



Why DTX?

San Francisco streets are clogged with 280,000 vehicles a day coming from San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Transportation planners expect the number to grow to 320,000 per day in the next 20 years.

One way to alleviate this congestion from our streets is to provide better transit alternatives for people now driving in from the south. The extension of Caltrain to the new Transbay Terminal will do just that. But despite a great deal of rhetoric from politicians, the downtown extension from 4th and King has been stalled.

It's high time for those of us who want less congestion and better transit to call for increased effort to move the Downtown Extension of Caltrain (DTX) along to completion.

On November 2, 1999, 67% of the voters of San Francisco approved SF Proposition H. Prop H reads in part:

“Traffic congestion on highways and surface streets ranks near the top of SF’s environmental and economic challenges.”

One of “the most significant and economical means of reducing auto traffic between the Peninsula and SF” would be to “extend the Caltrain line to a regional transit station near downtown.”

“It shall be and is the law of the city and county that (Caltrain) ... be extended downtown to a regional ... transit station.”

“To implement (this) law ... all relevant city officers and agencies shall adopt such ... ordinances and resolutions and take all other actions as necessary to effectuate the prompt extension of Caltrain downtown to said station.”

“The Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the SF Transportation Authority, and all relevant city officers and agencies shall take all appropriate actions to generate the revenue necessary to finance the Caltrain extension downtown...”

To this end and given the above statement that was passed into law the Transportation and Land Use Committee supports the following resolution and urges the General Assembly to adopt it.

Whereas, in 1999 the San Francisco voters, by an overwhelming 67% vote, recognized the importance of extending Caltrain to San Francisco’s new regional transportation center; and

Whereas, the best way of reducing the 280,000 daily automobile trips from the Peninsula that currently

congest San Francisco’s streets and slow down Muni buses would be to provide Peninsula drivers with a faster and more comfortable way of accessing San Francisco; and

Whereas, an improved and extended Caltrain service would materially reduce the need for the private buses that tech use that are increasingly crowding San Francisco neighborhoods and getting in the way of Muni buses; and

Whereas, an improved Caltrain extended into downtown San Francisco would provide that speed and that comfort, and therefore reduce the tendency of travelers to drive into San Francisco or take private tech buses into San Francisco; and

Whereas, when eight and eventually nine separate rail lines and over 40 bus lines are served and connected by the spacious new Transbay Transit Center, it will quickly take its place among the great transportation centers in the world; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) strongly supports the Downtown Extension of Caltrain (DTX); and be it further

Resolved, that CSFN endorses the rally to support increased funding for the DTX and requests its 46 affiliated neighborhood organizations to send as many delegates and other participants as possible to the DTX support rally to be held on Wednesday June 24, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the Polk Street steps of City Hall; and be it further

Resolved, that CSFN urges the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) to henceforth provide DTX with the strong political backing needed to acquire the local, regional, State and Federal funds required to build the extension; and be it finally

Resolved, that CSFN also urges the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) to take whatever other actions are needed to ensure that DTX — as currently laid out and designed — is completed without further delay, and that the extended Caltrain service is up and running by no later than 2020.

— Jerry Cauthen (SaveMuniSF)
— submitted by Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA)
LU&T Committee Chairman

Land Use & Transpo Cmte Report

May 11

Meeting commenced at 5:44PM.

AGENDA

1. CSFN Land Use and CSFN Transportation Committee:
Separate or integrated committee, agendas, minutes. Tabled until possibly July (June may already be overbooked per discussion) and the two committees kept as-is until agendized, discussed and voted on.

2. Land Use issues:

- A. **1481 Post St.**: Resolution in opposition to 1481 Post St. – continued from April 13 Resolution from CHNA in formal opposition to the proposed luxury condo tower at 1481 Post St. Below resolution on 1481 Post St. unanimously recommended to GA.

Whereas, 1481 Post St. is a massive development project proposed on top of Cathedral Hill comprising a 416-foot tall, 36-storey tower with 262 new condominiums that would significantly and adversely impact scenic vistas from several locations and cast shadows on four City parks, and;

Whereas, despite numerous requests from neighbors the developer, ADCO, refuses to engage in discussion about specific concerns regarding the proposed development. It seeks to amend the general plan and the height map and is asking for exceptions to the Planning Code without engaging its immediate neighbors, and;

Whereas, the Planning Code in the neighborhood limits buildings to a maximum 240-foot height limit. The current 1481 Post St. luxury condo tower proposal calls for a 416-foot tall building, far exceeding established height limits for the neighborhood. In addition, the Planning Department would need to grant exceptions to provisions of the Planning Code governing rear yard depth, dwelling unit exposure, and residential density and amend the General Plan to move forward, and;

Whereas, this project could set a precedent for building new high rise buildings west of Van Ness Avenue without any advance planning and could lead to a rush of projects such as this one all over the city that require would spot zoning decisions, and;

Whereas, the proposed development requires at least 27 months of construction and will significantly disrupt the neighborhood. The area around 1481 Post St. has the highest concentration of seniors living on private property in the City. This project will have a significant impact on traffic. There are already extremely dangerous street crossings on Post Street

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A list of vacant seats on City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces as well as their application forms can be found here:

<http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=3045>

Members of CSFN member associations: apply for these seats!

ExComm Report

April 29

George Wooding called the meeting to order at 5:50PM. Present were, Wooding, Judy Berkowitz, Rose Hillson, Charles Head, Glenn Rogers, Penelope Clark, Marlayne Morgan, Claire Zvanski. There was a quorum.

Excused absence: Dick Millet, MeLinda LaValle

Guests: Joan Gerardo, Lorraine Lucas, Greg Scott, Paul Webber, Gerry Crowley, David Pilpel, Kathy Devincenzi.

Officers' Reports

President Judy Berkowitz: Asked Wooding if he ever got the \$450 check from the SF PUC that it still owes from Dec 16 Award Dinner. He still has not received anything from SF PUC.
• Attended 48Hills Event along with several other CSFN delegates. (See Media Relations Cmte Report, this NL p.4) • Strongly urged ExComm members – and all delegates – to apply for positions and vacant seats on City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces.

All vacancies and application forms can be found here:

<http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=3045>

1st Vice-President Wooding: Capital Planning Committee & Certificates of Participation

2nd Vice President Rose Hillson: Attended last Rules Committee at planning. Planning has changed some rules. Public notification has been very slow and mail is not being received in a timely manner by the public. The next Planning Meeting will be on May 14th.

Recording Secretary Charles Head: Working on the minutes.

Treasurer: (See Unfinished Business here below)

Corresponding secretary. Has photocopied the checks on top of info on Renewal Page that Berkowitz needs to mail monthly NLs to delegates. Will make sure that forms are cleared and re-copied and given to her.

Unfinished Business. Greg Scott gave a report on CSFN's financial status and 501(c)4 status. He is using a cash accounting format. This means that Greg is only counting the money that comes in and out in a particular month. Greg passed out CSFN's latest secretary of state filing dated 6-10-2014. He also passed out conformation that the 199 N e-postcard had been mailed. According to Greg, CSFN's financial status with the IRS maybe reinstated as early with in the next 6-9 months and there is a strong possibility that CSFN will not have to pay any fines. A majority of CSFN's expenses were for the Award Dinner and ballot advertisements. CSFN has over Thirty- Five thousand in the bank. George Grosso did not perform a review and May Pon Berry may have been the last to review CSFN records.

New Business.

Elections

CSFN has not had a contested election since 2008.

Election timing at the general assembly: The election presentations should begin no later than 7:30pm.

Ground Rules

-The President and 1st vice President Candidates will receive up to 4 minutes to speak. Members-at-large will receive two minutes.

-No rebuttals

-Candidates will speak in alphabetical order by last name

-The candidates will win their election if they receive one or more votes than their opponent

2 __ -No questions from the audience

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CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting April 21, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** President Judith Berkowitz brought the April 21 meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Northern Police Station Community Room.

a. *Quorum declared.* 28 delegates and alternates represented 25 CSFN member organizations. Five guests signed in.

b. *Agenda approved.*

c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves.

d. *Hosts.*

1. Barbara Graham (PHRA) expressed concern for increased traffic congestion and crime.

2. Karen Breslin (MPIC) talked about MPIC's history and concerns over height and density reduction.

2. **Minutes.** The March General Assembly draft minutes as printed on page 3 of the April Newsletter were approved as amended (Hetch Hetchy at 70%, not 75%).

3. **Officers' Reports.**

a. **President Berkowitz** (EMIA). Christina Olague has begun to organize informal informational classes on how to marshal your Planning issue through process and present issues (DR, CU, etc) to the Planning Commission. These have drawn quite a number of interested people. If you have a topic that you'd like to teach or if you would like to sit in on these sessions, please contact her. •

Explained how to find the issues GA will vote on in an upcoming meeting: the issues are in a box labeled "Action Items" on the front address page. These items are also repeated in the Agenda under "Unfinished Business."

These items are *also* in the Draft Minutes from the previous month's GA under "Introduction of New Business." • In response to questions: noted that the newsletter goes to all supes and mayor: the Wooding-Wuerfel article re the Dept. of Env funding highlighted on the outer address page and printed on a different colored page in order to make it stand out. • **A list of vacant seats on City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces as well as their application forms can be found at <http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=3045>**

Members of CSFN member associations: apply for these seats! • 48Hills is having its one year anniversary party at the Verdi Club on

b. *1st VP Wooding* (MTHA). Attended an SFMTA meeting about the 33 Bus.

c. *2nd VP Hillson* (JPIA). Attended the CSFN Bylaws Cmte meeting • Called for people to attend the Planning Board's Rules Committee Thursday. • She expressed regret sadness about current divisions among the CSFN membership.

d. *Treasurer.* We have \$35,000 in the bank.

4. **Committee Reports.**

a. *Bylaws.* Chair **Claire Zvanski** (EDIA). Please see report p.4 April *Neighborhood Views*; thanked Lorraine for information and Rose for note taking.

b. *Government & Elections.* Chair **Charles Head** (SHARP). Explained the background for the Resolution supporting the protection of citizen access to ballot initiatives in San Francisco:

Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco

Neighborhoods strongly supports keeping the ballot initiative process open and accessible to regular citizens and opposes proposals that would make it more costly, cumbersome or difficult to collect petition signatures to qualify ballot initiatives in San Francisco. Recommended to GA by G&E Cmte 9-0. Full text: April *Neighborhood Views* p.5.

First reading only, to be voted upon in May.

c. *Land Use.* Chair **Hiroshi Fukuda** (RCA). Introduced Resolution urging support of the Downtown Extension of Caltrain (DTX) and that it receive the highest priority for transportation funding.

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First reading only, to be voted upon in May.

d. *Media Relations.* Chair **Eileen Boken** (SPEAK).

e. *Nominations.* Kathy Devincenzi (LHIA). The committee could not agree on recommendations; all nominations will be from the floor.

Devincenzi nominated candidates for five offices and two excom positions:

President — Judith Berkowitz (EMIA)

First Vice President — Tony Kelly (PBNA)

Second Vice President — Rose Hillson (JPIA)

Recording Secretary — Charles Head (SHARP)

Treasurer — Greg Scott (PHRA)

Members-at-Large — (3 seats)

Penny Clark (RHIA)

Barbara Graham (PHRA)

Lorraine Lucas (HAIA) nominated others:

President — George Wooding (MTHA)

First Vice President — Marlayne Morgan (CHNA)

Corresponding Secretary — Glenn Rogers (PmAC)

Members-at-Large — (3 seats)

Joan Girardot (MCI&POA)

Lorraine Lucas (HAIA)

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Media Relations Committee Report

On April 23, 48Hills.org celebrated its first anniversary at the Verdi Club. During the first anniversary celebration, CSFN participated in the event's program. After the keynote speech by Editor-in-Chief Tim Redmond, Supervisor John Bardis presented Tim with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Supervisors. The text of the Certificate of Recognition stated that Tim had recently been honored by both CSFN and SFT.

Onstage with John Bardis were Judy Berkowitz representing CSFN and Jane Morrison representing San Francisco Tomorrow.

— Eileen Boken (SPEAK) Chair



John Bardis, Judy Berkowitz present Tim Redmond with the Certificate of Recognition. 48Hills.org event April 23, 2015



ExComm Report

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- Candidate presentations will be the following:
 - President
 - 1st Vice President
 - Members-at-large
- An election committee was selected consisting of Charles Head (Chair), Glenn Rogers and Mary Harris.
- The election committee will be responsible for election preparation, ballot counting, announcing winning candidates and retention of the election ballots for a minimum of 30 days.
- According to CSFN bylaws no one from the nomination committee or a member of a candidates group will be allowed to participate in election committee activities.
- After all candidate's presentations each voting association will be asked to place their completed ballot (s) into ballot boxes for each office.
- Each voter will initial that they have voted.
- after the last ballot has been cast, the elections committee will count the ballots
- Each ballot box will be shown to be empty to the general assembly.
- Candidates will have the option of selecting a vote observer while their office is being voted on. The observer will be able to directly look at each cast ballot.

Candidates biographies in the May newsletter

- no more than 200 words
- Biographies will be listed in alphabetical order
- Biographies will be listed side-by-side on the same page

— George Wooding (MTHA) Chair — 4 —

April Draft Minutes

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Lucas then moved that the GA have no program in May, and that it carve out time for the candidates to speak to the GA. The motion passed 23-0.

- f. **Open Space.** Nancy Wuerfel and Kathy Howard (SPEAK). Report p.2 April *Neighborhood Views*.
 - g. **Transportation.** Chair Mari Eliza (EMIA). Handout of 6 pages, and spoke on the matters therein.
 - h. **Water Task Force.** Chair Joan Girardot (MCI&POA). Spoke to a Westside report, the Dept. of Environment, the water in Hetch Hetchy being at 70%, and court case over tiered rates.
5. **Unfinished Business.**
Resolved, CSFN urges the Planning Commission to enforce all Planning Codes of which AAU has been in violation. All penalties to be strictly enforced, especially since some of the violations occurred after AAU was informed of numerous Code violations.
Approved 23-1-1.
7. **Introduction of New Business.**
 - a. **Resolved**, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods strongly supports keeping the ballot initiative process open and accessible to regular citizens and opposes proposals that would make it more costly, cumbersome or difficult to collect petition signatures to qualify ballot initiatives in San Francisco. Recommended to GA from G&E Cmte 9-0. Full text: April *Neighborhood Views* p.5. Will be voted on at May GA.
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- 9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.
— Charles Head (SHARP) Recording Secretary

Candidate Statements

President

Judy Berkowitz

As CSFN president, I have maintained equanimity among CSFN delegates and forged positive relationships and coalitions with other groups and with City Hall. Over the past years CSFN's level of respect citywide has grown under my leadership.

Through our efforts we maintain Discretionary Review, streaming and video of Planning Commission hearings, defeated CEQA amendments.

I have consistently followed Bylaws that public statements be solely on issues on which CSFN has taken a position. I have always worked on the basis that CSFN represents *all* neighborhoods. I have tried to be objective even in divisive matters. Everything I've done has been open, transparent.

Should you grant me one last term as president I will mentor a reliable successor. Tony Kelly is someone who will continue to exercise fiscal restraint and protect CSFN's substantial savings from the risky ideas of others – those who have brought dissension and discord to ExComm this past year.

Through me, CSFN is the leader in writing independent ballot arguments and in presenting our united voice for the preservation of the unique character of our neighborhoods.

With your support CSFN will continue to stand tall and lead the way forward.

Endorsements: Art Agnos, Kathy Devincenzi.

George Wooding

George has been active in the **Midtown Terrace Neighborhood Association** for over 20 years and is a long-term member and past President of the **West of Twin Peaks Central Council**; a 22-member group of homeowner associations. He worked as a congressional aide for Pete McClosky in Washington DC, successfully ran two businesses and produced a documentary film designed to help wounded veterans (projecthealinghorse.com). His articles about San Francisco are regularly featured throughout city print media, blogs and the CSFN newsletter. His Sunshine case resulted in a critical Civil Grand Jury report on the SF Ethics Department. George has spoken twice at the Commonwealth Club.

He has served as a CSFN delegate since 2011 and First Vice President of the Executive Committee over the last 33 months. He chaired the 2014 CSFN Dinner Committee and increased attendance at our annual fundraising event by 40%.

CSFN needs a capable President who can set and achieve goals, and who is a proven, proactive leader at fighting for neighborhood interests. Marlayne Morgan, candidate for First Vice-President and George are running as a team. CSFN will benefit greatly from their determined advocacy and knowledge of city government.

1st Vice President

Tony Kelly

I was born at St. Luke's Hospital and moved back to San Francisco two months before the 1989 earthquake. Since 1994 I've lived and worked on Potrero Hill.

I've been elected nine times as President of the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association, and have held leadership positions in the Potrero-Dogpatch Merchants Association, Enola Maxwell Middle School as well as other neighborhood organizations.

I've served on task forces and advisory boards to the Mayor, the Port, and the Board of Supervisors. I've worked with a wide variety of multi-neighborhood coalitions for affordable housing, local jobs, open space, better transit and environmental justice.

We need a unified, strong Coalition for SF Neighborhoods now more than ever: the threat facing all our City neighborhoods is imminent, emanant and eminent... I have a long history of productive work with diverse advocates.

I'm running for 1st Vice President to:

- manage the Executive Committee and make sure it serves the membership well,
- work to build our Coalition citywide for more engaged advocacy, and
- improve our communications so our work can be quick, transparent, and effective.

I respectfully ask for your vote and your commitment to help build a stronger Coalition.

Thank you.

Marlayne Morgan

I am a founding member of **Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association** and have served as President since 2007. Coming from a background in political advocacy and community organizing, I have built citywide coalitions that reduce environmental and traffic impacts on neighborhoods, including the CPMC five campus Master Plan, green residential development on the VanNess Corridor and alternatives to the SF Jail Rebuild proposal.

I have served as a CSFN delegate since 2008 and an ExCom Member at Large since 2014.

The First Vice President is the operations officer for CSFN, chairs the Executive Committee, recruits new organizations and overviews the work of all Committees. The President and First Vice President must work as a team to run CSFN effectively. George Wooding, candidate for President and I are running together for the top two offices at CSFN, as we believe CSFN currently lacks the leadership, teamwork and tools necessary for our organization to succeed.



Candidate Statements (cont'd)

Treasurer

Greg Scott

I have been nominated for CSFN's Treasurer.

I'm with Pacific Heights Residents Association (PHRA) 25 years, its president over 12 years. I've done PHRA's federal and California filings over 15 years.

I'm a CPA. Last June I reached PwC partners mandatory retirement after 38 years. I am still working half time on tax and accounting with businesses and individuals. Thus I have more time to volunteer.

I was asked to take on CSFN's accounting and filings since the treasurer was ill and things had fallen behind; I have made progress. I filed California reactivation forms and have done most filings. I have recommendations for CSFN accounting policies. I have full access to bank statements including electronic copies of checks, so I have reconstructed the accounting,

CSFN's annual income and expenses are very simple. I support full transparency regarding financials.

My previous civic experience includes board officer roles with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Lycée Français La Pérouse, Grace Cathedral and PHRA.

Happy to answer any questions.

LU & T Cmte Report

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- and Geary Blvd. With the new CPMC hospital development already being constructed, traffic will only get worse, and;
- Whereas**, 1481 Post is located directly next to a retirement community for independent seniors and is just 16-feet away from a Skilled Nursing facility that is licensed for 50 skilled Nursing Beds, 18 units of Assisted Living, and 19 Memory Care beds. Construction puts basic quality of life at risk with significant impact on sick and elderly residents of the neighboring facility due to noise, vibration, reduction of light and fresh air, glare, wind and shadow, and;
- Whereas**, the Planning Department's encouragement of "ground level friendly design" should encourage the Commission to support the *Reduced Tower Footprint and Height Alternative* which the DEIR also identifies as the Environmentally Superior Alternative. Alternative D will reduce three driveways on Post to one on Post Street and one on Geary lower vehicle impacts and limit street parking space loss, reduces shadow and wind impacts, improves transit boarding, pedestrian and bicycle safety and reduces construction noise, and;
- Whereas**, *Alternative D* also will trigger Conditional Use and community benefits so important to our neighborhood; therefore be it
- Resolved**, that **Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods formally opposes the development proposed at 1481 Post Street and urges the Planning Commission to support Alternative D, the Reduced Tower Footprint and Height Alternative.**

- B. **Plaza16 (1979 Mission Street)** – Planning App No. 2014.0035: Maximus (Parkmerced project developer) – demolition of all existing and construction of 5-10 storey (up to 105' high), 345,013 sq. ft. residential building (excluding 56,643 sq. ft. basement parking garage).

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2nd Vice President

Rose Hillson

As the delegate from Jordan Park Improvement Association, I have been a member of the Land Use Committee, an at-Large member on the Executive Committee and am the current 2nd VP. I have been in the 2nd VP position and started to write resolution letters in August 2012. These letters are important to let decision-makers understand the official CSFN position on matters. I attend many meetings that have been topics of concern to neighbors such as land use zoning, policy changes, notifications from City departments, etc. I believe that maintaining appropriate "character-defining" features of each of our neighborhoods is important. That's what makes the City interesting. As for members who have opted to not join to do a bit more work, it is hoped that in future they choose to serve or have members of their organizations help not only on committees but also that they think about possibly serving on the Executive Committee in different roles as they get "seasoned" through knowledge gained and years of active CSFN service. Thank you all for your continued support thus far and I ask for your support on future issues.

Recording Secretary

Charles Head

I have taught history for many years, except for a stint running a cafe in Miami's Design District.

Before I retired I was an officer for SHARP and their delegate to CSFN; now I chair the CSFN Government & Elections Committee and serve as Recording Secretary.

In between I was on the SF Civil Grand Jury for a year, and recently I joined the Taraval Police Station Citizens' Advisory Board. My wife and I have two adult children each and four grandchildren.

I intend to explore and learn more about this great city and to help CSFN improve life in the Bay Area.

Corresponding Secretary

Glenn Rogers

I am a native son of San Francisco. I have attended all local schools. Presently, I am very active in both the METNA and OMI neighborhood organizations. As a Landscape Architect, I regularly present plans for both organizations to consider. As a graduate in Sociology, I have a unique understanding of how both these neighborhoods work, their unique challenges and have witnessed a myriad of changes over the years. I am a journalist and have submitted several articles to the *Westside Observer* and our local newsletters of *CSFN* and *San Francisco Tomorrow*.

I am familiar with my iPhone and can tape meetings, have the meetings labeled and archived for the future. Many of these recordings can be emailed to the participants. Lastly, my iPhone provides a conference call opportunity for numerous members at one time to discuss important *CSFN* business.

Thank you for allowing me to run unopposed for this position as Corresponding Secretary for *CSFN*.

Candidate Statements (cont'd)

Members-at-Large

Penelope Clark

I am the delegate from Russian Hill Improvement Association, currently a CSFN Member-at-Large. I have been a resident of San Francisco since 1960, first as a renter, then since 1971 as a homeowner.

As a member of a neighborhood organization I am interested in maintaining the quality of life for the current residents of San Francisco, while allowing for growth that is compatible with maintaining the character of our neighborhoods. I also believe that the City's infrastructure needs to keep pace with growth in providing public services.

I first became a member of CSFN as a representative for Russian Hill Neighbors in 2005, and have been a member of the Excom in various offices for a number of years. As a former 1st and 2nd VP as well as Recording Secretary, I have the experience to handle the duties of those offices if the office holder is unable to attend a meeting.

In addition to backing up other Excom members, I think it is important to attend all Excom and General Assembly meetings possible and support CSFN policies, give input in meeting discussions, and contribute to a constructive and harmonious atmosphere in meetings.

Barb Graham

Two years ago I attended a CSFN meeting for the first time. I was so impressed with what I saw and heard that I asked the PHRA Board would appoint me delegate to CSFN. I was very excited when given that opportunity. I greatly appreciate the nomination as a Member-at-Large on the CSFN ExComm; I'm happy to serve.

I care as much about San Francisco and its future as if I were a native. We came to San Francisco in 1983 after moving 17 times during my husband's 27-year career in the U.S. Coast Guard. We put down our roots in San Francisco and have become actively involved in our neighborhood and community.

Through all our moves while raising three active children, I joined and held offices in many community-based organizations, starting many innovative programs along the way. I had the exceptional honor of being selected as the Coast Guard Wife of the Year in recognition of my volunteer and advocacy contributions in the civilian and military communities we called home over the years.

All this filled me with a passion for making a difference in my community and moves me to play a more active role in CSFN.

Joan Girardot

Background: Delegate to CSFN from Marina Civic Improvement & Property Owners Assn. since 1995; CSFN President 1997-2000; CSFN Water Task Force Chair since 1999; Member various CSFN Committees.

Statement: The main duties of the CSFN Executive Committee are: to oversee the general administration of CSFN; to ensure that the By-Laws are thoroughly understood by the members and are impartially enforced; and to set the Agenda for the meetings of the General Assembly. In addition, each Executive Officer has specific duties relative to his/her position. The duties of the 3 Members-At-Large are to help the officers in any way they can to achieve these tasks.

Currently, CSFN is in disarray. If elected, I will work to ensure that our By-Laws are respected and followed impartially, not selectively and that transparency is extended to our finances and all dealings between the ExCom and City Hall, so members know what is going on. Drawing on my long experience at CSFN, including serving as President for 3 years, I will be able to help the Executive Officers achieve our goals for the organization.

Lorraine Lucas

I am the current delegate from HAIA. Past CSFN Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Editor, Member at Large, and Land Use Chair.

The power and authority of the CSFN is with the Member Organizations **NOT** the Executive Committee. Our bylaws state: The Executive Committee's responsibility is to provide administrative leadership, to ensure **ALL** the bylaws are understood and followed, and to handle administrative business.

Officers should be able to perform their duties without interference and be given the information to carry out their duties.

If elected, I will ensure that ALL our bylaws are followed (not selectively enforced). Ensure the Executive Committee carries out their responsibilities and NOT overstep their authority. Ensure that member organizations can view all correspondence and financial records. A decision to exclude this information should be made by the Assembly not the Executive Committee.

Let the sunshine in!

LU & T Cmte Report

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On hold due to various reasons including Supervisor Campos' proposed legislation on the moratorium on market-rate housing.

- C. **Kirkham Heights** Discussion on 450-unit proposed project at 5th/Kirkham. Issues raised included EIR, affordable housing and low income tenants. An update will be provided at a later date.
- D. **Planning Commission Rules Committee** – “Rules & Regulations” for administrative process revised for Planning. “Hearing Submittal Guidelines” (HSG) which will be handled administratively to determine number of copies, format and deadlines for current and future procedures was tabled (3-0). The HSG are not going to modify the present deadlines for material to become part of the “Commission Packet.” Order of Speakers is going to be forwarded for adoption by full PC (3-0). The order would eliminate prescribed order of speakers for cases as is current PC practice. New Action Item List proposed to be on Agenda will be forwarded for adoption by full PC (2-0). Commission, if adopted, to prioritize list and direct Department response. Election Process – City Attorney’s *Good Gov’t Guide* used and all votes be done publicly vs. secret ballot. Alternating President and Vice President between Mayoral and BOS appointees forwarded for adoption by full PC (2-0). Director’s Performance Evaluation forwarded for adoption by full PC (2-0). Only officers can vote and in closed session. Commission Secretary duties and responsibilities – evaluation, dynamic interaction, public criticism, Commission’s procedures, feedback loop, demeanor, professional conduct, “filling in the gaps.” Secretary’s job description to be given to Rules Com and item tabled. Standing Committees – ad hoc OK, forwarded to NOT adopt by PC (2-0).

Planning Memo of minutes of April 23 meeting available. Next PC Rules meeting: **Thursday, May 14, 2015, 10:45am, Room 400, City Hall**

Both Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Committee Case Reports are due to staff according to the following schedule:

14 days prior to hearing (9am): Deadline for Project Sponsor, DR Requester and/or interested parties submittal material in electronic format (.pdf) to be included in staff case reports.

10 days prior to hearing (5pm): Deadline for project planner to submit an electronic copy (.pdf) of their report.

9 days prior to hearing (9am): Deadline for the Office of Commission Affairs to transmit all electronic packets to Repromail.

7 days prior to hearing (9am): Deadline for Repromail to deliver collated copies of case reports to the Department for issuance and distribution.

Materials submitted after this deadline but before 5:00pm on (Wed or Tue depending on which Commission) **8 days** prior to the scheduled public hearing will be sent to the Commission separately.

Materials to be included in Commission packets will be “generally” **8 days prior to the hearing**.

It was decided that a short letter be written to the Rules Committee w/ appropriate cc’s regarding the less than pragmatic approach of the deadlines for the public to get the information.

- E. Other. **201 Spear Street Trees** The following resolution opposing the removal of sidewalk trees was unanimously recommended to the GA:

Whereas, the property owner at 201 Spear Street, KBS Realty of Los Angeles, has 20 large and healthy trees around its building on Spear and Howard streets; and

Whereas, the DPW website states, “Trees contribute to a more walkable, livable and sustainable city. They remove pollutants from air and water. They create greener and

more vibrant neighborhoods. They make streets more enjoyable to walk and shop along. Street trees connect us to nature and enhance the quality of our daily lives;” and

Whereas, KBS Realty applied to remove 10 of the large trees in front of its building on Spear Street; and

Whereas, KBS Realty proposes to replace only 6; and

Whereas, the building’s property manager indicated KBS Realty will seek to remove an additional 10 trees (6 on Howard and 4 on Spear) in the future; and

Whereas, a DPW hearing officer visited the site on February 24, 2015 and found “the trees appear to be in good health and damage to the sidewalk minimal;” and

Whereas, the Director of the Department of Public Works, Mohammed Nuru, ruled against KBS Realty’s permit on March 23, 2015; and

Whereas KBS Realty has appealed Director Nuru’s decision and a hearing will be held at the Board of Appeals on June 3, 2015; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) opposes the removal of any healthy trees at 201 Spear Street and supports Director Nuru’s denial of the tree removal permit per DPW Order No. 183443.

3. Transportation issues:

A. **DTX:** was presented in April at the GA will be considered at the May GA.

B. **33 Line:** Nick P will present the Liberty Hill reso to preserve the 33 Line route.

Whereas, in a dangerously clandestine manner the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has approved elimination of direct service on the 33 Ashbury-18th bus to San Francisco General Hospital on the only bus line that runs directly from the Richmond, Haight-Ashbury and Mission districts to the hospital; and

Whereas, demanding that seniors and disabled get off the 33 bus and transfer to the 9 San Bruno would be exposing this vulnerable population to unnecessary risk of accident and injury; and

Whereas, the Family Health Center and its Community Advisory Committee as well as the San Francisco Senior and Disability Action committee is opposing these enormously damaging cuts to the 33 Ashbury bus line; and

Whereas, many senior and disabled have no other way to get to General; and

Whereas, this is unmistakably a gentrification issue wherein SFMTA is attempting to favor in a highly damaging and possibly illegal fashion the dotcom and luxury condominium community at Mission Bay over seniors, low income and the disabled who have for generations used the 33 bus to obtain crucial health services at General and its attendant clinics; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Health Department staff have recently gone on record stating that there is a parking crisis at General and cutting the 33 line to General will only exacerbate General's parking crisis; and

Whereas, San Francisco General Hospital is undergoing a nearly unprecedented expansion and SFMTA is required by law to serve all San Franciscans in a non-discriminatory fashion; therefore be it

Resolved, as a matter of public safety and convenience the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) urges the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency to immediately publicly announce and guarantee restoration of the 33 Ashbury-18th bus route to San Francisco General Hospital for a least the next five (5) years until

2020.

C. 4 items that we need to watch:

- a. **Eastern Neighborhoods** - The traffic and parking plans for General Hospital were unveiled at the Mission Bay CAC along with a new transportation plan for the Warriors. Unknown if people near SFGH were notified of the meeting. There was wide range of reactions including opposition from a new group called Mission Bay Alliance that made the news. The major reason given for opposition to the plan is the negative effects it will have on parking and traffic, and the difficulty the emergency responders will have moving through traffic jams during an emergency. There is also a new police station right in the midst of the Third Street corridor that will be impacted. A few days later the Giants announced a new, revised plan to develop their Parking Lot A into a lower, less dense development with more affordable housing units but with a loss of parking in the area.
- b. **22 Fillmore** – Changes on the 22 line will affect a lot of people, as will the plans to take out traffic lanes on 16th Street. Meeting is called for **May 16, 11:00AM at 347 Dolores, Notre Dame Senior Plaza.**
- c. **14 Mission.** It looks like they are planning to take out parking/lanes on Mission Street soon. Public meeting is called for **May 30, 1575 15th St, Marshall Elementary**
- d. **Citizens to Save Muni and Stop SB 61,** will present a request for opposition to the legislation brought by Travis Allen of Orange County at the June CSFN Transportation Meeting. It appears this bill is on hold.

Whereas private, luxury shuttle bus operation in public (Muni) bus stops obstructs access to public buses for seniors and people with disabilities; and,

Whereas private, luxury shuttle bus operation in public (Muni) bus stops slows down Muni, impacting on-time performance and contributing to tens of millions in documented citywide economic losses; and,

Whereas evidence indicates that the availability of private, luxury shuttles nearby contributes to hyper-inflationary housing prices, evictions, and displacement; and,

Whereas according to pilot program administrator Carli Paine, the SFMTA expects the demand for “permits” for private shuttles to operate in Muni bus stops to increase; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods strongly urges state lawmakers to oppose AB 61.

The next Regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

— Rose Hillson (JPIA) Acting Chair

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AGENDA
General Assembly Meeting
May 19, 2015

- 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. Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside Neighbors in Action — OMINIA
 - 2. Outer Mission Merchants & Residents Assn — OMMRA
- 7:05 III. Approval of April 2015 Minutes
- 7:15 IV. Special Order of Business. CSFN Election of Officers.
- 8:30 V. Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice Presidents
 - C. Treasurer
- 8:45 VI. Committee Action Items—written reports in Newsletter
 - A. Bylaws.
 - B. Government & Elections.
 - C. Land Use & Transportation.
 - D. Media Relations.
 - E. Open Space.
 - F. Water Task Force.
- 9:00 VII. Unfinished Business.
 - Resolution supporting the protection of citizen access to ballot initiatives in San Francisco (G&E Cmte) Full text: April *Neighborhood Views* p.5
 - Resolution urging support of the Downtown Extension of Caltrain (DTX) and urging that it receive the highest priority for transportation funding. (LU&T Cmte) pp.1,2
 - Reso concerning Spear St. Trees (LU&T Cmte) p.8 col 1 (Intro as Emergency)
- 9:30 VIII. Introduction of New Business
 - Reso regarding 1481 Post (LU&T Cmte) p.2
 - Reso concerning 33 Line (LU&T Cmte) p.8 col 2
 - Reso regarding AB61 (LU&T Cmte) p.9
- IX. Adjournment

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