

Coalition for San Francisco
Neighborhoods

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February Program : SF Port Officials on the Seawall Resiliency Bond and Surviving the Next “King Tide”

MARCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Should people over the age of 50 die so that 20 something millennials will have a cheaper place to live? More on this later.

It is time once again to start thinking about CSFN memberships and elections. Only organizations that have filled out their officer lists, attended at least six meetings in the last twelve months and paid their annual \$45 dues will be able to vote in the upcoming CSFN election in May.

Nominating Committee. The Executive Committee shall recommend candidates for the Nominating Committee at its January meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the February general meeting, at which time three representatives shall be elected by the representatives present by a plurality vote.

If you would like to be part of the Nominating Committee, please let a Board Officer know at your earliest convenience.

Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider recommendations from the member organizations. The report of the Committee including a list of candidates with their member group shall be published in the April newsletter. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the April meeting, and a list of all nominees shall be published in the May newsletter.

Elections. Voting shall be by ballot at the May meeting. A majority vote shall elect. The ballot may be dispensed with if there is only one candidate for an office.

Democracy is a beautiful form of government, but sometimes candidates are elected that do not represent your interests.

On Saturday February 3rd, State Senator Scott Wiener held a public meeting at the Taraval Police Station's community room—seating capacity approximately 50 people. The meeting was very under-reported. I believe that only pro development groups like BARF, YIMBY and HAC were supposed to attend Wiener's meeting. All of these groups and Wiener are being funded by large development groups and technology firms.

Fortunately, CSFN members found out about the meeting and packed the community center, much to the chagrin of Wiener.

The Central topic was SB 827 a proposed Wiener Bill.

Senator Wiener has proposed a new statewide legislation, SB-827 that will impact height and density laws throughout great parts of San Francisco, including your neighborhood. Here's the gist of it:

SB-827 would authorize the height of any development project that is within a quarter mile of a fixed bus route with arrival frequency of no more than every 15 minutes during the peak hours to go up from 35 or 40 feet to anywhere from 55 to 85 feet. The same will apply to any development project within one block of a major transit stop.

If the development project is within half a mile of a major transit stop, the height can go up to 55 feet unless the street where the project is located on is less than 45 feet, in which case, the height shall only be 45 feet.

There you have it! The developers will be allowed to go up as high as 55 feet in narrow streets that are within quarter mile of a frequently serviced bus line. That's another 15 to 20 feet of additional height. It's even worse for wide streets that will be gifted with buildings as high as 85 feet!

Twenty-something YIMBY members did not seem to realize that we worked hard for our homes. Many of us could not afford to purchase homes until we were in our fifties. We earned the right to live here , but to Weiner and company we are simply in the way.

After many ageist remarks from millennials in the crowd, Weiner called on one millennial who remarked “that he was tired of waiting for older home owners to die so that the housing shortage could be alleviated.” [See the video posted on the CSFN website.](#)

Contact Senator Wiener at (415) 557-1300 or email <http://sd11.senate.ca.gov/contact> to voice your opposition.

Draft Minutes for the General Assembly Meeting Jan. 16, 2018

1. **Call to Order.** President Wooding (MTHA) brought the meeting to order at 6:34 PM in the Northern Police Station Community Room.

- a. *Quorum declared.* 24 delegates and alternates represented 29 CSFN member organizations.
5 guests signed in.
- b. *Agenda approved.*
- c. Introduction of delegates and guests/Short announcements.
- d. Host: Marlayne Morgan (CHNA) talked about the origin and composition of her organization and its fight with CMPC.
- e. Other: Josephine Zhao talked of the petition to raise money for education by a parcel tax which will be on the June ballot.
Jon Golinger, citizen advocate, talked about his book Saving San Francisco's Heart.

2. Officers' Reports.

- a. *President Wooding (MTHA) – In the NL*
- b. **1st VP Morgan (CHNA) – No report.**
- c. *2nd VP Boken (SPEAK) – No report.*
- d. *Recording Secretary Head (SHARP) said the draft minutes were in the NL.*
- e. *Corresponding Secretary Rogers (PMAC) – mentioned several topics of interest.*
- f. Treasurer Scott (PHRA) – No report; not present.

3. Committee Action Items

- a. Executive – In the NL.
- b. Bylaws – No report. President Wooding asked Claire Zvanski (EDIA) to summarize the nomination committee's role.
- c. *Government & Elections.* Chair **Charles Head** (SHARP) gave a summary of the meeting on Jan. 11 about the 11 Ballot Measures on the Dept. of Elections web page, the likelihood of more coming, and the probable necessity of having the next GA and a special one also before the March GA to consider them before Ballot Arguments are due 3/19.
- d. *Land Use. Rose Hillson (JPIA) In NL.*
- e. Open Space. Glenn Rogers (PMAC) said the twin water tunnel project was now down to one instead.
- f. *Transportation.* Mari Eliza(EMIA) mentioned a hearing tomorrow about residential parking permits (RPPs) and suggested CSFN cosponsor a forum of mayoral candidates in March dealing solely with SFMTA.
- g. *Dinner.* Glenn Rogers (PMAC) said it was a success; details next month.
- h. *Water Task Force.* Lisa Fromer (LHNA) is still fighting blended water.

4. Approval of the Nov. 17, 2017 GA minutes – they were approved unanimously as corrected.

5. Unfinished Business – None

6. New Business – Jerry Cauthen, a guest, spoke about the origin and development of the SFMTA reso, which Mari Eliza read. After discussion it was sent back to committee.

Glen Rogers spoke about the reso on Clipper Cove and answered questions with guest Hunter Cutting. It will be voted on at the next GA.

7. Program- Tilly Chang, of SFMTA, spoke about Regional Measure 3, raising tolls to fund transportation improvements for the 9 county region and answered questions.

8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Charles Head (SHARP), Recording Secretary

January Executive Committee Report

The CSFN ExCom met on Wednesday, January 24 at the Northern Station. Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:35 and established a quorum, with Wooding, Boken, Rogers, Scott, Clark, Harris and Zvanski present.

Morgan reported that all the 2018 GA and Committee Meetings were listed in the January Newsletter. G&E Chair Head discussed the need for a special ballot endorsement meeting in March before the March 20 GA and asked Morgan to check the Northern Police Station or additional dates in early March. The ExCom confirmed that the program for the February GA will be Seawall Resiliency with a speaker from the SF Port and the regular March GA may be replaced with the Special Meeting.

Dinner Chair Rogers reported on the of the December 6, 2017 Dinner. All but a few checks have been received and deposited and he is following up with those donors.

The ExCom has received two candidates for the Nominating Committee - Paul Webber of THD and Ozzie Rohm of NNC, and will seek one additional volunteer.

As a matter of New Business, Paul Webber, the delegate from Telegraph Hill Dwellers, presented a proposal the purpose of which was to provide the Land

Use Committee with the ability to act more quickly and flexibly with respect to land use matters so as to reduce the time needed to actually take action. After a full discussion, the following was suggested by the Parliamentarian as a way forward. *“ Inasmuch as the Coalition is a mutual benefit organization acting under delegated authority, there are protocols under the Bylaws which must be observed. That must be balanced against the need to take actions in a timely manner so as to protect interests of neighborhoods.*

And inasmuch as the Purposes of the Coalition include the taking of stands on critical public issues and to make clear to officials the concerns of the neighborhoods, the Land Use Committee could directly proceed to to take action on behalf of the Coalition as to land use principles previously considered or similar to such principles, PROVIDED, that at the first regular meeting of the General Assembly after taking the first such action, the Chair of the Land Use Committee will report on the action taken. The General Assembly may, but need not, at the same meeting, then vote to terminate the power of the Land Use Committee to take any further action on such matter, by a two-thirds vote of those voting on the matter.”

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by Marlayne Morgan (CHNA)

Land Use Committee Report

01/17/2018 LUC & TC Report

The CSFN Land Use Committee (LUC) & Transportation Committee (TC) meeting was called to order at 4PM at Northern Police Station Community Room. Because the CSFN General Assembly moved at its Jan. 16, 2018 meeting to refer the Muni/Transportation Resolution (in Jan. 2018 Newsletter (NL)) back to the LUC & TC, discussion ensued on how to handle it. The Committee decided to table (withdraw) the Muni/Transportation Resolution from the GA. The Committee voted to have the Executive Committee have CSFN persons work with SaveMuni on sponsorship of mayoral candidate forum on transportation. Motion passed unanimously. Next, the Committee discussed the matter of certain people having a large administrative workload vs. others on the Committee. It was discussed how others can take a role in taking on the tasks in future (e.g. taking notes for the minutes, typing up resolutions, letters, etc.). Discussion then ensued on the effectiveness of resolutions vs. letters. A point was made that resolutions, required by the CSFN Bylaws, have their place to get people interested in

topics but also how letters with comments and questions inform City representatives with concerns in the neighborhoods that have not been discussed earlier. In fact, two examples were given by a Committee member which involved a concern in the neighborhood of a rapidly evolving implementation of Scoots (electric scooters). CSFN had not heard of the issue as it appears that the Scoot implementation was only in certain neighborhoods but to be implemented citywide in the accompanying legislation. Letters were quickly drafted by the neighborhood rep and many rather negative impacts were reined in by doing so. CSFN would not have been swift enough on its feet to have made a difference had it gone the way of the process of resolutions and readings and approvals at its regularly scheduled GA meeting. Another example was that neighbors had written letters regarding the use of tasers by SFPD rather than wait for a resolution which would not have been timely for the decision-makers had the normal CSFN route of resolutions been taken. It was mentioned that resolutions are good for long-term projects but not as effective as letters that include questions and comments on aspects of new legislation or policy or regulation. In this respect, letters with comments and questions are very effective to get decision-makers to think of potential issues not considered. CSFN LUC & TC also discussed the use of emails to its own delegates with pertinent info to forward to decision-makers. The idea of educating the delegates to impart the knowledge to up and coming delegates to take over was discussed and thoughts included to have such educational time at the GA meetings. Next, the UDGs were discussed. The LUC & TC will continue to discuss and meet in a Working Group to interface with Planning and decision-makers. One member of the LUC stated that the Urban Design Guidelines (UDGs) were initially created to replace existing guidelines for the Eastern Neighborhoods and that Potrero wanted them as they did not have their own residential design guidelines. It was reported that several neighborhoods have their own residential design guidelines. Overall, the UDGs are still very vague. Since the UDGs are proposed to be adopted on Feb. 15, 2018, the LUC & TC Working Group will be working as quickly as possible. Finally, SB 827 on “transit-rich housing projects” was discussed. A Draft Resolution was prepared, will be edited and finalized for the February 2018 NL. A very brief discussion touched on Planning Commission representatives whose seats are about to expire and empty seats. The meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

The next meeting of the LUC & TC will be held on Wed., February 20, 2018, at Northern Station, 4PM.

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01/26/2018 LUC & TC Working Group Report

The meeting commenced at 11:03AM at Northern Station. First topic was regarding resolutions and whether ExComm OK'd Paul Webber's proposal from the 1/17/2018 LUC/TC meeting such that its members can continue work on matters prior to GA taking a vote. Committee Member Paul Webber states that the process CSFN follows for action by Committee members is not nimble enough if the Bylaws are followed in terms of resolution presentation, etc. to the point when the General Assembly votes on approval. Therefore, he, in consultation with the Parliament of CSFN and its Executive Committee decided on a process which could be used and for LUC/TC to continue work.

The ExComm and the Parliamentarian, Claire Zvanski, decided that CSFN-LUC/TC per Bylaws could engage in activities that aligned with its mission statement so that Claire and ExComm OK'd the process. President Wooding, Delegate Webber, Parliamentarian Zvanski, 1st VP Morgan, and LUC Chair Hillson have received Delegate Webber's outline of the process approved.

Next, the Committee covered UDGs. Although it was assumed all waivers were removed, essentially, with certain text remaining, not all exceptions were. Thus, some CSFN members have asked Planning for removal in residential zones but were denied. Planning, in their comments to CSFN's 9/25/2017 letter, responded that there would be "Special Area Guidelines" (SAGs) that would address the NCDs and NCTs and that the SAG would supersede the UDGs. Members reported that Planning distributed templates of potential area-specific guidelines that neighborhoods can use but that they turned out to be microcosms of the UDGs and were never really about real neighborhood input to craft such specific guidelines. Members reported on adoption of the Draft SoMa Design Guidelines but Planning felt those were too specific for adoption. UDGs were originally for the Potrero District and the Eastern Neighborhoods as apparently budgeted by Planning but the UDGs were being pushed for implementation citywide. However, the November 2017 draft does not contain clear statements and a chart of the relationship of the ordinances, policies, plans, elements, regulations and design guidelines in the November 2017 UDGs draft. CSFN has asked for this but have not heard back. Included in the omissions that were requested was an explanation as to the UDGs and the Prop M findings.

The UDGs also not only lay the groundwork for applicability to parcels according to zoning (RH, RM, NCD, etc.) but also on the ***use*** of parcels regardless of zoning. This occurs due to Article 2 and is now being entwined in the UDGs so that exceptions in residential areas where such uses occur will allow for the UDGs to govern. These non-residential uses could be for schools, churches, child care

facilities, etc.). See all the various “non-residential” uses or “mixed” uses for R districts in Article 2. Some of these uses in the residential areas were called “residential characteristic” uses. It appears that residential areas, in the way they are written, can get UDGs because the text allows them based on ***use*** rather than based on ***zoning*** of the parcels the way it is written. Members asked for all residential-zoned parcels to be excluded from UDGs as RDGs apply or other neighborhood-specific design guidelines.

Since there are many buildings that are non-residential use or more than 6-units due to the historic nature of development in SF prior to the Zoning Codes, CSFN Members have asked for an exemption to allowance of buildings with more than 6 units or non-residential to be exempted. In addition, some members asked for historic districts to be removed but Planning denied these requests. As well, parcels “greater than 150-ft. frontage” were asked to be excluded from R and NCDs/NCT parcels but Planning has not agreed.

Planning has scheduled adoption of the UDGs on March 15, 2018. There is no need for the supervisors to approve the UDGs so once Planning Commission passes them, they are adopted. Folks should ask their supervisors to deal with the UDGs as Planning has not been very receptive to the neighborhoods’ concerns.

Next, discussion ensued on SB 827 (Wiener, Ting, Skinner). There were some questions raised as to impacts on communities within ¼-mile and ½-mile of transit corridors which are the focus of this bill. The idea of 85-ft. high buildings along “high-quality” transit corridors or “major” transit stops with no regard to surrounding neighborhood lay of the land was one issue brought up amongst others. Corner buildings that face two streets with one street wider than the other will have the height of the wider street as the default.

Mari Eliza, as Chair of Transportation, reported work on transportation items in relation to SB 827. Her links are posted on csfn.net.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30PM.

01/31/2018 LUC & TC Working Group Report

The meeting commenced at 3:30PM at Northern Station. Committee members discussed some key points re UDGs that were still not remedied with Planning. These points were only a few among all the many other issues brought up about the UDGs in CSFN’s Sept. 25, 2017 letter to Planning Commission and copied to

Planning staff. Members will meet with Planning Department staff on Tue., Feb. 6, 2018 to discuss further.

Next, SB 827 (Transit-rich building heights, loss of local control) & SB 828 (Housing Element revision to drastically increase RHNA allocations) were discussed. Members will continue to coordinate with others to oppose SB 827 to start. The loss of local control cannot be reinstated by holding the city hostage to conforming to hugely increased future RHNA numbers which intends to further cram-and-jam more and more bodies and units into SF with potentially no relief for the middle class and lower income persons.

Delegate members and anybody else can object to Wiener's & Ting's SB 827 and/or SB 828 at the contact links below:

1. Senator Wiener's contact:

<http://senate.ca.gov/senators>

2. Assemblyman Ting's contact:

<https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov/PublicLCMS/ContactPopup.php?district=AD19>

Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Hillson, Chair (JPIA)

Transportation Committee Report

CSFN Transportation Committee Report for February 2018

By Mari Eliza, CSFN Transportation Chair

This month we will cover the major issues residents are attempting to understand and take action on at city, county, regional, and state levels and offer to hook people up with groups who are covering the issues they are most concerned with. Our primary concerns are changes in state and local power jurisdiction, land use and transportation legislation.

There were two big live events on Saturday, February 3.

1. Main SF Public Library Mayoral Forum Presented by the United Democratic Club With Alioto, Breed, Kim, Leno and Weiss:

This recording of the the Mayor's Forum at the main library is shared by the United Democratic Club on Facebook. Let me know if you have a problem with it.

<https://www.facebook.com/SFUnitedDems/videos/940340022786081/>

Tim Redmond's review on 48hills: <https://48hills.org/2018/02/first-mayoral-debate-no-winners/>

First mayoral debate has no winners and too much agreement: None of the candidates made a case for why they are different than the others; that's a problem when the city is in a serious crisis and so many voters are undecided...

2. Senator Wiener at the Town Hall meeting at the Taraval Police Station:

Many angry residents attended the Wiener Town Hall Saturday, and that resulted in a few disputes. A Marin activist, filmed the event and we should have a link to that video soon, I was between Zelda Bronstein, who authored this article and spoke to CSFN at a GA, <https://48hills.org/2018/02/wiener-war-planning/>, and Planning Commissioner Dennis Richards. Dennis pointed out all the projects currently in the development pipeline when he was called upon to speak. I will let Ozzie and Lisa tell you their stories as they generated quite a bit of attendance from Wiener's district 8.

A Broad-based Opposition to Sacramento power grabs is growing:

There was a meeting of the minds after the Wiener meeting where some of our regional neighbors from Marin, the South Bay and East Bay counties that make up the 9 county region, met with many of our fearless Noe Valley residents and other members of CSFN. We had representatives from SaveMuni and the Sierra Club as well. I will leave it up to individuals to write their own comments and opinions, but, I think we are developing a strong grassroots organized effort to kill some of these bills.

Wiener's stated position on these issues: He supports an Amendment of Costa-Hawkins, and high-speed rail. He does not support the Governor's twin tunnels, that have now been reduced to a single tunnel. He supports the establishment of a state bank, although he is not involved in the legislation. I don't think anyone asked him about health care situation. He did mention that there is an effort at the state level to change the conservatorship laws to make it possible to take care of the most vulnerable and disabled homeless people. *Others who attended the meeting may have picked up on other topics that I missed. The audio was not great in the room and I may have missed some of the questions.*

Groups are organizing to fight these issues at the state level:

Rent Control: There is an effort to Repeal Costa-Hawkins that Wiener claims he wants amend but basically supports. So far it is having trouble in Sacramento.

SB-827 and **SB-828** Wiener's big two are described in Zelda's article: <https://48hills.org/2018/02/wiener-war-planning/>

a shorter quicker read is here: <https://sfceqa.wordpress.com/2018/02/05/scott-wieners-war-on-local-planning/>

Groups are organizing to fight these issues at the regional level:

RM-3 - The bridge toll increase

Groups are organizing to fight these issues at the city level:

Water quality and supply

Urban Design Guidelines

SFMTA Ordinance and **possible Charter Amendment** - I should note that since the threat of the Charter Amendment the SFMTA has relented on at least two projects. They are keeping the Taraval Stop, and they are not shuffling traffic off of 8th Ave. onto nearby streets. Let us know if you have more good news on the SFMTA front in your neighborhood. I should mention that there is a new effort by neighbors to fight the tech buses that are creating hazards in some neighborhoods. If you have the time, you may want to send photos and complaints about

the noticing method the SFMTA is using to do their “outreach”, as this comes up at every meeting and should be an easy thing for the department to remedy.

WIENER BILL ON EXTENDED HOURS FOR ALCOHOL SALES

California State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) has re-introduced a bill to establish a 4 a.m. last call in California with a dangerous six-city, five-year experiment. His actions disregard 40 years of peer-reviewed public health research.

Through your letters, emails and phone calls, you stopped his 2017 attempt to pass a 4 a.m. bar bill. Now we need to work together again to defeat SB 905 - his new version of the bill that will still only benefit bar, restaurant, and club owners at taxpayer expense for the public health and safety harms it will cause.

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If Wiener's six-city experimental 4 a.m. bar bill passes, 76% of the state's population will be in jeopardy. That's how many people live in and around those six cities. They will experience increases in alcohol consumption and related problems including violence, emergency room admissions, injuries, alcohol-impaired driving, and motor vehicle crashes as drinkers commute to and from the six cities after a 4 a.m. last call.

All of this will require additional law enforcement response and place an increased burden on local agencies. California already suffers \$34 billion in alcohol-related harm. The state currently collects only \$350 million in alcohol taxes and fees. Wiener's dangerous experiment will only add to the costs and add nothing to the taxes and fees.

[Please join the California Alcohol Policy Alliance \(CAPA\) and Alcohol Justice in TAKING ACTION NOW.](#)

Tell members of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee, and your state senator to STOP SB 905, California cannot afford the dangerous experiment of bars, restaurants, and clubs selling alcohol until 4 a.m.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/gHd654F2mlrycuwS9nrm5g>

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NEIGHBORHOOD VIEWS

Neighborhood Views is published monthly, the official voice of the Coalition for SF Neighborhoods, Inc., a 501(c)4 organization.

To Submit Articles: Email articles by the 3rd (third) of the month to: Newsletter Editor (1st VP) in Microsoft Word-compatible document (i.e. no pdf's) in-line or as attachment. Articles reflect the opinions of the submitter, not necessarily the opinion of the CSFN. We invite material from member organizations as well as rebuttal to articles already printed. We reserve the right to edit where necessary.

FEBRUARY 2018 CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

- 6:00 I. Sign In and Refreshments
- 6:30 II. Call to Order/ Ascertain Quorum
 - A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests / Short Announcements
 - B. Host- **Noe Neighborhoods Council**
- 6:45 III. Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice Presidents
 - C. Secretaries
 - D. Treasurer
- 7:00 IV. Committee Action Items—written reports in Newsletter
 - A. Executive
 - B. Bylaws
 - C. Government & Elections
 - D. Land Use & Housing
 - E. Open Space
 - F. Transportation
 - G. Dinner
 - H. Water Task Force
- 7:10 V. Approval of January 16, 208 Minutes
- 7: 15 VI. Unfinished Business: **Nominating Committee
Resolution on Clipper Cove**
- 7:20 VII. New Business: **Resolution on Extended Hours for Alcohol**
- 7:30 VIII. Program- **SF Seawall Resiliency- Port of San Francisco**
- 8:30 IX. Adjourn