

Ansel Adams Grove: A “Win-Win-Win”

Where was Ansel Adams born, and where did he grow up? You might guess New Mexico or somewhere in the Sierras near Yosemite. In actual fact, he was born in San Francisco back in 1902, and was raised from age 1 in a house which still stands today, located a stone’s throw from Lobos Creek and a few minutes walk from Baker Beach. Ansel himself later remarked, “I trace who I am and the direction of my development to the years of growing up in our house on the dunes.” It was here during his formative years that young Ansel nurtured his deep appreciation of and respect for Nature, setting the career course of one the world’s foremost artist/naturalists.

The name Ansel Adams is synonymous with the fine art photography, the National Parks System, and environmentalism. Yet, even though his life was inextricably intertwined with San Francisco, where he made his home for sixty years, there exists today scant awareness and no real tribute or recognition of Adams as the City’s most famous



“native son”. We are proposing to rectify this omission through the establishment of what we’re tentatively calling the Ansel Adams Grove.

First, some background: back in the winter of 1995, the site next to the Adams property made international news when a series of storms, combined with documented poor construction practices of the City’s earlier massive “transfer tunnel” project, caused the catastrophic collapse of a hundred year-old brick-lined sewer, which in turn caused a sink-hole some 200 feet across and 100 feet deep to form overnight. The Adams house was spared—barely. The horrific chasm swallowed up the expansive 100-year old garden-grove planted and nurtured by Adams and his family on the front and side yard of the property, (as well as an enormous Tudor mansion, two vehicles, a bucolic pond surrounded by enormous trees, and a memorial grove of redwoods, dedicated to a neighborhood teen who lost his battle with leukemia).

The neighborhood forest which once served as a buffer between the residential homes and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (part of the Presidio National Park) was lost, and title to the land was deeded over to the City of San Francisco as part of the reparations settlement. Despite numerous verbal assurances from various officials of the City’s Department of Public Works that the parcel would thereafter remain open space, the City’s Public Utilities

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Assemblyman Leland Yee explains his opposition to AB702

AB2702: Secondary Unit Legislation in the State Senate

On June 21 CSFN delegates went to Sacramento to speak before the State Senate Housing and Community Development Committee against AB2702 – Secondary Units (Steinberg). Although the League of California Cities’ legislative rep, Dan Carrigg, advised us before the meeting, when it came up, it was apparent that we did not have the votes in our favor.

Carrigg’s advice to us was to meet with John Burton, Carole Migden, Jackie Speier, and Joe Nation to kill the bill. He said that Governor Schwarzenegger needs to hear from us on this also. The Governor may be the only chance we have in getting this defeated. To urge his veto on AB2702, call 1-916-445-2841.

AB2702 is a measure which will make null and void SF’s Secondary Unit exemption. If this is passed, it will not matter if the Housing Element has a Secondary Unit item in it, nor will any local legislation such as that introduced by Supervisor Aaron Peskin last year.

There was a terrific action from the neighborhoods then. If this is to go down in defeat, we all must rally again!

- It will affect every neighborhood in the State:
- It usurps local zoning authority and mandates numerous standards for local secondary unit ordinances.
- It limits local ability to prohibit absentee-landlord duplexes be built in single-family home neighborhoods.
- It reduces parking standards.
- It dictates minimum lot and unit sizes regardless of lot dimensions, mandates densities for housing on school sites.
- It represents irresponsible planning. There is no appreciation or understanding of location, traffic, site conditions, etc.

...Submitted by Judith Berkowitz, 1st Vice President

Is Our Sewer System at Capacity?



Is there a soul left in San Francisco who does not recognize that the City has a sewerage capacity problem? Apparently so. The City Attorney's office has rejected the sewage back-up claims submitted by residents affected by the winter's flood, calling the February 25th storm a "Freak, once in a 1000-year rainfall event," and asserting that it is unreasonable for the City to plan capacity in its combined system for such an event. The PUC asserts that the combined system (stormwater runoff + sewage) has adequate capacity to handle storm runoff from a once-in-five years storm, and that that is a reasonable standard.

On the other hand, residents of the Eastern neighborhoods have repeatedly testified that sewage back-up occurs regularly in their areas during winter storms, and many have repeatedly experienced flooding in their homes and rivers of sewage in their streets, not just once in a lifetime, or once in five years, but every year, several times.

In 2003, while conducting the initial study for the updated Housing Element, the Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis Section requested the SFPUC to evaluate its capability to accommodate the wastewater treatment needs of anticipated population growth in the City through 2020. The PUC coyly responded that it maintains adequate dry-weather capacity to meet projected needs. It remained silent on the issue of wet-weather capacity, however, and the Planning Department did not probe further.

Ironically, over the past months of discussions on the sewer rate increase, former PUC GM Pat Martel referred repeatedly to the City's "structurally inadequate sewers" and told the Commission that the City needs a whole new Clean Water Master Plan and a whole new batch of revenue bonds to "fix" the problems.

More ironically, the PUC does not even know what the hydraulic capacity of the system is, and has commissioned a consultant to do a hydraulic modelling study (due in December 2004) to find out.

However one defines "adequate capacity" now, one thing is certain. There is a whole lot of development in the City's pipeline already, with tens of thousands of residential dwelling units and millions of square feet of commercial space planned for Mission Bay, Rincon Hill, Transbay, Marker Street, Treasurer Island, Hunter's Point, Presidio, etc., and more to come in the future. This will put an increased strain on the present capacity of the City's sewerage system i.e., the collection, removal, storage, treatment and disposal of sewage and stormwater runoff).

The question is, when extensions to the system or improvements to its hydraulic capacity need to be made to accommodate the City's new development, who should pay for it?

The Water Task Force asserts that the present ratepayer should not have to pay one dime of these costs, but they should be borne exclusively by the new development. Even before CSFN established its Water Task Force to study PUC issues, Girardot and Kalman testified as far back as 1990

before the PUC and the BOS in support of a requirement for capacity fees, so that new development pays its own way. But the City has not responded. It has been suggested that that is because the establishment of capacity charges on new development runs counter to the City's pro-development policies. Now, however, the PUC, its consultant Black & Veatch, and the Rate Fairness Board seem to be in agreement that capacity fees should be established.

According to Black & Veatch, capacity fees recover the costs associated with providing additional facility capacity to new users and existing users requiring additional facility capacity. A capacity fee is a one-time tee that is charged for new, additional or larger connections to the PUC's wastewater system. Capacity fees are considered capital revenues and restricted to use in capital funding. The primary objectives of establishing a capacity fee is to ensure that growth pays its own way. Capacity fees eliminate or minimize the need to raise existing user rates in order to either replace needed reserve capacity or fund new facilities to accommodate growth.

State law requires that a capacity fee may be no higher than the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service to new customers. But State law also allows one notable exception. Voters, by a two-thirds vote of those electors voting on the issue, may approve even higher capacity charges on new development,

beyond the charges necessary to provide the extra capacity to the new users. We citizens of San Francisco have the right to set the fees on new development!! Let's work together to qualify such a measure for a future ballot!!

In all the years of massive development on the City's eastside

since the construction of the South East Treatment Plant, the City has never imposed capacity charges on new development. We think it's high time to do so. The Water Task Force offers the following Motion for vote at the July meeting of the General Assembly:

RESOLVED, that CSFN strongly urges the SFPUC and Board of Supervisors to adopt a requirement for sewer capacity fees for new development in San Francisco;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any extensions to the City's sewerage system or improvements to its hydraulic capacity be paid for exclusively by new development.

...Submitted by Joan Girardot, Chair CSFN Water TASK Force.

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Commission (PUC) has since declared the lot surplus to its needs. They have submitted a resolution before the SF Board of Supervisors allowing the PUC to sub-divide the parcel into two separate lots, and then auction them off to the highest bidder for residential development. A decision on this resolution could possibly come as soon as July 14.

Is this the “best and highest use” for this unique and historic piece of land? Think about it: the PUC’s proposal would allow the construction of two expensive “mini-mansions” next to the site of the childhood garden of one of the world’s foremost naturalists! Not only that, these structures would loom over a main entrance to one of the most frequented and important national parks in the country, while hiding from view the historic Adams house. Not only THAT, they would be directly adjacent to and upslope from the Lobos Creek Watershed:



A sinkhole caused major damage on Dec. 11, 1995

As the last remaining active creek in San Francisco, Lobos Creek serves as the main source of drinking water for the Presidio, as well as an emergency water source for San Francisco in case of an earthquake or other disaster. The creek’s fragile Eco-system is being nurtured and gradually restored by the National Park Service and countless volunteers on designated “restoration days”. These are people who come from all over the Bay Area to give their time and effort because they recognize the priceless value of this land for the wildlife habitat of the park, and a source of inspiration for our children today as it was for young Ansel ... which brings us back to our project.

The creation of the Ansel Adams National Landmark Native Grove would:

- Ensure the protection of the Lobos Creek habitat
- Spotlight a little known historical gem from San Francisco’s past
- Honor the legacy of Ansel Adams, the quintessential patriot whose name is synonymous with the grandeur of the American West

We envision a cooperative venture involving the City, the GGNRA, the Presidio Trust, and the Ansel Adams Trust, perhaps with a permanent photo exhibit and museum as a related attraction in the Presidio. The “Grove” itself would probably be a natural extension of the native oak restoration already underway on the adjacent Lobos Creek watershed, presumably to be managed by the GGNRA.

We strongly feel that residential development is a totally inappropriate use of the land, and therefore the parcel should

not be evaluated with that use in mind. Moreover, the proposed sale would come as a direct result of a disaster caused by the failure of city-owned infrastructure; we feel the City should not exploit a calamity of its own making for financial gain, no matter how dour the balance sheet may be.

Therefore, with the help of Supervisors Daly and Alioto-Pier, we are seeking to have the land re-zoned from RH-I to P. If successful, we would then conduct a new appraisal of the land as a single lot designated for open space, without considering the speculative value of commercial real estate.

We already have the enthusiastic support of the Ansel Adams Trust and his children, several SF Supervisors, the SF Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society, the Presidio National Park, and many more organizations and individuals. With the help of environmentally minded citizens, photography enthusiasts,

and organizations like the CSFN, we hope to realize our vision.

...Submitted by Mary Russo McAfee, WPNA

Resolution to Support Ansel Adams Grove

WHEREAS; the property located at 107 24th Avenue (Block 1334 Lot 1, the “Billman Lot”) suffered catastrophic consequences due to the sewer collapse occurring on Dec. 11, 1995 resulting in a massive sinkhole, and that the collapse was a direct result of faulty construction practices under the jurisdiction and authority of San Francisco’s Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS; the resulting damages included the loss of an established forest on the Billman property, as well as an extensive 100 year-old garden grove on the adjacent Winkelstein property that had been planted by Ansel Adams and his family, as well as a redwood grove which had been planted in memory of Tony Callan, a neighborhood boy who had died from leukemia; and

WHEREAS; the National Parks Service, as well as various individual neighborhood residents, were told in numerous public and private discussions that the land would only be redeveloped by the Billman family (then the current title holder), and otherwise the land would not be developed or sold, and would be retained as open space; and

WHEREAS; the sale of the property would be categorically exempt from environmental review even though it is located adjacent to, and upslope from the watershed of the Lobos Creek Watershed; and

AN ISSUE OF FAIRNESS & OPEN SPACE

A new controversy is forming around the subject of a Living Classroom for environmental education to be built by the Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ). The issue is not about the project itself, but monies intended to fund it and its location. Over \$1.5 million has been amassed to build this structure originally to be located on Heron's Head in the Bayview Hunters Point area. After three years of planning and a cost of \$200,000, the nonprofit group LEJ determined that the Port-owned site was inappropriate. They looked around and, with no public input, chose an open space, critical natural area hilltop in McLaren Park with a view of the South Bay as their alternate site. Recreation and Park Dept. has been contacted and they are willing to entertain using this location for the 3,000 sq. ft. project.

We should all be interested in this change of venue as a matter of respect for two communities:

- the people of the Bayview/Hunters Point who were the intended beneficiaries of the \$13 million in mitigation money from the State for the years of pollution suffered by that district, \$900,000 of which was award to LEJ for this project, and
- the neighborhoods around Visitation Valley/Portola district who do not support this money leaving the Bayview district nor the use of McLaren Park's open space for building.

When the City struggles to get enough money to buy open space for the benefit of its people and of the natural world's inhabitants, does it make sense to turn around and build anything on it - especially a pristine hilltop we should all be proud to have in our public park system?

Let us all work together to find a suitable place in the Bayview for the Living Classroom.

...Submitted by Nancy Wuerfel, Board Member of SPEAK

Presentation On Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone is able to illegally obtain and use your social security number, your credit cards and other forms of your identification. This is a widespread crime that can happen to you and you may not be aware of it until months after the theft.

There are many ways in which this information is stolen and obtained from you. Identity theft can result in destroying your credit and creating countless frustrating hours to restore your own identity. I and a United States Secret Service agent recently gave a presentation at the Golden Gates Heights Neighborhood Association annual meeting that concerned the problem of identity theft and ways you can prevent it from happening to you. I think the GGHNA members enjoyed and learned from the talk. I would be happy to speak to any other neighborhood organizations that are interested in this topic. Just call me at 731-9631 or e-mail to steve.gruel@usdoj.gov

...Submitted by Steve Gruel, GGHNA

CSFN Housing Element Retiring Treasurer Babette Drefke

The Planning Department's Housing Element proposal caused such a stir among neighborhoods, that residents figured the only way they could combat this would be by a lawsuit.

A couple of people set forth to gather funds from the neighborhoods. They aimed at \$500 per organization. Individuals donated at their own discretion.

As a result of this effort, over \$14,000 was collected from groups and individuals, who were concerned about the effects the Housing Element, would have upon the City and its neighborhoods. The CSFN President was asked to join them on a steering committee of three to pursue the appeal. They asked the CSFN treasurer cooperated and carefully administered the funds. The funds were to be used only for the cost of the appeals in opposing the Housing Element, legal fees, filing fees, and cost of copying documents. Bills paid totaled \$2,172.09.

But when demands came in to pay parking charges, that so far, amount to \$62.00 the CSFN keeper of the funds objected. The money was not donated for that purpose. The CSFN President had already resigned from the Steering Committee. It was also felt that there were other financial activities that were kept secret from the Coalition. This whole matter was brought before the CSFN regular meeting and CSFN voted to withdraw as Fiscal Agent, although our activities in the Housing Element would continue.

CSFN sent letters advising donors that they could have a refund minus percentage expenses or let funds be turned over to Pacific Heights Residents Association. As of May 6, 2004, CSFN is no longer responsible for the money. All refund requests were honored. \$9,686.44 has been turned over to Pacific Heights. This is minus expenses and requested donation refunds. Anyone wishing refunds or other financial questions contact Pacific Heights.

At the May 13, 2004, S.F. Planning Commission meeting, the Housing Element was adopted along with the approval of amendments submitted. The CSFN sees no reason, at this time, to pursue a lawsuit and, therefore, is not taking part. But will make every effort to develop the Housing Element into a worthy proposal.

If we avoid the need for a discretionary review, it saves the City a great deal of money, appreciated during a low budget period. Having passed the Housing Element with the revised amendments, the Planners can now start working on the 2006 Housing Element, and be on time so State and Federal funds will not be lost. Perhaps they could incorporate many of the ideas brought forth by the community for the present Housing Element.

...Submitted by Babette Drefke, Former Treasurer CSFN

Hosts Announced

August: Cayuga Improvement Assn., Cole Valley Improvement Club

September: Beideman Area Neighborhood Group, Bayview Hunters Point Coordinating Council

JULY LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT OF JULY 5, 2004

The CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee held its meeting at Northern Police Station on Monday July 5.

The Agenda included 1.) Report/discussion of action on AB2702 2.) Commission and Board of Permit Appeals appointments 3.) Neg Dec Appeal 4.) Reimbursement for AB2702 trip expenses 6.) SFCTA 7.) 80 Natoma

1.) AB2702 – Secondary Units.

Eileen Boken and Judith Berkowitz met with Dan Carrigg, the legislative rep from the League of California Cities before speaking before the Senate Housing and Community Development Committee in Sacramento Monday, June 21 in opposition to this bill which passed the Assembly last month. After an extended period waiting for it to come up in committee, we, along with Marilyn Amini, presented our case. The committee voted in favor of it, passing it 6-0 to the Senate Appropriations Committee, from which it is expected to pass on to the floor of the Senate.

Carrigg advised us to meet with Carole Migden, John Burton, Jackie Speier, and Joe Nation to attempt to get it killed. Or the most effective ways to kill this may lie with the Governor.

2.) Planning Commission and Board of Permit Appeals appointments.

The BoS appointment of a Mission Agenda employee prompted us to call for the reconstitution of the "Search Committee" which was in place two years ago.

3.) **Neg Dec Appeal** lost at the BoS 6-4. It will probably go to Court as planned.

4.) Eileen reported that the **SFCTA** Report has continued to incorporate the now-obsolete Housing Element's precepts such as the transit corridors into the document. The original Countywide Transportation Plan done in 1999 was rejected by the Board. The Board should reject this as well because of the following: the key foundation of the plan is transit corridors, yet the SFCTA never defines this concept or how each street defined as a transit corridor meets the criteria. The plan says that it is consistent with the land use policies of the Planning Department. This is not correct. It is inconsistent with land use policies, particularly the amended Housing Element. The CWTP is not a requirement. The state prefers that counties have one but does not penalize them if they don't.

A motion was made and accepted that the LU&H write a letter of negative endorsement to the Mayor and BOS due to the pending SFCTA vote on July 13th.

5.) The committee voted to reimburse the cmte chair for expenses for the AB2702 trip to Sacramento.

6.) **80 Natoma.** A new pared-down resolution was introduced to support SF Tomorrow. It will not concern high-speed rail, towers, or the terminal, but recommends solutions. (below)

...Submitted by Judith Berkowitz, Chair

Resolution Recommended to the CSFN General Assembly Concerning 80 Natoma

Whereas there are conflicting claims on the property at 80 Natoma Street between the Transbay Terminal Joint Powers Authority and Myers Development Corporation, and

Whereas 80 Natoma Street currently rests in the path of

proposed rail access to downtown San Francisco, and **Whereas** it is desirable to preserve the ability to bring rail access to the downtown San Francisco area, therefore be it **Resolved** that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the Transbay Terminal Joint Powers Authority and the Myers Development Corporation to work together in good faith to arrive at a viable solution to the 80 Natoma Street issue.

Be it further Resolved that this should be an expeditious and cost-effective solution, such as but not limited to engineering modifications, redesign of the Myers project, a land swap and eminent domain.

...Submitted by Judith Berkowitz, Chair LU&H Committee

Ansel Adams Resolution (Cont. from p.3)

WHEREAS; Lobos Creek is a unique, valuable natural resource; serves as the main source of drinking water for the Presidio National Park as well as an emergency water source for San Francisco; provides essential habitat and eco-systems which support numerous native animal and plant species in the GGNRA; and

WHEREAS; the impact of construction and development on the watershed with regard to erosion, run-off, introduction of pesticides into the drinking water, introduction of non-native species to the Lobos Creek restoration project is unknown, and that construction and development would detract from one of the main entrances to the Presidio National Park, an important tourist attraction for the City; and **WHEREAS;** if left as open space the property would provide an ideal venue for a San Francisco memorial to honor the legacy of Ansel Adams, as it is located adjacent to the house where he lived from 1903 at age 1 to 1960;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that CFSN will urge the PUC and the City of San Francisco to withdraw its proposal before the Board of Supervisors to offer for sale at auction the parcel in question for the purpose of residential/ commercial development, to instead seek the designation of the lot as protected open space, and further to support the creation of the Ansel Adams Grove on the site as a memorial to one of the world's most respected environmentalists, as well as arguably San Francisco's most distinguished native son.

New Surplus Property CAC

BoS Clerk's office posted on 6/15 the Vacancy Notice for membership on the new Surplus Property Citizens Advisory Committee. The legislation specifies (as has become customary) profiles for each of the 13 CAC members, including the 8 "at large" seats. Only ONE of those is for a "neighborhood representative." There's also a seat for open space advocates (such as Neighborhood Parks Council?). I understand that NPC has submitted an application for the seat. But the list of required profiles seems to me to be skewed toward affordable housing and real estate interests.

I also spoke with Joe LaTorre, Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing - he is heading the "staffing" for the matter for now - does not appear to be much, if any, real action yet, though he said they will do some initial research on each parcel this summer, while the CAC is being formed. The Legislation is Ordinances 93-04 and 96-04.

Minutes of the June 15, 2004 Regular Meeting of the CSFN Assembly

1. Call to order. President Barbara Meskunas brought the meeting to order at 7:15 pm at the Northern Police Station.

a. Quorum declared. Delegates and alternates represented 24 CSFN member organizations.

b. Agenda Approved.

c. Introductions.

2. Presentation by Host Organizations. Penelope Clark / Russian Hill Neighbors and John Barry and Denis Quinn / SHARP described their organizations, their objectives, history and issues.

3. Special Order: Installation of Officers. Speaker Pro Tem, Leland Yee, California Assembly conducted the swearing ceremony of the new officers.

4. Program: AB 2702 and SB 744. Assemblyman Yee and Rebecca Elliot / Rep. League of California Cities discussed AB 2702 and SB 744. Ms. Elliot also authored an article entitled Local Land Use Decisions Made In Sacramento which was printed on page two of the June, 2004 newsletter. The CSFN also thanked Assemblyman Yee for his opposition to A.B. 2702.

5. Approval of the Minutes:

a. May 12, 2004 Special Meeting: The minutes as reported on page four in the June, 2004 newsletter were approved.

b. May 18, 2004 General Assembly Meeting: The minutes as reported on pages four and five in the June, 2004 newsletter were approved. The CSFN thanked delegates Babette Drefke / EMIA for her past work as CSFN Treasurer and Francisco Da Costa / BVNA for his past work as a CSFN Member At Large.

6. Special Visits: Coleen Crowley & Ed Jew. Ms. Crowley discussed the City Care Share program. Mr. Jew discussed SWEAP concerning sewer and water efficiency and affordability

7. Officers' Reports:

A. President: Barbara Meskunas / BANG announced that there is a Town Hall meeting with Mayor Newsom scheduled for June 26, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ben Franklin school. Also, President Meskunas announced a CSFN one hour meeting with the Mayor on August 4, 2004 at City Hall from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Those interested in attending are to contact recording secretary Steve Gruel with the number of people attending and the topics they wish to discuss no later than July 31, 2004.

B. Vice President: Judith Berkowitz / EMIA noted that there were amendments to the Excom minutes as presented on page three of the June, 2004 CSFN newsletter. At the last paragraph of the minutes it should be added that the CSFN Excom voted to write a letter to Mayor Newsom that Commissioner Antonini be retained on the Planning Commission.

Vice President Berkowitz announced the consideration of a new member application – "Stop 55, Preserve Our Waterfront." The bylaws of this neighborhood organization are still in the draft stage. After a motion to accept the application of "Stop 55, Preserve Our Waterfront" was duly seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Congratulations to our new CSFN member.

Vice President Berkowitz introduced the following Excom

resolution:

Be It Resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods opposes the increase to sewer rates proposed by the Rate Fairness Board and any future increases to water rates that would exceed the annual Consumer Price Index.

After being duly seconded, the resolution was discussed and passed: 22-0-0.

C. Second Vice President: Eileen Boken / SPEAK announced that comments for the county wide transportation plan are due June 18, 2004.

D. Recording Secretary: No Report.

E. Treasurer: The treasurer, Doug Comstock / PRO SF did give a report in that he had not yet received the records. Consequently, past treasurer, Babette Drefke / EMIA reported a CSFN balance of \$4,712.57.

F. Corresponding Secretary: Dick Millet / Potrero Boosters reported that binders of CSFN mail will be made available at the general meetings..

8. Committee Reports:

A. Land Use & Housing: Chairperson Judith Berkowitz / EMIA directed delegates to page 5 of the CSFN June, 2004 newsletter for the report from the committee.

As reported on pages 6 - 7 of the CSFN June, 2004 newsletter, the Committee also recommended the following resolution to the CSFN General Assembly:

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Coalition For San Francisco Neighborhoods is opposed to the current plan proposed by the Mills Corporation for Piers 27-31 and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Coalition For San Francisco Neighborhoods believes the following six criteria should be satisfied by the Mills Corporation before any project is permitted to proceed at Piers 27-31:

- The proposed project at Piers 27-31 should comply with the relevant provisions of the San Francisco Waterfront Plan, the Port's Amended Request for Proposals for Piers 27-31, and the thirteen conditions articulated by the Port Commission on April 18, 2001 as prerequisites to Mills proceeding with developments of Piers 27-31.

- At least 51% of the interior space of Piers 27-31 should be dedicated to active recreational uses.

- Any project approved for Piers 27-31 should satisfy the standard parking, traffic and transit requirement that would be applied to any similar project proposed for the Northeast Waterfront.

- Public access to Piers 27-31 should be enhanced, particularly to the water basin.

- Any project approved at Piers 27-31 should not cause sacking or queuing of cars along the Embarcadero, nor should it inhibit pedestrians or other users of Herb Caen Way.

- Any project approved at Piers 27-31 should comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standard for historic preservation.

After being duly seconded, the resolution was discussed and passed: 12-0-9.

B. Water Task Force: Chairperson Joan Girardot / MCIPAO reported that she committee members took part in a meeting with the PUC and Ed Jew. Chairperson Girardot orally introduced a committee resolution that the CSFN urge the PUC and the Board of Supervisors to adopt sewer capacity fees for new development in San Francisco.

It was then reported that Mayor Newsom supports Susan

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!!CALL TO ACTION!!



Department of Elections Deadlines

Proponent/Opponent arguments must be in by noon Aug 13.
Ballot arguments (paid) must be in by noon on August 18.
Last meeting of the Board of Supervisors to approve propositions for the ballot is July 27. Our next meeting (after this Tuesday) is August 17th.

General Assembly Minutes (Cont. from p. 6)

Leal to be the General Manager of the PUC. The Water Task Force opposes Ms. Leal for several reasons: (1) she doesn't have the experience for the position; (2) the position requires a professional engineer; and (3) Ms. Leal previously in another position facilitated the transfer of \$750 million from Hetch Hetchy to the general fund.

C. Bylaws: Chairperson Evelyn Wilson / SPEAK reported that she has updated the changes recently made to the CSFN bylaws.

9. Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business.

10. New Business:

Mary McAfee / WPNA introduced the following resolution for consideration next month:

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Coalition For San Francisco Neighborhoods will urge the PUC and the City of San Francisco to withdraw its proposal before the Board of Supervisors to offer for sale at auction the parcel in question [107 24th Avenue – the “Billman Lot”] for the purpose of residential / commercial development, to instead seek the designation of the lot as protected open space, and further to support the creation of the Ansel Adams Grove on the site as a memorial to one of the world's most respected environmentalists, as well as arguably San Francisco's most distinguished native son.

11. Announcements: None.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.
...Steven F. Gruel, Recording Secretary, GGHNA



Committee Meetings

Land Use & Housing • Monday, 7:00, June 7 at Northern Police Stn. • Judith Berkowitz 824-0617 • sfjberk@mac.com

Bylaws Committee

Chair: Evelyn Wilson: evelynwilsregparl@earthlink.net 566-7826

Government and Elections Committee

Chair: Rebecca Silverberg: sfrebecca@aol.com 584-0535

Land Use and Housing Committee

Chair: Judith Berkowitz: sfberk@mac.com 824-0617

Newsletter Committee

Chair: Ramona Albright 621-9621

Open Space Task Force

Chair: Tys Sniffen: tys@ideamountain.com 929-7746

Transportation Committee

Chair: John Barry: jackbarry99@earthlink.net 564-0225

Water Task Force

Chair: Joan Girardot: 346-5525

Agenda

General Assembly Meeting

• July 20, 2004 •

- 6:30 Sign In and Refreshments
- 7:00 Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum
 - A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests
 - B. Presentation by Host Organizations:
 - 1. Twin Peaks Improvement Association
 - 2. West Presidio Neighborhood Association
- 7:15 C. Approval of Minutes
 - General Assembly Meeting June 15, 2004
- 7:20 D. Officers Reports
 - 1. President (Barbara Meskunas)
 - 2. First Vice President (Judith Berkowitz)
 - 3. Second Vice President (Eileen Boken)
 - 4. Recording Secretary (Steve Gruel)
 - 5. Corresponding Secretary (Dick Millet)
 - 6. Treasurer (Doug Comstock)
- 7:30 E. Program
 - Angela Alioto: Ten Year Homeless Plan
- 8:00 F. Committee Reports
 - 1. Land Use and Housing
 - 2. Open Space Task Force
 - 3. Water Task Force
 - a. New PUC General Manager
- 9:00 G. Unfinished Business
 - 1. WPNA - Ansel Adams Memorial Grove
- 9:20 H. New Business
 - I. Announcements
 - J. Adjournment

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