
CSFN NEWS



NEW CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

On June 1, 2021 San Francisco will begin to implement an *All Electric Building Ordinance* for all new residential and commercial construction. Instrumental in the unanimous passage of this legislation were its author, Supervisor Mandelman and SF Department of the Environment. This legislation, cosponsored by Supervisors Dean Preston, Gordon Mar, Shamann Walton, and Matt Haney, passed because we recognize that we are in a climate emergency, with only a short time left before annual climate disasters become even more catastrophic. There were 26 organizations that championed this legislation, a few of them are: *Sierra Club, EarthJustice, SF Climate Emergency Coalition and San Francisco Tomorrow*.¹

An Iceberg, A68a, broke off from Antarctica in 2017 and is moving to South Georgia in the South Atlantic Ocean. It is said to be the size of Delaware.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH NATURAL GAS

35% of San Francisco's carbon emissions come from natural gas combustion and leaks in buildings, both residential and commercial.² Unlike natural gas, methane is 86 times more powerful as a greenhouse gas as carbon dioxide over a 20-year period.³ Another serious downside to natural gas is the way it pollutes indoor air in a home or building. Just a pilot light in a stove or water heater, which may be on 24 hours a day, can put out copious amounts of pollution in the home, i.e. CO, NO₂, NO_x, formaldehyde and acetaldehyde. Adding to this pollution are ornamental fireplaces. Heating the house with a gas stove would provide the greatest amount of indoor air pollution. "Roughly **95%** of homes tested had an average formaldehyde level indoors that exceeded the Chronic Reference Exposure Level set by the California EPA (7 ppb)." Also, the NO₂ from natural gas has been found to have a relationship with asthma in 8.9% of the children in the United States or for a total of 6.5 million individuals.⁴ Natural gas frequently leaks during fracking. Additionally, natural gas pipes can often be over 100 years old in San Francisco and can leak into the environment before they even enter a home or building.



Pilot lights can leak noxious gases in to the home or building 24 hours a day.

The All Electric Building Ordinance can stop natural gas from entering the home.

A SUMMARY OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS

In Miami they have fish swimming in the streets every King Tide. Today, smart developers do not design and build expensive developments along the coast of Miami. Catastrophic wildfires, the worst they have ever been, are linked to climate change and themselves add to the CO₂ in the atmosphere yearly in California. In Australia, the same thing is occurring but to an even

greater degree. In Brazil, fires in the Amazon rainforest have increased 25% from a year ago as farmers gain more farm land. In the Russian Tundra, where fires can burn until winter rains put them out, fires are burning not only the forest but also large swaths of peat. As a fossil fuel, peat releases methane when burned. Now, these fires smolder underground, which are hard to notice and nearly impossible to put out. Also, in the Russia Tundra, are large holes, similar to sink holes, which are believed to be pockets of methane that have exploded into the atmosphere. Recently, the newspaper-described a Delaware-sized iceberg, 100 miles long, 30 miles wide and 500 feet thick threatening the island of South Georgia in the South Atlantic Ocean. When the Florida-sized, unstable and deteriorating Thwaites Glacier in Antarctica breaks off, sea level could rise three feet. The danger of Climate Change is real and accelerating faster than models have predicted.

Let us hope we can provide more top-notch legislation before it is too late. The *All Electric Building Ordinance* is a good start.

FOOTNOTES:

1. <https://www.sfclimateemergency.org/updates>
2. <https://sfenvironment.org/sf-climate-dashboard>
3. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-bad-of-a-greenhouse-gas-is-methane/>
4. https://indoor.lbl.gov/sites/all/files/impact_of_natural_gas_appliances.pdf

**Glenn Rogers, Vice President CSFN
Newspaper Editor**



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT THE “ GOOD TROUBLE “ FOR WOMEN

“I may be the first one in this job, but I certainly won’t be the last. “

Years ago, symphony orchestras initiated a new mechanism to screen applicants for open positions. It was the blind test. An opaque barrier was set up between the conductor and the musician: he could hear the music played but could not see the player. Upon his signal, the musician identified only by number began the previously agreed on piece: there was no verbal or visual interaction. As a result of this new procedure, the number of women musicians playing in symphony orchestras increased significantly! Thus, the problem of women in these circumstances turned out to be...men, not the different musical abilities of the sexes. Male conductors preselected male musicians by sight over sound. Sad, but true...

Has gender discrimination gone away? No, it has become what Stanford Law Professor Deborah Rhode has called the “ no-problem problem “. There is a denial of gender inequality

prevalent today, in spite of a beauty bias underlying the injustice of appearance. Women still face unconscious bias in our society, as Blacks know all so well the unconscious racial bias that they have to live with, and the smartest women have the most to overcome when dealing with men in an organization, just as the female musicians of not so long ago had to vastly outplay their male counterparts to earn a seat in the symphony before the blind test came along...

So: does this have any relevance for CSFN? Yes, it does. Stay tuned

POLICIES, PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2021

Beginning with the January meeting of the Ex Comm and the February meeting of the General Assembly, CSFN will be setting its goals for the new year. First and foremost, we must continue coping creatively with the constraints and challenges imposed on us by COVID 19. We cannot meet in person for much of the time until September most likely, and maybe not even then. We must continue to carry on with our virtual meetings on Zoom, even with our election coming up which will likely culminate with an online inauguration in June. We were able to have a Holiday Happy Hour last December: we are uncertain as of now of having a physical Holiday Dinner to celebrate together this December.

So, I ask you fellow delegates, to carry this conversation back to your neighborhoods. You will be setting your organizations’ goals – for increasing membership, scheduling rewarding meetings, taking positions on issues and expanding your influence in your areas. Bring your ideas to our committees and assemblies: what should be our policy on AB 685? Should we prioritize support of or opposition to the renaming of our schools? Shall we have a speaker about establishing a public bank for San Francisco? Keep our coalition in mind, and ask not just what it can do for you, but what you can do for it for the greater good of us all!

Charles Head, President CSFN



**AGENDA FOR CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEB. 16,
2021, 6:30 PM ON ZOOM, CINDY BECKMAN HOST**

- I. **SIGN IN AND ATTENDANCE QUIZ**

- II. **PROGRAM;** CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. Dave Jensen and Steven Monoz on Municipal Corruption Report

- III. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**
 - A. PRESIDENT
 - B. VICE PRESIDENT
 - C. RECORDING SECRETARY
 - D. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
 - E. TREASURER

- IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. EX COMM
 - B. BY LAWS
 - C. LUTC
 - D. GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS
 - E. (OTHER)

- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. FORMATION OF NOM COMM
 - B. CONVERSATION CONTINUES

- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2021
 - B. RESOS: A PLACE FOR ALL

- VII. **ADJOURNMENT**
- VIII.

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 / 5:30 PM / By ZOOM

Present: Glenn Rogers, Charles Head, Greg Scott, Richard Frisbie, Mari Eliza, Al Fontes, Clair Zvanski, Mary Harris and Carolyn Kenady; Excused absence, Cindy Beckman

- 5:32 pm I **Call to Order/Quorum.**Met ZOOM host Glenn Rogers
- 5:33 pm II **Officers Reports**
- A. President: Report of numerous City meetings attended.
 - B. Vice President: Many Board members had their COVID-19 vaccine at City College, appts. closed now, Treasurer to receive an audit for future treasurers that may not have the same training.
 - C. Recording Secretary: absent
 - D. Corresponding Secretary: no report
 - E. Treasurer: It is recommended to send dues directly to Greg Scott, 637 Noe Street, SF CA 94114
- 5:50 pm III **Committee Reports**
- A. Executive Committee; two controllers providing a presentation in case one falls ill.
 - B. Land Use and Transportation (below)
 - C. Government and Elections. Absent.
 - D. Bylaws; audits to be every 3 years for books at next revision.
 - E. Nominating Committee; to be formed next GA.
 - F. Open Space, TIDA report overly optimistic in every manner, architect sure radioactive remediation will be occur, designing for Platinum LEED designation will shortcut CEQA, see AB 900.
- 6:30 pm IV **New Business**
- A. Next Program; Employees from Controller's office Dave Jensen and Steven Munoz to present.
 - B. Next March article; Public Bank.
- 6:37 pm V **Unfinished Business**
- A. The Conversation Continues...
 - B. Recruitment.
- 6:46 pm VI **Adjourn**
- Glenn Rogers, Vice President CSFN



**CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
TUESDAY, January 19, 2021 / 6:30 PM / By ZOOM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Head called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- II. **SIGN-IN & ENTRY POLL:** Quorum confirmed with a total of 23 attendees.
 - A. 14 member organizations present (14 delegates + 2 alternates)
 - B. 7 guests

III. PROGRAM: A Place For All

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and representatives of Rescue SF discussed the proposed legislation to create interim shelter options until permanent housing is available for the homeless, called A Place For All. It would establish a policy that the City and County of San Francisco will try to provide a place for all unhoused residents within the city limits that is not a sidewalk, a plaza or a park, and that the city will do its best to get everyone into housing if possible, a shelter, or at a bare minimum a safe sleeping site.

IV. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- A. **PRESIDENT:** COVID-19 vaccination notification link is now on the website. Went to Scott Weiner's town hall in December and notes are on website. Saw the last BOS meeting with Supervisors Yee and Fewer and said goodbye to them. On Jan. 2 attended the Parnassus/UCSF MOU meeting. Jan. 6 was the inaugural BOS meeting with unanimous vote for Supervisor Walton as board president. Review of new BOS committee chair appointments.
- B. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Treasure Island meeting has been changed to Jan. 21. Representative from Controller's Office will present at the next GA meeting. Glenn thinks CSFN should refute George Wooding and CSFN's previous fine for ethics violations.
- C. **RECORDING SECRETARY:** November 2020 General Assembly Meeting Minutes presented in the newsletter.
 - 1. **Approval of Minutes:** No additions or corrections made. With no corrections, minutes accepted as presented.
- D. **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** No report available.
- E. **TREASURER:** No report available.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **EX COMM:** (Glenn Rogers) MPIC needs to renew their membership before they can vote.
- B. **BYLAWS:** (Claire Zvansky) Nothing new to report.
- C. **GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS:** (George Wooding) Nothing new to report. Gave an update on city corruption issues.

D. LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: (Mari Eliza) If anyone is concerned about the Parnassus/UCSF MOU, Mari has information on the history. Mari introduced Michael Priddy from EMIA, who asked for support in preventing a nine-story building from being built at 321 Florida Street due to height and shadow concerns. The neighbors welcome development, but would like CSFN members to support a maximum six-story building to match the neighboring buildings at the Jan. 28 Planning Commission meeting. Mari sees this as a precedent-setting project as it will block light on existing solar panels, and will write a letter in opposition from the Land Use Committee.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SPEAK RESOLUTION: Sunset-Parkside Education & Action Committee Resolution Opposing SB9 (Toni Atkins):

1. Is this an Emergency Resolution? **M/S/C (11 YES / 0 NO)**
2. Should CSFN support the Resolution? **M/S/C (8 YES / 2 NO)**

B. SPEAK RESOLUTION: Sunset-Parkside Education & Action Committee Resolution Opposing SB10 (Scott Wiener):

1. Is this an Emergency Resolution? **M/S/C (11 YES / 0 NO)**
2. Should CSFN support the Resolution? **M/S/C (9 YES / 1 NO)**

C. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Request for committee members for 2021 nominations and election. Carolyn Kenady has volunteered, looking for two more members.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

A. FEBRUARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:31 p.m.

Cindy Beckman, CSFN Recording Secretary



CSFN Land Use and Transportation Committee

February 3, 2021 Agenda, 4 PM - *Thanks to Cindy for setting this up for us!*

Continuing issues:

1. State laws and overreach is reaching into our neighborhoods.

What we can do to protect single family zoning and other issues by educating our neighbors. Invitation to join Livable California's zoom presentation on Saturdays. Please share with your neighbors.

Update on RNAA - Cities appear to be balking at new numbers. *Eileen may have something new to add..*

2. Protecting existing private solar systems in San Francisco.

We may have a case at 321 Florida that needs help. I am working on protecting solar systems as a part of this project and putting together a checklist of items to help neighbors dealing with difficult projects. Thanks to everyone who wrote in support of the continuance. The next nearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 18.

3. I should have mentioned congestion pricing updates in the earlier email. We may have more information on the dates and speakers.

New matters:

1. How do we educate the public about the CEQA process? Should we consider setting up a formal education program for SF citizens?

2. Anything New to add? Please send a written report or sign on early tomorrow to share. I would like to know more about the issues Supervisor Melgar has raised re: DBI and permitting. Perhaps we could invite her to explain to us, or come to a GA meeting.

Opposition to state legislation is taking on a new urgency, as evidenced by this agenda item from SFCTA 2/9/21 meeting: item 8 **Approve the 2021 State and Federal Legislative Program – ACTION*** [2021 Legislative Program MEMO 2021-02-09 \(PDF\)](#) that I sent a notice about on 2/7/21. *Hopefully some of you sent letters and shared with others.*

Mari Eliza, LUTC Chair



DOLORES HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT CLUB

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Update of Previously Approved Resolution by the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods - to be read and voted upon at Feb. 16, 2021 General Assembly Supporting “A Place for All” legislation (File # 201187)

Submitted by Carolyn Kenady, Delegate from Dolores Heights Improvement Club

Whereas, since May 2020, seven safe sleeping sites have been successfully operating in San Francisco, sheltering over 250 people. Yet thousands of unsheltered people sleep on our streets every night.

Whereas during 2021 the City is prioritizing housing placements for the 2,300 occupants of the SIP hotels. Meanwhile, the thousands of homeless sleeping on our streets have no alternative for shelter. They are falling into chronic homelessness - increasing the burden on themselves, on our neighborhoods, and on our City.

Whereas, the legislation, A Place for All, which builds on the successful safe sleeping site model, will close this shelter gap by requiring the City to prepare a phased and detailed implementation plan to shelter 500 people in the initial phase and then to shelter those remaining unhoused on our sidewalks and other public spaces.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that CSFN reiterates its support for the establishment of safe sleeping sites (Resolution adopted May 19, 2020) by supporting “A Place for All” legislation.

Be it further Resolved, that CSFN urges City officials and Supervisors to involve neighborhood associations and adjacent neighbors whenever a Safe Sleeping Site is being proposed for their area.



Member Renewal

Name of Organization _____

Mailing Address _____ SF 941 _____ Contact E-mail _____

Current Officers

Name	Office	Address (with ZIP)	Email Address	Phone

CSFN Delegate

Name	Address (with ZIP)	Email Address	Phone

If your organization has alternate CSFN delegates:

Name	Address (with ZIP)	Email Address	Phone

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