
CSFN NEWS

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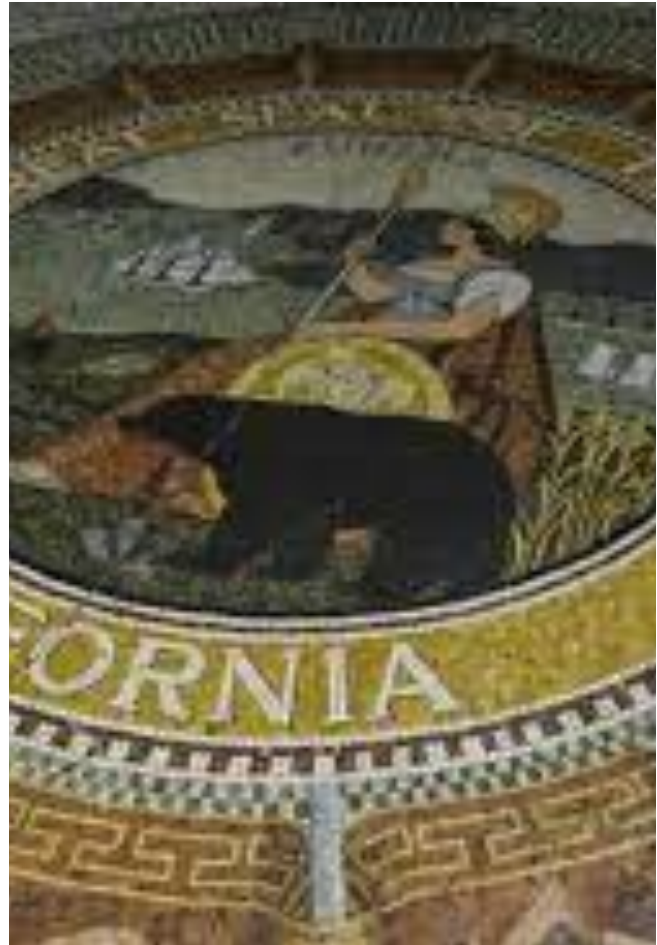


The SF Board of Supervisors has passed the Housing Element, which the Planning Commission previously developed to go along with the "fair and necessary" goals promoted by the State's Housing and Community Development (HCD) guidelines. That was on Jan. 31, the deadline to do it, so the state would certify that the city was in compliance with the "aspirational" Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Thus we joined the twelve cities that thought this was the correct thing to do.. Many have passed deadlines set months ago and many more will

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be out of compliance. What bought this about and what will be the consequences?

The key movers and shakers here are HCD and RHNA. Pushed by a lobby of legislators in the capitol who demand more and more affordable housing be built regardless of obstacles, HCD has come up with increasingly onerous prescriptions. Starting years ago, moderate housing goals have been geometrically jacked up such that the current RHNA allocation for SF to build in this eight-year cycle is 600% higher than than in the previous cycle. But SF has met the deadline and so Planning will have its say as will the BOS. Streamlining of obstacles such as zoning codes, public input and neighborhood characteristics has been mandated, which means more permits may now be issued. Will more housing be built? Perhaps, except for other obstacles: lack of land, labor costs and a fundamental lack of funding. As Tim Redmond pointed out, the RHNA process is ridiculous, and the numbers are



farfical. Cities are doomed to failure (which may be deliberate).

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Allocation for SF to build in this eight-year cycle is 600%.

Have we secured money for this -nineteen billion dollars? We have only millions in Propositions which we haven't tapped. Are we banking land to secure affordable housing? No. So we may have to tear down existing structures in order to build new ones. This could result in less housing for the existing

working class and for people of color. So much for equity. Developers will not build if they cannot make a profit, and they cannot make one on building 46,00 units of affordable housing. State and federal funding is nonexistent, with rising

And the city has a very high number of vacant affordable units; as Glenn Rogers wrote in our previous issue, look at Park Merced's 25% vacancy rate! Yet we have thousands of people unhoused, living in tents on streets and sidewalks: what irony!

HCD has been vigilant and is watchful. Cities not in compliance now face harsh sanctions, including 'builders' remedies" allowing developers to build however they want. If not enough permits are issued halfway through the cycle, fines may be in order. Lack of money, land, labor, and applicants for the new units cannot be obstacles to this " state blackmail ", wherein " the state is passing the buck", as Sarah "Fred" Shelburn-Zimmer of the Housing Rights Committee said.² So here is our perfect storm: as Tim Redmond put it, "The state Legislature, led by the city's own delegation, has set an impossible bar.and is prepared to impose severe penalties if the city doesn't meet it - even if that failure is due to factors entirely beyond the city's control."

But there is a remedy available: Save SF, sue the State! See the Resolution proposed to do this later in this issue...

Article by Charles Head, President of CSFN



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

HAPPY NEW YEAR! AND THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE!

First let me thank our existing associates for continuing their memberships by re-ing up! Your continued participation in our General Assemblies, your serving on committees and yes, your dues are all examples of the dedication of our organizations and each one of their people to make our neighborhoods better and maintain our quality of life. And to [welcome](#) into our our fold two new members who are joining US, Corbett Heights Neighbors and La Playa Park Village Coalition! Also, to acknowledge friends of CSFN who are not in our groups but continue to be our allies by coming to meetings and participating in discussions to the betterment of all. Lastly, remember this is the Year of the Rabbit: the best is yet to be!

Charles Head, President CSFN



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES FOR 1/17/2023

1. President Head called the meeting to order at 6:30.
 2. Eileen Boken talked about SPEAK and the bills that Livable California is following in the California Assembly referring us to their website.
 3. Program: Chris Bowman presented his maps and outlines of the Nov.8 Ballot Measures and spoke about the effects of redistricting also.
 4. Officers' Reports
 - A. President Head reminded us of the 5 new goals of his prior report.
 - B. Vice President Rogers delivered the NL to DA Brook Jenkins and spoke with Aide Mike Farrah.
 - C. Treasurer, Secretaries - No report
 5. Committee Reports
 - A. Ex Comm updated info on Patio Espanol.
 - B. Land Use is looking for a new Chair.
 - C. Open Space received a resolution opposing tree removal from Kathy Howard.
 6. Approval of the Nov. GA Minutes was by unanimous consent.
 7. Unfinished Business: Delegate Frank Noto presented the revised resolution from SHARP about the Police Commission's tentative decisions concerning pretextual traffic stops in the Police Code. It was discussed and tabled.
 8. New Business: VP Rogers presented the PMAC resolution recommending the city consider buying Park Merced. It was discussed and tabled.
- The Conversation Continued with an announcement of the PAR meeting tomorrow.
9. Adjournment was at 8:40.

Charles Head, CSFN President



CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:30 PM / By ZOOM

1. Call to order; approve agenda
2. Spotlight: New members. Corbett Heights Neighbors, La Playa Park Village Coalition
3. Program: BOS President Aaron Peskin.
4. Officers Reports
5. Committee Reports
6. Approval of GA minutes from Jan. 11, 2023
7. Unfinished Business: Resolutions from Jan.
8. New Business: Resolutions from Committees The Conversation Continues:
9. For the good of the organization
10. Adjournment

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 5:30 PM / By ZOOM Glenn Rogers, Charles Head, Greg Scott, Mari Eliza, Al Fontes, Clair Zvanski, George Wooding, Dave Osgood, Eileen Boken and Mary Harris.

Call to Order/Quorum.Met? ZOOM host Glenn Rogers
Agenda approved.

I Officers Reports

- A. President: Carolyn Kenady presented
- B. Vice President,
- C. Recording Secretary:
- D. Corresponding Secretary
- E. Treasurer, offered CSFN members need to pay dues.

II Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee, replacement of LUTC chair
- B. Land Use and Transportation
- C. Government and Elections
- D. Bylaws, Special Rules addition to Bylaws, state policy of ZOOM members to raise hand gives unfair advantage to talk unevenly
- E. Open Space, a Resolution for the Hunters Point Civil grand Jury Report.

III Unfinished Business

IV New Business

- A. Next Program, Peter Cohen and Aaron Peskin as guest
- B. Next article, Charles Head, Stop the Steal loaded comment

V For the Good of the Order, Mary Harris needs get well card.

Adjourn

Glenn Rogers, CSFN Vice President



CSFN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 6:30 PM / By ZOOM Glenn Rogers, Charles Head, Dave Osgood, George Wooding and Josh Klipp.

Moratorium of tree removal in San Francisco

Report from Josh Klipp:

Presently there are 129,000 trees in San Francisco or 13.5% of a tree canopy. Lowest rate in many cities in America.

Two weeks ago we lost 300 trees.

Josh Klipp requests a moratorium of tree removal except for trees in jeopardy of jeopardizing Public Safety.

An action plan for 40,000 more trees is being requested by the year 2040.

Glenn Rogers, Chair Open Space

RESOLUTION: FOR MORATORIUM ON TREE REMOVAL**Telegraph Hill Dwellers**

Est. 1954

1. WHEREAS in 2014, the City of San Francisco adopted an Urban Forest Plan which acknowledged serious deficiencies in our City's urban canopy and urban canopy management. *Inter alia*, this plan recognized that San Francisco has the smallest urban canopy of any major city in the United States, and called for the the planting of 50,000 (net) new street trees by 2034; and
2. WHEREAS in 2019, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution declaring that our City is in a Climate Emergency, and the primary consequence of this Resolution was to catalyze the creation of a new San Francisco Climate Action Plan; and
3. WHEREAS in 2021, after two years of intensive research, study, and community outreach, the City's Department of the Environment unveiled a new Climate Action Plan, and this plan recommended, *inter alia*: "by 2023, create a policy to require preservation of mature trees during development or infrastructure modifications and for planting of basal area equivalent of mature trees whose removal is unavoidable"; and
4. WHEREAS in 2021, the City's Office of Budget and Legislative Analyst released a report concluding that "the City's 10-year average of 2,154 street trees planted annually is less than half of the 5,000 of street trees that need to be planted annually to ensure that the City's street tree population does not shrink"; and
5. WHEREAS in February 2022, the City's Public Works Code Article 16 was updated by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and, among other updates, required that trees removed by City Departments be replaced within 120 days; and
6. WHEREAS in July 2022, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved a City budget that included no money for the planting or replacement of Street Trees; and
7. WHEREAS in January 2023, the City lost hundreds of trees due to unprecedented winter storms and flooding; and
8. WHEREAS as of January 2023, the City of San Francisco: is now behind by thousands of trees as called for in the Urban Forest Plan; has no policy around tree preservation and replacement as called for in the Climate Action Plan; and lacks the apparent budgetary and personnel resources to achieve the mandates called for in both of those plans.
9. THEREFORE pending the dedication of adequate resources to: comply with the 2014 Urban Forest Plan, comply with urban canopy related mandates in the 2021 Climate Action Plan, replace trees lost during the January 2023 storms, and align with the City's tree planting priorities to ensure environmental justice:

Al Fontes, THD

Parkmerced Action Coalition

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE OF PARKMERCED BY THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Whereas, Parkmerced was designed in conjunction with Thomas Church, San Francisco's famous landscape architect in the *Modern* style and should be considered a Historical Monument and protected and preserved, which numerous preservation groups have endorsed, and,

Whereas, ironically, the present day Parkmerced is one of the densest areas in San Francisco, and with more development in Parkmerced, Highway 280 and 19th Avenue could become so impacted with post construction traffic that San Francisco could no longer be a destination from the Peninsula by automobile, truck or bus, and,

Whereas, in April 2020, Maximus, that manages this property, was said to have requested forbearance on their \$1billion loan, and,

Whereas, Parkmerced has a high vacancy rate of 25%, and despite this, Parkmerced is unwilling to lower the rent of their units, and,

Whereas, according to a Parkmerced employee, after the pandemic, as many as 25% of the residents were unable to pay their rent, and,

Whereas, at least 8-11 squatters have moved into Parkmerced and the police, without the help of the City Attorney, are unable to remove them, and,

Whereas, these squatters could greatly increase the number of crimes in Parkmerced making a bad situation worse, and,

Whereas, with the passage of Proposition M, a vacancy tax, should make the owners of Parkmerced interested in selling their property to avoid tax penalties of \$2,500 for each vacant unit or \$49,215,000 a year. ($\$2,500 \times 1/2$ of 3,281 Pm residents \times 12 months= \$49,215,000), and,

Whereas, income from the mortgages from 3,281 residents at \$600 a month could be \$23,623,200 annually if part of a Mitchell-Lama style program. (3,281 number of PM residents \times \$600 \times 12 months);

Be it Resolved, that the City of San Francisco purchase all or in part of Parkmerced to add to its affordable housing stock, and,

The Mitchell Lama Program, which is a cooperative pioneered by New York City, be a guide to the purchase and governance of Parkmerced by the City. (See footnotes 1,2, 3 and 4).

FOOTNOTES:

1. <https://www.localize.city/blog/affordable-housing-a-primer-on-mitchell-lama-apartments/>
2. <https://www.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/mitchell-lama-program.page>
3. <https://hcr.ny.gov/ml>
4. <https://hcr.ny.gov/ml>

Glenn Rogers, PmAC President

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Whereas, the state over the last three years has gradually usurped jurisdiction over one of the key powers always previously held by locally elected officials and putting these in the hands of the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD);

Whereas, HCD has the power to approve the housing elements for every locality, and if it does not, developers can target it with virtually no limits;

Whereas, the HCH has incorrectly calculated the housing needs of the Bay Area, lacking in substantially evidentiary support, in violation of procedures mandated by state law;

Whereas, the city of San Francisco has so many extant vacancies and projects in the pipeline that the new Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers suggested are ridiculous;

Whereas, the economic climate is such that there is not enough investment capital, nor labor for construction, nor public support for such a drastic upheaval;

Therefore, be it resolved, that CSFN urges that the SFBOS should reject the new numbers and notify ABAG of this, and

Further be it resolved, that it will join the lawsuit against the state of California and HCD regarding HCD'S RHNA determination for the region

Charles Head, SHARP

BYLAW REVISION

SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Electronic Meetings: Additional rules for running electronic meetings may be found in the

The Unit, the Executive Board, and its Committees may meet electronically. A meeting's presiding officer decides whether and how to allow electronic participation, make motions, raise a point of order, and vote consistent with the rules and principles of the parliamentary authority. If electronic participation is allowed, then the right to participate electronically extends equally to all members.

A. All Members must be able to be viewed equally. Exceptions for those participating by phone must be considered.

B. Those wishing to gain the Floor must electronically raise their hand by using the "raise hand feature" present at the bottom of the ZOOM screen. This will also show the correct order of the next person seeking Floor recognition. Those using a phone will need to make their intentions to gain the Floor by waiting for the correct time to speak, without interrupting the present speaker, as best as possible..

C. After having conducted electronic meetings for over three consecutive meetings, the President or Vice President must receive in writing from every Board Member the wish to return to in person meetings. If the Board has announced an interest in "In-Person meetings" in the previous Board Meeting, a 2/3 vote can return the Board to In-person Meetings.

D. Every Member of the Unit shall be emailed or sent by Text, the invitation with the correct URL, day of the week, time and date.

E Each individual Member is responsible for their own internet connection. Any Member unable to hear or announce an Amendment or Resolution because of poor internet connectivity is solely responsible for this failing.

F. Should meetings be conducted by the Board by Telephone by the President or Vice President this is allowed, if these officers have written permission by every Board Member. Also, this is allowed with a previous Notice in the last meeting announcing a meeting by Telephone. When a previous announcement has occurred, only a 2/3 vote of Members is required.

1. Should a meeting occur by phone, it is recommended the meeting begin 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
 2. It is recommended a speakerphone be attached 5 minutes before the scheduled meeting is planned to begin.
 3. A forced disconnect by the host is allowed at any time and is undebatable. This forced disconnection can be Appealed by any Member and the disconnect must be part of the Minutes.
 4. When interrupting a Speaker, the Member wishing to gain the Floor must wait a reasonable amount of time to interrupt the Speaker to make an Amendment or a Resolution.
 5. The Amendment or Resolution shall be posted in writing, before or after, the presentation to the Unit to the Secretary.
 6. Voting with any Board Member present by Telephone is best by Roll Call. When this is done, the Minutes shall announce only the number of votes on each side and the number of members present. Names of participants is not allowed.
- G. Those wishing to present a Motion or Resolution to a Hybrid in-person meeting by phone shall present their Amendment or Resolution in writing with enough copies for all present in the in-person meeting to read.
1. Voting in this style meeting shall be by Roll Call.
 2. When the Meeting Room connection is disrupted, the whole meeting is null and void.
 3. Each individual is responsible for their connectivity. Therefore, no excuse is provided any Member with a bad connection.
 4. The Chair can disconnect any Member causing interference in the meeting or with a bad connection. This disconnection is undebatable and can be appealed by any member. The disconnection must be included in the Minutes.

H. Telephone Conference calls are allowed when the President or the Vice President have consent from the majority of the Board Members or in Special Meetings.

1. The Chair of the Meeting shall email all Members involved.
2. The members will arrive 15 minutes ahead of time the start time.
3. Each member will announce their arrival and departure without interfering with anyone speaking at the time.
4. In order to gain the Floor, any member will state their name to the Chair.
5. Motions, Amendments and Resolutions are allowed to be made verbally if they are sent the Corresponding Secretary, to be distributed to all in attendance

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE,
Charles Head, Glen Rogers, Mary Harris and Claire Zvanski**

SHARP Resolution on Traffic Stops

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Commission issued Draft General Order 9.01 on May 6, 2022 and issued further revisions in December 2022 and January 2023, Traffic Enforcement & Curtailing the Use of Pretext Stops and then a further 1/11/23 revision: https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/DGO%209.07_01.11.23_clean_FINAL.pdf; and

WHEREAS, under the revised order SFPD would be barred (with limited exceptions such as when there is a substantial risk of injury or death), from stopping or detaining in connection with violations including (a) failure to signal while turning or changing lanes; (b) driving without functioning or illuminated tail lights or brake lights, even in the fog; (c) failure to display both license plates or valid registration tags; and (d) all infractions by pedestrians of the California Vehicle Code and San Francisco Transportation Code; and

WHEREAS, the announced purpose of the order is “to curtail the practice of stopping vehicles for low-level offenses as a pretext to investigate hunches ...” that a crime has occurred, and that the Police Commission has adopted a final draft of the Order which will be negotiated with labor and finalized in the coming months, and

WHEREAS, traffic enforcement in San Francisco is already insufficient and inadequate, with an average of only 11 traffic tickets issued per day in the most recent month (April 2022) with available data compared to 387 tickets per day in the same month of 2014, the year when San Francisco’s Vision Zero program was adopted, and,

WHEREAS, that lack of traffic enforcement is one reason why there were 37 pedestrian deaths in 2022 from traffic incidents despite a lower daily population, compared to 32 pedestrian deaths in 2014, and notwithstanding SFMTA spending hundreds of millions on the Vision Zero program, which has failed in its original mission to reduce traffic deaths to zero, with a disproportionately large number of deaths (and other injuries) suffered by the Black community and the elderly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

ONE: That while CSFN believes that racial bias in traffic stops should be prohibited and that inequities (injustices) are likely a factor in some traffic stops, that the Police Commission’s procedure for entertaining public comment on the Draft was flawed by design and the final draft order failed to include an explanation of reasonably foreseeably positive and negative consequences of the order, or the identification of alternatives considered, other than barring SFPD from enforcing duly enacted motor vehicle statutes, and why those alternatives were deemed insufficient to realize the order’s purpose;

TWO: That, in its current form, CSFN opposes adoption of Draft General Order 9.07 because adoption of the Order (a) would be harmful to public safety, because it would encourage drivers and others to break traffic safety laws in a manner that is harmful to pedestrians, vehicle occupants and others and; (b) would surely be detrimental to police department morale, retention, and recruitment at a time when SFPD is already short more than 500 officers; and (c) would prevent the arrests of criminals and suspects wanted on outstanding warrants, most for violent, serious or repeat crimes, as indicated in the SFPD Quarterly Activity and Data Report; and (d) would likely encourage the flouting of other duly enacted laws thereby increasing crime,

THREE: That we question the Commission's authority to adopt an order such as this that has such potentially profound implications for public safety and the reputation and quality of life of our City, matters normally reserved to elected officials.

Be it further Resolved, that CSFN asks the Police Commission by letter to reconsider and amend General Order 9.07 in order to de-prioritize rather than prohibit police from conducting traffic stops for violations cited in the current draft, and that we also inform by letter the Mayor and Board of Supervisors of our request, and further ask those public officials to take all necessary steps to implement said policy.

Dated:

Frank Noto, Secretary SHARP



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME OF MEMBER ORGANIZATION _____

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Secretary Address, City, ZIP Email Phone

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CSFN DELEGATE:

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CSFN annual membership dues are \$45. Organizations wishing to include an additional donation to CSFN are encouraged to do so.

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CSFN Membership Certification: CSFN Bylaws (Article II, Section A-G) require each voting member organization to certify that it has a membership of 35 or more in order to maintain voting privileges. Organizations not having the required membership may retain membership as associate members without voting privileges at CSFN's sole discretion.

I confirm that we are renewing as a:

Member Organization with 35 or more members

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Certifying Signature _____ Print name/Position _____ Date _____