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NEW CSFN OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED IN JUNE

CSFN's Tuesday, May 19th election featured two contested elections. Nine term incumbent President Judy Berkowitz ran against CSFN 1st Vice President George Wooding. Wooding won on a 17 – 14 vote.

CSFN's 1st Vice President seat was left vacant when Wooding challenged Berkowitz. Marlayne Morgan (CHNA) and Tony Kelly from (PBNA) competed for the 1st Vice-President Office that Wooding had left vacant after challenging Berkowitz. Morgan won on an 18 – 13 vote.

As the gavel slammed down at the end of the General Assembly meeting Wooding became the new President and Morgan became the new 1st Vice President.

This was CSFN's first contested election in nearly a decade. The Election Committee consisted of chair Charles Head (SHARP), Mary Harris (OMI-NIA) and Glen Rogers (PmAC). By 8pm the president's gavel was handed to the 2nd VP Rose Hillson (JPJA) who then proceeded to run the meeting. All candidates took a seat in the audience.

Candidates for President and 1st Vice-President were allowed four minutes to state why he or she wanted to run CSFN. No questions were allowed. General Assembly members were then asked to come up to the front table, pick up a required ballot and then vote. The Elections Committee was then sequestered in the Northern Police Station hallway and tallied the cast ballots.

CSFN's 2015-2016 Board consists of:

George Wooding	President
Marlayne Morgan	1st Vice-President
Rose Hillson	2nd Vice President
Charles Head	Recording Secretary
Glenn Rogers	Corresponding Secretary
Greg Scott	Treasurer

The Board's Members-At-Large consist of:

Penelope Clark
Barbara Graham
Lorraine Lucas

A standing ovation was given to both former President Judy Berkowitz and outgoing Treasurer Dick Millet.



1st VP Morgan & President Wooding

❧ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ❧

I feel it's time for a change.

The city is evolving and CSFN must keep up with the increasing pressures on our neighborhoods. Our organization must be able to work with City Hall by working together. A strong CSFN means a strong voice for neighborhoods throughout the city. I will try very hard to be that voice on your behalf. I have spent time thoroughly researching city issues and documents that affect our neighborhoods, and I will put that knowledge to work.

My priorities include:

- Increasing involvement of our existing member organizations
- Recruiting new member organizations
- Expanding CSFN's role in Land Use and Transportation Planning, and strengthening all our Committees
- Increasing fundraising to grow CSFN advocacy efforts

I am also very interested in transparency. Members will now receive an annual budget, a monthly financial report, CSFN bylaws, member contact information, CSFN incorporation documents and a list of committees that members should join and participate in.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

~ George Wooding

Land Use & Housing Committee Resolution + Agenda

LU&HC RESOLUTION:

Per the May 11 2015 Land Use & Housing Committee meeting, the following resolution was recommended for adoption by the GA:

1481 POST ST.:

Whereas, 1481 Post St. is a massive development project proposed on top of Cathedral Hill comprising a 416-foot tall, 36-story 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. They seek to amend the general plan and the height map and are asking for exceptions to the Planning Code without engaging their 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 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 the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods formally opposes the development proposed at 1481 Post Street and urges the Commission to support Alternative D, the Reduced Tower Footprint and Height Alternative.

LU&HC REPORT: A fuller LU&HC June REPORT expected to appear in the July newsletter.

LU&HC "QUICK REPORT" TO DATE:

1. Board of Appeals voted 5-0 to save 10 large trees at 201 Spear. Thanks to attorney Reed Bement for his excellent brief, Carla Short (DPW), the testimony of residents of 3 neighborhood buildings and to all the member groups of CSFN who supported our resolution. The City will be a little greener and the air a little purer. Supervisor Jane Kim was asked to support the efforts but she did not. Now let's focus on the oversized high rises proposed for 75 Howard and 160 Folsom.
~ David Osgood (RPNA)

2. Planning Commission "Rules & Regulations" scheduled for Thursday, July 2, 2015. Attend and support CSFN's proposal.

JUNE 8 LU&HC AGENDA: Land Use & Housing Committee scheduled to meet on June 8, 2015 at 5:30PM in the Community Room at Northern Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

1. Earthquake shack demolition at 369 Valley Street. (Adrian Hoffman)
2. Airbnb (Dale Carlson) update on BOS proposal and ballot measure
3. Mission Moratorium on Market rate housing
4. 75 Howard and 160 Folsom update

— Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting, May 19, 2015

1. *Call to Order:* President Judith Berkowitz brought the May 19 meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Northern Police Station Community Room.
- a. *Quorum* declared. 38 delegates and alternates represented 31 CSFN members, organizations. Four guests signed in.
- b. *Agenda* approved.
- c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves.
- d. *Hosting:*
Glenn Rogers (FMAC) said there had been an error and he took care of the hosting himself. He said towers were planned to be installed throughout Parkmerced, not all the same, some as large as fourteen stories.
2. *Minutes.* The April General Assembly draft minutes as printed on page 3 of the Newsletter were approved as amended (Verdi Club meeting April 23; Lorraine Lucas motion about ExCom having the May Program consisting of Candidates speaking to the GA, with debate and questions from the delegates was not correctly stated.)
3. *Special Order of Business.* CSFN election of officers.

The uncontested office candidates were elected by acclamation.

Kathy Divencenzi (LHIA) introduced two procedural motions about voting members. After debate and point of order dispute by John Bardis, the following motion (resolved clause) was defeated by a vote of 10-16 with 5 abstentions: "Voting Ballots be provided only to member organizations that have completed the 2015 Member Renewal form and provided on that form a signature by a member of the renewing organization certifying that such renewing organization has a membership of 35 or more persons. Such certification of membership shall be provided to the Elections Committee before the commencement of voting."

With 1st VP Hillson presiding, Election Committee Head made a motion to have the uncontested officer candidates elected by acclamation, which passed 26-0. Joan Girardot withdrew her name for consideration for the Member-At-Large position. Speeches were made by Judy Berkowitz (defending her record) and George Wooding (need for change) for the office of President, and by Marlayne Morgan (rebuild) and Tony Kelly (new blood) for the office of Vice President.

As Election Committee chair Head (SHARP) tried to begin the balloting, John Bardis heatedly raised a point of order dispute about the process established by ExCom, which was solved by Marlayne Morgan making a motion to rescind the GA vote about procedure by a vote of 20-9 with two abstentions so the election could proceed. Chair Head gave out ballots to each organization as it was called up by Mary Harris (OMI-NIA). The Election Committee withdrew to the hallway outside, joined by two observers and the Parliamentarian to count the ballots.

After the rest of the Business meeting was done, the results were announced, with George Wooding becoming President (17-14) and Marlayne Morgan becoming 1st Vice President (18-13). Outgoing President Berkowitz was applauded by the delegates.

4. *Officers' Reports.*
 - a. President Berkowitz (EMIA) attended the 48 hills organization gathering, stressed delegates should apply for vacancies on

commissions, and invited us to apply for tutelage in Planning Commission mysteries.

- b. 1st VP Wooding (MTHA) attended Capital Planning meetings about housing bonds and endorses the Mission Housing moratorium.
- c. 2nd VP Hillson (JPIA) reviewed the Planning Commission's rules/ subcommittee work and stressed we should all attend the full meeting on June 4 (noon) to protest.
- d. Treasurer Millet (PHB) deferred to Greg Scott who filled in the delegates as to the progress he has made on filing of forms, collecting of bank records and making sure all was becoming kosher as to transparency and accountability. After speaking for harmony, not haggling, the outgoing treasurer was applauded by the delegates.
5. *Committee Reports.*
 - a. *Bylaws.* Chair Claire Zvanski (EDIA). No report.
 - b. *Government & Elections.* Chair Charles Head made a motion to postpone debate on the Citizens' Initiative resolution since Jon Golinger could not be present.
 - c. *Land Use.* Chair Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA). Report in NL. Rose Hillson introduced the resos on DTX, debated and approved 26-0-6, and trees at 201 Spear St., debated and approved 30-0-1.
 - d. *Media Relations.* Chair Eileen Boken (SPEAK). Report on p. 4.
 - e. *Open Space.* Nancy Wuerfel and Kathy Howard (SPEAK)
 - f. *Transportation.* Mari Eliza (EMIA)
 - g. *Water Task Force.* Chair Joan Girardot (MCI&POA)
5. *New Business.* The resos regarding 1481 Post (p. 2), the 33 Line (p. 8), and AB 61 (p. 9) were given their first readings from LU&T committees.
6. *Adjournment.* The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

... Charles Head (SHARP) Recording Secretary



GOV'T & ELECTIONS COM REPORT:

The Government and Elections Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 5:30 PM at Taraval Station. Initiatives to be considered: Mission Rock and AirBnB. It will meet again in July before the GA to consider several more: there are currently six listed at Elections, with two bond measures to be announced. The July GA program will be devoted to ballot measures.

~ Charles Head, Chair, G&E Committee

ExComm Report & Transportation Committee Resolution

EXCOMM REPORT

May 27

Marlayne Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:45PM.
Present were Wooding, Morgan, Hillson, Head, Scott, Clark,
Lucas

Excused: Graham

Guests: Bardis, Berkowitz, Devincenzi, Girardot

Officers' Reports (since May 19 GA meeting):

None

Unfinished Business. Motion: That retiring officers and new officers jointly go to our CSFN credit union and complete signatory cards so that vendors can be paid. (Passed)

Greg Scott, CSFN Treasurer, will draft a letter to the credit union to authorize the change in signatories. He is also preparing a preliminary budget for review by the ExCom and will continue his search for archival correspondence files.

Program for June GA:

Swearing in of new officers.

Unfinished business:

1481 Post Street (LU&HC)

33 MUNI Bus Line (TC)

Motion: Recommend to the General Assembly to table the resolution on citizen Access to Initiative Process because the motion is moot. (Passed)

Motion: Recommend to the General Assembly to table the resolution on AB61 because the bill is on hold. (Passed)

New Business. Charles Head, Chair of Government & Elections Committee, will call a committee meeting to determine which Nov. 2015 ballot measures the committee will hear.

Motion: That CSFN submit the letter on Planning Commission "Rules & Regulations" for "Hearing Submittal Guidelines" as brought up at Land Use Committee and at GA. (Passed)
Inner Sunset Park Neighbors raised as potential new org to join CSFN.

Newsletter editor. At the June GA meeting, we will solicit the delegates/alternate delegates for this position. Rose Hillson volunteered to publish the June newsletter.

Motion: If we cannot find a volunteer, the ExCom recommends to the GA to approve a stipend of \$200 for a person to do the newsletter until we can find a volunteer. (Passed)

Parliamentarian Zvanski's term has expired. President Wooding will be asking for volunteers for this position.

Transfer of documents:

1. Outgoing President to new President (in process)
2. Outgoing 1st VP to new 1st VP (in process)
3. Treasurer to new Treasurer (in process)

Good and welfare:

Retiring officers Berkowitz, LaValle and Parliamentarian Zvanski were thanked for their service to CSFN.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

~Marlayne Morgan (CHNA) Chair

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Per the May 11 2015 Transportation Committee meeting, the following resolution was recommended for adoption by the GA:

33 Haight-18th Street Bus Line:

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 at least the next five (5) years until 2020.

PROGRAM
WHAT'S WORKING -- WHAT'S NOT
CSFN DELEGATES WEIGH IN FOR CHANGE IN 2015

The PURPOSE of CSFN is to ..." promote united action among neighborhood associations distributed geographically throughout San Francisco, monitor actions of public agencies, take stands on critical issues for neighborhoods and serve as a conduit between neighborhoods and public agencies."

~ CSFN Bylaws, Section II. paraphrased.

How do we do this?

Through our ballot arguments, committees, newsletter, public testimony, General Assembly resolutions and special programs as well as joint efforts with other advocacy groups.

How is this working?

Is this an effective process or could it be streamlined? Can our meetings be run more effectively? Do we need to update our Bylaws? Are we correctly identifying the critical issues each year, or are we missing the boat? Do we need to add, merge or discontinue some of our Committees? Should we be actively recruiting more member organizations and working with other like-minded organizations?

We want to hear from all of our member organizations!

If a delegate or alternate delegate from your organization can't attend, please send your thoughts on these and other issues to President George Wooding at mother_ed@bigeds.com.

~ Marlayne Morgan, 1st VP

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Parliamentarian: vacant

AGENDA	
General Assembly Meeting	
JUNE 16, 2015	
6:30	I. Sign in and Refreshments
7:00	II. Call to Order/Acertain Quorum A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests / Short Announcements B. Swearing in Officers C. Host(s) 1. Ocean, Miroslav, Ingleside Neighbors in Action (UMI- NIA) 2. Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association (PBNA)
7:20	III. Approval of May 2015 Minutes
7:30	IV. Officers' Reports A. President B. Vice Presidents C. Secretaries D. Treasurer
7:40	V. Committee Action Items—written reports in Newsletter A. Bylaws B. Dinner C. Government & Elections D. Land Use & Housing E. Media Relations F. Open Space G. Transportation H. Water Task Force
8:00	VI. Unfinished Business. Resolution on 1481 Post St. (LUGH Cmte), p.2, also May NL, P.2 Resolution on 33 MUNI line (Transpnt Cmte), p.4, also May NL, P.8
8:15	VII. Introduction of New Business.
8:30	VIII. Program
	IX. Adjournment

Community meetings are open to all. We will be posting monthly the official jobs of the
 Committee for our regular meetings, including our regular meetings.
 to submit a letter to our committee, please email us at: info@sfneigh.org
 either by email or by mail. We will be holding our meetings at the following locations:
 various venues are available on the 3rd floor, but we will be holding our meetings at the
 main meeting room in most organizations as well as several in areas already printed.
 We reserve the right to edit while necessary. Member organizations may receive two
 copies of the newsletter without charge. Subscription: members \$5/yr, non-members \$15/yr.

Visitors: Please Sign the Register

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Action Items:
 Resolution on 1481 Post (LUGH Cmte)
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 Resolution on 33 Muni line (Transportation Cmte)
 Full text: P.4, also May NL, P.8

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 Tuesday
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