on this report does not bode well. • SaveMuniSF voted to approve two resos brought by its members concerning this report:
 1. Strongly urge the mayor and BoS to fund pedestrian and bicycle improvements via source(s) other than the proposed vehicle license fee, general obligation bond and/or sales tax increase. These other sources may include bicycle registration fees, bicycle riders' license fees, corporate bus fees/tax, fees/taxes on alternate transportation companies such as Lyft and Uber, and/or funding from independent sources.
 2. Strongly urge the mayor and the BoS to use the proposed vehicle licensing fee as a major source of funds for Muni service and maintenance. The proposed VLF will provide Muni with an expected ±\$50–70 Million over and above the already allocated \$3 Billion. SaveMuniSF has written a letter reflecting these and other concerns about the report. • There will be a new vehicle license fee on the November ballot. • TEP will also be on the November ballot; Barbary Coast Consulting has been hired to do the PR for its passage. • Central Subway excavations had to shore up the Bank of America building; interestingly there is no mention of this anywhere in the EIR. • There is (yet another) lawsuit 4.F filed against the Central Subway.
 - b. **1st VP Wooding** (MTHA) along with Aaron Peskin, Dennis Antenore, and Tim Redmond, CSFN's 2013 honoree will speak on a panel at the Commonwealth Club Jan. 6. The panel's title is *Who Will Own the Future: Privatization and the Threat to the Urban Environment. A Discussion About Why Public-Private Partnerships Are Destructive to Our Participatory Government.* • He — 3 —
 - noted the possible erosion of Prop. 13 by numerous proposed constitutional amendments that have been introduced by state legislators.
 - c. **2nd VP Hillson** (JPIA) SFCUU meeting was held on Thurs. Oct. 24, for ongoing efforts to present to neighborhood groups to determine possible funding solutions. Planning Dept. states that the draft ROSE will be released to the public on Wed. Nov. 20, with an open house scheduled for Wed. Dec. 4.
 - d. **Recording Secretary Head** (SHARP) noted Sup. Tang's bill to regulate massage parlors and workers had passed.
 - e. **Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer Millet** (PBNA) said we have a new account at SF Credit Union
4. **Committee Reports.**
 - a. *Bylaws.*
 - b. *Government & Elections.* Chair **Charles Head** (SHARP) extended praise to the campaign and big win for No Wall on the Waterfront.
 - c. *Land Use.* Chair **Hiroshi Fukuda** (RCA) noted proposed 40-storey luxury condos at 1481 Post. Please note the story concerning 1481 Post in the September *Neighborhood Views* on p. 5. • 1601 Larkin plan has passed the Planning Commission. Sup. • Chiu is intro'ing lege legitimize secondary units.
Emergency resolution: Resolved, that an appeal be filed in CSFN's name to the Board of Appeals appealing the variances that have been approved for the open space and exposure for the 1601 Larkin. Declaring an emergency 19-0
The delegates approved the resolution 18-0-1.
 - d. *Media Relations.* Acting Chair **Eileen Boken** (SPEAK)
 - e. *Open Space.* **Kathy Howard** (SPEAK)
 - f. *Transportation.* Chair **Mari Eliza** (EMIA) has an extensive report on p.5 Nov NL. • Spoke of parking meter contracts, free Muni for youth, and underserved neighborhoods.
 - g. *Water Task Force.* Chair **Joan Girardot** (MCI&POA) and two others will meet with SFPUC in 10 days' time. If you know anything that SFPUC is involved in but that is not in its core mission, please let her or Lorraine know.
 5. **Unfinished Business**
 6. **New business**
 7. **Program.** Election Review & Analysis
On Props B & C, the 8 Washington props, **Jon Golinger** stressed that the vote was one of neighborhoods against spot-zoning, and that the port needs to follow the waterfront land-use plan.
Chris Bowman noted that contrary to the rest of the city's vote to oppose 8 Washington, Chinatown, highrises, public housing, Mission Bay, Visatacion Valley, Rincon voted yes on it. He noted there are walls now down Market, Mission and Van Ness.
David Pilpel explained how the vote was good for people, but bad for pork barrel projects. The effect on supervisorial and mayoral races may be the formation of an "anybody but Lee" group.
 8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:47.
... Charles Head (SHARP) Recording Secretary

Land Use & Housing Committee Reports

December 9

Hiroshi Fukuda convened the Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee on Monday, December 9 at 5:48 P.M. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station.

The Committee considered the following items

1. 1481 Post Street: a proposed 400-foot-tall luxury condo on Cathedral Hill. Timeline: Outreach to community organizations, arrange meetings. DEIR due in March 2014. Planning Commission hearing Sept. 2014. This is high-priority item, we must stop it.
2. Legalize Secondary Unit legislation to be introduced by Sup. David Chui <http://www.smallprop.org/pdf/press/121.pdf> Research official CSFN positions. Need to organize to stop this. It will not provide any new units and does not provide more affordable units. Rewards unscrupulous landlords for their illegal activity.
3. San Francisco Builders meet on anti-development wave J.K. Dineen Reporter *SF Business Times*. A high-powered group of developers is meeting today to discuss the emerging anti-development movement that is taking root across San Francisco. <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/2013/12/san-francisco-builders-to-hold.html>
A month after voters rejected a condo project at 8 Washington St. by a wide margin, market-rate housing and office developers throughout the city are facing heavy opposition from residential groups concerned that the city is changing too fast and that the current wave of luxury building is catering to high-rolling tech workers rather than regular folks.
4. Planning Commission Rules. CSFN to determine why changes are needed, what is the current policy and what are the changes. Planning Department to be how changes will improve the process, Who will it benefit, department, developers, public? <http://commissions.sfplanning.org/cpcpackets/Rules%20&%20Regs%202013%20-%20DRAFT.pdf>
5. 1601 Larkin report. Variances on open space and exposure approved by Zoning Administrator have been appealed to the Board of Appeals by Nob Hill Neighborhoods. Hearing date is January 29, 2014. Please support effort at Board of Appeals.
6. Sunshine Commission report: D. Pilpel reports Planning Department is not providing the file for 480 Potrero St. to a requester. Similar to George Wooding's issues with Rec & Park.
7. Sunshine Commission report: D. Pilpel reports problem with Public Comments for BOS budget process. Public Comments are not taken when a department's Budget is being discussed. All Public comments are taken on a different day when the departments are not present. Talk about talking to the wind!

The next Regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore.

Adjourned: 7:20 PM

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

January 13

Hiroshi Fukuda convened the Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee on Monday January 13 at 6:05 P.M. in the Community Room of the Richmond Police Station.

The Committee considered the following items

1. Recirculation of Portions of the 2004 and 2008 Housing Element Draft EIR (Chapter VII Alternatives)

On March 24th 2011, the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the 2004 and 2009 Housing Element. On June 21, 2011 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted the 2009 Housing Element as the Housing Element of the San Francisco General Plan. However, pursuant to a court order concerning Chapter VII Alternatives of the FEIR, the Planning Department has revised Chapter VII Alternatives and is recirculating it for public review. The revisions are limited to the EIR Chapter VII Alternatives, and conforming changes to a sub-section from Chapter II Executive Summary.

Copies of the revised Chapter VII Alternatives along with the full text of the EIR are available on the Planning Department website (<http://tinyurl.com/sfceqadocs>), and CDs and paper copies are available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

** This is extremely important to all of us; we need to organize in a BIG way! **

2. 1481 Post Street: (*Please see reso on p.5*)
3. 1111 California St. (Masonic Auditorium/Live Nation: There will be a CEQA Appeal hearing at the BOS on January 14, 2014. Bob Passmore has provided extremely valuable opinions on legality of Planning Commission and BOS approvals.
4. 1601 Larkin: Board of Appeals hearing January 29, 2014 on ZA (Zoning Administrator) approval of Variances on (a) open space, (b) exposure

The next Regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore.

Adjourned: 7:38 PM

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

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...Submitted by Judy Berkowitz (EMIA)

Discussion of Growing Privatization Draws Crowd

Four highly-qualified San Franciscans took the stage at the Commonwealth Club on January 6 facing a standing-room-only crowd for a program entitled “**Who Will Own the Future**” on the expanding privatization in all areas of San Francisco city government.

Moderator **Dr. Ann Clark** welcomed CSFN’s **George Wooding**, joined by Dennis Antenore, Tim Redmond and Aaron Peskin as they revealed ways in which the “public-private partnerships,” so popular as budget solutions by City Hall, are gradually transferring the responsibility for policy decisions to the private sector and away from public scrutiny.

Wooding, who organized the panel, is CSFN’s First Vice President, the former president of the West of Twin Peaks Central Council, investigative reporter and author of perceptive articles regularly appearing in *Neighborhood Views* as well as the *Westside Observer*. He launched the topic by addressing the reasons privatization often fails to live up to its expectations: limited or no accountability to the public; inappropriate goal of profit — goals not for the public good; loss of city control; lower wages for workers; and the inevitable increase of user fees. He said that cities often make bad deals by agreeing to extended private contracts for time periods of 30, 60 and even 90 years. He added that the most pervasive myth by officials both buy into and exhort as “fact” is that contractors will provide services cheaper and more efficiently, citing examples that proved the contrary.

Dennis Antenore, retired attorney and former planning commissioner, explained that his research had revealed privatization to be one of the causes of the fall of the Roman Empire. “They even contracted out tax collection. Eventually government became inept and rotted from within,” he said. He then pointed to shifts of power and responsibility with groups such as the Botanical Garden Society, Parks Alliance and Friends of the SF Public Library. He gave examples in which privatizing, especially in New York during Michael Bloomberg’s mayoralty, proved shortsighted, expensive and frankly, naïve. He encouraged audience members to check out the website InThePublicInterest.org which lists privatization efforts.

Tim Redmond, former editor of the *SF Bay Guardian*, showed that when the city accepts philanthropic “gifts,” such as City Fields’ artificial turf, it can turn from a windfall into becoming Rec & Park policy for the future of San Francisco’s playing fields. If someone is rich enough to

give the city an enormous gift, they can just as easily take it away if things are not to their satisfaction he said. He then cited the dangerous precedent of the Presidio Trust turning a National Park into an “enterprise agency” and creating a model that Rec & Park, along with the proposed ROSE (Rec & Open Space Element), is apparently following. Repeatedly, Redmond said that the city is rich and *can* afford parks, schools and other services normally expected from it and delivered by it in the past, but that it was our *budget priorities* that compelled us to seek assistance from corporations. After a temporary slide into his longtime rant against PGE, he ended with the warning, “We should not look at the public commons as a source for extracting money.”

Former city supervisor and Board president **Aaron Peskin** returned to the idea of “commonwealth,” first introduced by Antenore earlier in the evening, reminding the audience not to forget that “We inherited a common law core with common values and communal assets.” He said that the expansion of privatization in the city is subtle — citing the recent tech non-profit established by Ron Conway. He also said that he had changed his mind about what had seemed sound ideas when he was serving on the Board of Supervisors. He gave the example of parklets, which in many cases have simply provided restaurant owners with extra seating space at the public’s expense. “We’re selling ourselves cheap,” he said. He admitted also changing his opinion of Business Improvement Districts, which “seemed fine at the time.” As to what can be done to slow this shift of power to the private sector, he suggested cutting off the money to city departments not doing their job. “San Franciscans are decent, generous people,” he said. “We vote to approve every bond measure. We really need to stop doing that!”

In closing, the panelists were asked if they thought there was anything *good* about privatization. To a person, they all admitted that there may have been instances when it has worked. “During the AIDS crisis, the city’s Health Department could simply not handle the demand made on it,” said Redmond. All panel members agreed that before going into any agreement with a private entity, the city should insist on transparency, on public input into policy, and on ultimate control by elected officials. Wooding had the last word, cautioning those present to protect their rights by staying informed and being pro-active. For updates he recommended Redmond’s new website 48HillsOnline.org/2014/01/08/the-quiet-privatization-of-san-francisco/

...Karen Crommie (CVIA)

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 highrises 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.

(This article first appeared in the September 2013 *Neighborhood Views*, p.5)

Resolution Opposing Zoning Changes (Spot-Zoning) for Proposed 1481 Post Street Luxury Condominium Tower (Cathedral Hill Neighbors)

Whereas, 1481 Post Street is a proposed 36-storey luxury condominium tower on Cathedral Hill where zoning maps of this location limit building height to a maximum of 240 feet; and

Whereas, the proposal for 1481 Post Street harks back to the era of Redevelopment "super-block" planning that occurred in the 1950s and 1960s which diminished the fabric of the Cathedral Hill, Japantown and Fillmore neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the project sponsor's proposal for a 416-foot tall building would require the Planning Commission to grant exceptions to provisions of the Planning Code governing rear yard depth, dwelling unit exposure, and residential density, and for the Board of Supervisors to amend the height limit and the General Plan before the project could be approved; and

Whereas, this project is yet another example of requesting spot-zoning to build luxury housing at the expense of much needed mid-range and lower-range affordable housing in San Francisco; and

Whereas, permission to build this ultra-high-rise tower in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood will set a dangerous precedent for extreme height variances in other neighborhoods west of Van Ness Avenue, and for "major transit corridors" throughout the City; and

Whereas, the area around 1481 Post Street is a high-density neighborhood for seniors and this project will significantly increase traffic and adversely-affect pedestrian safety, already negatively impacted by the future CPMC Cathedral Hill Hospital Campus; and

Whereas, 1481 Post Street is located directly adjacent to a retirement community for independent seniors and proposes a tower only 16 feet from a Skilled Nursing and Memory Care facility that is licensed for 50 skilled Nursing Beds, 18 units of Assisted Living, and 19 Memory Care beds, effectively eliminating natural light from this homebound population; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Planning Commission to uphold the current zoning and deny this application.

...Marlayne Morgan (CHNA)



CSFN Meeting Dates for 2014

The **CSFN General Assembly** meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month (except December) from 6:30PM to approximately 10:00PM (usually they are shorter; very rarely longer).

The actual dates are:

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

(Annual Dinner)

The **CSFN Executive Committee** (ExComm) meetings are usually on the Wednesday 8 days after the General Assembly meeting (except for November when it's 15 days later so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving).

The meetings begin at 5:30PM and usually end about 7:30PM.

The actual dates are:

Jan 29	July 23
February 26	August 27
March 26	September 24
April 23	October 29
May 28	December 4
June 25	

Call to Action: Planning Commission Thursday January 23

After several sessions of arguments on the merits, Judge Teri Jackson ruled that the 2009 Housing Element EIR's discussion of alternatives was conclusive and inadequate and the City's Findings rejecting alternatives were conclusive and inadequate. The judge rejected all other grounds of inadequacy that Kathy raised.

Since the City Attorney was allowed to prepare the Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Petition for Writ of Mandate, the grounds on which Kathy succeeded appear far into the document that was finally signed on December 19, 2013. Kathy filed numerous objections to the inaccurate and erroneous statements that the City Attorney included in the document.

There will be a hearing at the **Planning Commission** to take comments on the EIR revision on **Thursday January 23, 2014**. Kathy needs *all* of us to attend the hearing with a few other people from our neighborhoods.

Kathy and the core group will give us talking points before the hearing, but we need to immediately work on lining up our speakers. Rose Hillson from Jordan Park has graciously volunteered to help organize the turn-out.

The Peremptory Writ of Mandate in the action contesting the EIR for the 2009 Housing Element annuls the certification of the EIR, the City's approval of the 2009 Housing Element and prohibits the City from implementing the 2009 policies that will have potential physical environmental impacts. The Writ is still in effect as to the 2004 Housing Element.

We can't emphasize enough how vitally important this is! This is the major Housing Element decision for the next 50 years of what SF will become! We will not likely see another Housing Element that isn't based on this decision.

...Rose Hillson (JPIA)

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AGENDA	
General Assembly Meeting	
January 21, 2014	
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 Conservancy — TPC&OSC
7:05	III. Approval of November 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. Media Relations E. Open Space F. Transportation G. Water Task Force
7:40	VI. Unfinished Business.
7:45	VII. New Business. Resolution regarding spot-zoning 1481 Post Street. p.6
7:50	VIII. Program: Recreation & Open Space Element (ROSE) Speakers: Sue Exline Denis Mosgofian Rose Hillson
	IX. Adjournment

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Action Item:
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Jan 21

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