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Rebirth of the Music Concourse



MLK Drive (at Academy Dr.) will accommodate parking for GGP Garage

Editors Note: Last month opponents of the plan to widen MLK Drive were featured on the cover of NV. At the request of SHARP, we present the arguments of supporters of the plan.

The best things in life are worth waiting for.

Seven years after San Franciscans approved restoring Golden Gate Park's Music Concourse and adding underground parking, the east end of the Park promises to be a world-class destination.

This October, the new deYoung Museum will reopen with a stunning exhibition of Egyptian art. Just outside the museum's front doors, freshly planted shrubs, palms and grasses will be taking root alongside the new pedestrian promenade. In the distance, work is underway on the state-of-the-art California Academy of Sciences.

Inside the Concourse bowl, sprays of water will again
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Mayor Honors CSFN

Joe Caruso, Mayor Gavin Newsom's Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services presented a Certificate of Honor to the Coalition at the January 18th General Assembly Meeting. The Coalition was honored for its service to the City.



Certificate of Honor Presented To

**Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
January 18, 2005**

Whereas, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I am pleased to recognize and honor the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, the only neighborhood organization that brings together multiple neighborhood groups for the good of San Francisco, for its support of the residents of our City and for acting as a means of communication between public agencies and the people of San Francisco. This great organization is to be commended for its tireless efforts to enrich our wonderfully diverse community of neighborhoods. Thank you and best wishes!

Gavin Newsom, Mayor



Tony Winnoker, Eric Sandler and Chandra Lawrence, representing the SFPUC, will return to answer questions that came up at the January Meeting.

Seniors Sold Out by Supes

More on the \$299 Million Laguna Honda Hospital Blank Check



On February 8th the full Board of Supervisors approved a \$50,000 grant from the California HealthCare Foundation to “Reintegrate clients at Laguna Honda Hospital into independent living in the community.” The item was brought by Supervisor Elsbernd, and was approved by the entire Board 10-0 (Mirkarimi was absent) on the Consent Calendar, without discussion or debate.

This grant bears examination, even though the Supervisors did not bother to do so - they were much too busy posturing and pontificating about a single Ethics Commission appointment to take the time to find out just how dreadfully this grant will affect hundreds of frail elderly patients today, and thousands more in years to come.

Had they taken the time, they would have discovered that an *altered* version of the grant application was posted on line as an attachment to the Board agenda. The posted version was abbreviated, with pages carefully selected to obfuscate the intent of the grant, aptly entitled “Social Rehabilitation: Changing the Culture to Close the Gaps in the Long-Term Care Continuum.” The altered version made it possible for Supervisor Elsbernd to assert that this grant was intended to retrain nurses to provide physical rehabilitation, in order to return patients to their communities. The author of the grant, Mivic Hirose, was summoned from the hospital to testify before the full Board of Supervisors that Elsbernd’s explanation was credible, even though her personal interest in the grant was never disclosed to the other Supervisors.

Examination of the actual grant, however, (which can be read at www.stopLHHdownsize.com) reveals the true intent of the City: to *decrease* the percentage of patients who need a long-term skilled nursing facility, and to *increase* the percentage of patients who have “the potential to transition back to the community.” This is reflected in the new admissions policy of Laguna Honda, approved by the Health Commission appointed by the Mayor. Retraining nursing staff to deal with younger patients with temporary afflictions is the purpose of this grant, not helping elderly patients with degenerative conditions adjust to long-term care at Laguna Honda.

I will quote extensively herein from the grant application, for the benefit of the Supervisors and public who have not seen it in its entirety, in violation of Sunshine Laws. Decide for yourself if this language supports the intent of the voters when we approved the \$299 million bond issuance in 1999 to rebuild Laguna Honda “for the old people.”

A stated goal of the grant is “to enable our residents

to acquire or regain the functional skills needed to live in the community and to achieve their highest level of independence/self-care in a holistic manner (body, soul, mind, and social) and manage their disabilities.” How does a 90-year-old individual with dementia “manage their disabilities?”

The grant application laments the inadequacy of Medi-cal, which funds 95% of Laguna Honda residents, and the decline of the general fund contribution in recent years due to economic conditions. In other words, the patient ratio shift is necessary because the old folks *can’t* pay any more, the City *won’t* pay any more, so the facility needs to admit more young people who can attract grants like this one.

“While LHH has marginally responded to the changes in the resident population (increasing disabled young adults and decreasing elders) the care delivery



John Farrell presented the neighbors’ position at the January Assembly

models in use continues (sic) to support traditional medical and nursing models of care. These models meet the needs of the elderly, focusing on restoring and maintaining physical functioning (bathing, toileting, eating, mobility) of residents, yet is (sic) clearly not aligned with the healthcare needs reflected in the demographic changes. Health promotion services developing the younger adult population’s capacity to manage self-care needs and maintain their overall health are absent. The project proposal will close that gap.” In other words, the new admissions policy prioritizes younger people being released from General. The nursing staff is trained to deal with old people. The grant is necessary to retrain the nursing staff.

San Francisco voters rejected the government recommendation to downsize Laguna Honda in 1999, and approved the \$299 million bond issuance because Laguna Honda was and is a community institution, providing the best long-term care in the nation. San Franciscans wanted to insure that our seniors would always have a place to go, regardless of their financial circumstances, should they be struck down by illness or other disability. But read what the City says in the grant application:

“The San Francisco community’s perception is that individuals who are admitted to LHH are at risk for long-term institutionalization. Basically, LHH continues to be seen as an almshouse for the poor and disenfranchised, even though this model does not best serve the clients and community’s needs.” This language alone should outrage every taxpayer, even if caring for the poor and frail elderly is not your priority. How dare the City exact \$299 million from property owners under the pretense of rebuilding

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THANK YOU!



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

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Garage (Cont. from P. 1)

cascade above fountains and dozens of newly planted trees will fill-in the canopy in front of the music band shell. With no more surface parking, visitors will have a clear view across five acres of reclaimed parkland and a narrowed one-lane roadway around the bowl.

Completed just over a year ago, the renovated Conservatory of Flowers has won international acclaim and weekend visitors willingly wait in line. Just down the road, three miles of bike lanes alongside JFK Dr. will soon compliment the new 6th Ave. skate park partially funded by the Music Concourse Community Partnership (MCCP) and designed and built by the Concourse Authority and the Recreation and Park Department. More bike lanes and new pedestrian paths are planned and even the name of the Arboretum has been updated to the SF Botanical Garden.

Taken together, these changes signal the rebirth of the popular east end of Golden Gate Park.

Key to these improvements is the privately-funded underground garage. Approximately 50% complete, the garage will house 800 cars previously parked on Concourse roads and throughout the Park.

Approved by the City in 2003, the underground garage design features an entrance/exit on Fulton Ave at 10th Ave and another entrance on Music Concourse Dr. at MLK Dr. City planners deemed two entrances/exits necessary to efficiently manage visitors and to balance the number of cars passing through the Richmond and Sunset neighborhoods.

In response to a court order, the Concourse Authority and the Rec./Park Commission recently approved removing some parking along MLK Dr. between Lincoln Way and Concourse Dr. and adding a dedicated lane for visitors. With three stop signs and crosswalks, narrow driving lanes, and redesigned, smaller intersections, this short, quarter-mile section of road will allow slower movement but consistent access to the heart of the Park every day of the week.

Some Sunset merchants are concerned about losing "customer parking" in Golden Gate Park. While their apprehension is understandable, 1,500,000 new visitors are expected annually when the deYoung and Academy of Sciences re-open. Many of these people will venture out of the Park to eat and shop in the Inner Sunset.

In addition, removing cars from the surface of the Park is a major goal of the renovation effort.

Change is always jarring but all indications are that everyone – neighbors, merchants, visitors and the cultural institutions – will gain from the changes in the Park. Getting to completion means keeping our eye on the prize – a restored Music Concourse that will make everyone proud.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods supports the Music Concourse projects, including an underground garage with two entrances/exits to provide for the fair and equitable division of traffic and ensure that no single neighborhood absorbs a disproportionate impact from visitors to the east end of Golden Gate Park.

...By Michael Ellzey, Executive Director of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority. Submitted by S.H.A.R.P.

JAN. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The CSFN ExComm was called to order at 7:20PM at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 26 at Northern Police Station by Chair Berkowitz. Present were: Barbara Meskunas, Judith Berkowitz, Eileen Boken, Doug Comstock, Sharon Eberhart, Bud Wilson, Evelyn Wilson, George Zaback. Absent: Steve Gruel, Dick Millet.

President's Report: Barbara Meskunas wrote a letter to the BOS Rules Cmte opposing the dissolution of the Presidio Neighborhood Representative Work Group, on which Joan Girardot serves. The School Board is looking at parcel taxes for the November ballot. Community Benefit Districts, already adopted in a couple of City neighborhoods, will be looked at.

1st Vice President's Report: Judith Berkowitz reported that North Park Neighbors have applied for CSFN membership. NPN was recommended for approval to the General Assembly. Berkowitz spoke at the Rules Cmte meeting at which the Presidio Neighborhood Representative Work Group dissolution was discussed.

2nd Vice President's Report: Eileen Boken reported that because she had been ill and could not attend the January General Assembly meeting, she had requested the text of the letters and resolutions passed at that meeting from Recording Secy Gruel. When she receives the text from him, she will write the letters.

Treasurer: Doug Comstock reported that Rincon Point Neighborhood Assn had not responded regarding fulfillment of their membership requirements; their membership is still pending.

Program: In setting the Agenda for the monthly General Assembly meetings, Berkowitz stated that two presentations on the Program part of the Agenda took too much time. Delegates leave after the Program; the Business part of the monthly meeting then suffers. Next month there will be a pro-and-con presentation regarding the ingress/egress lanes for the Park Concourse garage, and the SF-PUC will return to answer questions raised at their January presentation. Committee chairs should submit their Reports to newsletter editor Comstock in writing to save time on the Agenda. Succeeding months' Programs will try to be limited to one major presentation.

New Business: Nominating Committee. Discussion of Nominating Committee candidates brought forth four names of which three will be presented to the General Assembly at the February meeting: Doug Comstock, George Zaback, Ramona Albright. The fourth person was Mary Helen Briscoe.

We discussed the unfortunate absence of Rebecca Silverberg from our meetings. Although we do not want to replace her and wish her speedy return to us, we felt we need to look at possible names to Chair the Government & Elections Cmte should her absence continue.

The next ExComm meeting will be Feb.23.

Submitted by Judith Berkowitz,
1st Vice President

Editorial (Cont. from P. 2)

Laguna Honda for long-term care, and then go about using the money for something else altogether, and berating the taxpayers for expecting the money to be used as intended?

"The forecast for ensuring the viability of LHH.. is dismal ...if the status quo continues. A paradigm shift from institutionalization to community placement and from custodial care to rehabilitation is imperative for the culture change to occur. Furthermore, in order to meet the mission of the new facility, the culture change must occur prior to the occupancy of the new facility."

What is the new mission for the new facility? "The target population includes: (1) uninsured, indigent, and underinsured, (2) low-income and impoverished, and (3) homeless. These vulnerable populations within the target population include: low-income racial and ethnic minority persons, mentally ill, multiple diagnosed, people with chronic disease, people with disabilities, substance abusers, or persons with HIV/AIDS."

This new service delivery model, for Laguna Honda's new population, is not just an experiment for 1 or 2 wards. "The Social Rehabilitation model will be put into practice throughout the hospital's 40 care units." One unit at a time, those patients requiring long-term care will be replaced by the new target population.

It is disingenuous to argue, as Supervisor Elsbernd did, that this grant proposal is separate and distinct from the new admissions policy – the grant *facilitates* the new admissions policy.

The Board of Supervisors will be remembered for firing the first shot on behalf of the City's war on seniors by their action of February 8th approving this grant. What they did was wrong – the only question remaining is whether they knew what they were doing.

...Submitted by Barbara Meskunas, CSFN President

Meet Your San Francisco Judges, a Judicial Forum

Come hear your San Francisco judges speak on a variety of topics including, landlord/tenant, DUI, Drug Court, Traffic Issues, Domestic Violence, Civil and Criminal Court, and the "Access" Program (a program which assists non lawyers in filling out court forms when representing oneself).

Judges, Gail Dekreon, Assistant Presiding Judge David L. Ballati, Judge Julie Tang, Judge Charlene Padovani Mitchell, Judge Susan Breall, Judge Teri L. Jackson, Commissioner Frank Drago (traffic court), Cristina Llop, Director, ACCESS, will speak on each topic and members of the public will be able to ask questions and dialogue with them in this open and educational forum.

Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at the Richmond Recreation Center, 251 18th Avenue 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Watch for more information or feel free to contact Leanna M. Dawydiak at 415-807-8297 or LDawydiak@aol.com or Judge Lillian Sing at lilliansing@yahoo.com

RESOLUTION AGAINST “BROWNOUTS”

The following resolution was introduced to the delegates of the CSFN at the January 18 membership meeting. It is sponsored by the New Mission Terrace Improvement Association. We hope that Coalition can support this resolution.

‘Brownout’s is another word for the deactivation of fire engines on an intermittent basis. The fire station is not closed per se, as a fire truck or paramedic unit remains in service, but the fire engine, “the heart” of the fire fighting service is gone for twenty-four hours. This happens routinely, almost daily. On almost any given day an average of four to six fire engines are not available for fire fighting service. Of a city component of 41 fire engines this amount in a ten percent reduction of fire protection service. Supervisor Peskin says, “it’s like playing Russian roulette.” President John Hanley of the firefighters union says, “sooner or later we are going to have tragic fire in a neighborhood that is closed. It is just a matter of time”

Any reduction of the number of fire engines available for fire fighting results in an increase in fire response time. San Francisco is a city of approximately 750,000 residents. Normally, on daily basis, the population increases by an additional 250,000 workers and tourists. At the height of the tourist season the city has a population of over million persons packed in a 49 square mile area. With this type of population density, one of the highest in the country, the goal of the SFFD should be to increase, not reduce fire protection. Support this resolution; a fire station is a vital segment of any neighborhood. It is vital to the community that they remain open and fully staffed.

Resolution to end the brownouts’ of city fire stations

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department in order to cut operational costs has instituted the system of ‘Brown Outs’ in its fire suppression services.

WHEREAS, This system of ‘Brown Outs’ has resulted in the closure of four to six Firefighting Units on an almost daily basis.

WHEREAS, this reduction in Firefighting Units has the potential to seriously affect the lives and property of the citizens of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, President of the Board of Supervisors, has been quoted in the media as stating that the “Brownouts of fire stations is risky business.”

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to stop the ‘Brownouts’ of the Fire Suppression services that is currently in practice today.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department to fully staff and maintain all field firefighting units.

*Motion to stop the “brownouts” was approved at the general membership meeting of the NMTIA on 1/17/2005
...Submitted by Anthony G. Sacco, delegate, NMTIA*

A Case for Reasonable Growth

Resolution supporting the construction of an addition to the home located at 146 18th Ave.

The policy of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods has long been in support of “reasonable” growth and against growth that does not respect the size and character of the neighborhood.

The project at 146-18th Avenue is a project that is of reasonable and limited growth. An additional ground-level unit will be constructed on the rear of the existing house, and will extend back into the yard as a pop-out. It will not affect neighbors’ views or sunlight. The new unit will provide housing for seniors with special needs. Seniors with limited mobility will be able to access the upper unit by way of a “stair-lift”.

The existing two stories above the garage will increase modestly in size, approximately 70 square feet per floor. The garage area will be modified to accommodate two independently-accessible (side-by-side) parking spaces; an alteration from the tandem parking arrangement which currently exists.

At the January 18th Regular Meeting of the CSFN General Assembly, the Richmond Community Association has introduced the following resolution which will be acted upon at the forthcoming February 15th meeting:

Whereas the people of San Francisco are burdened with the worst shortage of housing in the history of the city; and

Whereas there is a need to provide housing for seniors, especially seniors with special needs; and

Whereas it is proposed that an addition be constructed to the house located at 146 Eighteenth Avenue to provide an additional dwelling unit to be occupied by the elderly parents of the homeowners; and

Whereas the Richmond Community Association supports the construction of this addition to the home located at 146 Eighteenth Avenue; and

Whereas the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods supports the construction of additional housing that contributes to the housing supply and enhances the quality of life and the character of San Francisco’s neighborhoods, now therefore, be it

Resolved the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods supports the construction of the addition to the home located at 146 Eighteenth Avenue.

Media Relations Committee Report

On January 12, the Media Relations Committee was given an orientation at the Chronicle by Readers Representative Dick Rogers. The Committee attended the editor’s morning meeting. There was also a walk thru of the offices with introductions to Open Forum Editor Lois Kazakoff, columnist Ken Garcia, writer/cable news commentator Marshall Kilduff and neighborhood issues reporter Kathleen Sullivan.

CPMC and Cathedral Hill Hotel Plans

California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) has purchased the Cathedral Hill Hotel (1101 Van Ness) & 1100 Van Ness (13,000 sq ft lot with a building built in 1913) at Van Ness & Geary.

Van Ness Neighbors has learned that CPMC is planning to construct a 21-story hospital with 5-stories of underground parking at the Cathedral Hill Hotel site. The site is currently zoned RC-4 with a 130 foot height limit.

CPMC will also propose the construction of a medical office building across the street (1100 Van Ness), connected by a tunnel under Van Ness Avenue.

Total project costs are projected at \$1.5 billion dollars.

The Cathedral Hill Hotel site lies in the A-2 redevelopment district. It also falls in SF Planning's Van Ness Corridor Plan (a plan developed to address the special needs of this state highway). The State of California will, of course, also be interested in the issue of tunnel construction under Van Ness.

The buildings are planned to use the base isolation system to address seismic safety considerations.

Mr. Robert Passmore (with the Marchese Company) has reportedly been contracted to assist CPMC in the obtaining of the various governmental approvals.

We understand that CPMC has sited their proposed facility on Van Ness for economic and market-share reasons: they need to stay competitive with the Kaiser system.

It will be interesting to see if alternatives addressed in the EIR support the CPMC assessment of the proposed siting.

It is also our understanding that the project architects and engineers are in final design and that it is hoped that the project approvals will occur in 2006.

CPMC plans to submit its institutional master plan to the Department of City Planning (DCP) later this year.

— Submitted by Charles Marsteller, VNN

FEBRUARY LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee held its regular meeting in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station on Monday February 7. Present were Jim Lew, Ellen Kernaghan, Marilyn Amini, Hiroshi Fukuda, George Zaback, Barbara Meskunas, John Bardis, and Judith Berkowitz. David Osgood of Rincon Point NA attended to ask written support of the group's position. CSFN has already taken a position on this, so we will write a letter.

Chair Berkowitz passed out copies of meeting dates for the LU&H Comte for the rest of the year: first Mondays of each month except July when it will be the first Tuesday.

She reported that she had been to a meeting called by GWPNA concerning the proposed adoption of the Bike Plan into the SF General Plan. There are some major and quite troubling changes that are made to the Transportation Element as part of the Bike Plan. At the request of President Meskunas she also attended a meeting with small business leaders to assess our common ground.

CSFN Position Paper on Land Use & Housing. Chair Berkowitz handed out a one-page list of points which may be used as a starting point for the months'-long

effort of developing a CSFN Position Paper on Land Use & Housing. We also looked at the 2001 CSFN Transportation Cmte's Position Paper for a format to use. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to brainstorming points of interest for the Position Paper.

We expect to work on this Position Paper to continue for much of the upcoming year. We are looking to complete it before work on the Housing Element begins.

All delegates, as well as members of the CSFN member organizations who are not CSFN delegates and who are not LU&H Committee members, are welcome to come to these meetings to help shape CSFN policy.

John Bardis submitted a checklist/worksheet which the 1170-1180 Green St neighbors are using in their protest of misleading information on that address' Building Permit application. This could be used as a template for other neighborhood protests.

— Submitted by Judith Berkowitz
Chair, Land Use & Housing Committee



Congratulations to Bayview Coordinating Council delegate Espanola Jackson, who received the Community Award at the SF Martin Luther King Annual Celebration. Well deserved.

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Minutes of the January 18, 2005 Regular Meeting of the CSFN Assembly

1. Call to order. President Barbara Meskunas brought the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Northern Police Station.

a. Quorum declared. Delegates and alternates represented 22 CSFN member organizations.

b. Agenda Approved.

c. Introductions.

2. Presentation by Host Organizations. Delegates Elizabeth Traub / CHA and Lee Ann Prifti / DHCA described their organizations, their objectives, history and issues.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2004 meeting. The minutes were approved after the following addition: In section 10 under Announcements, the announcement of the CSFN annual Christmas Party was included.

4. Special Presentation: Joe Caruso of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services appeared and introduced his staff of district representatives.

5. Officers' Reports:

A. President: Barbara Meskunas / BANG stated that her report was contained on pages 2 and 3 of the January 2005 newsletter wherein she discussed the "The Outrage of Laguna Honda."

B. Vice President: Judith Berkowitz / EMIA stated that her report was contained on page 7 of the January 2005 newsletter. Two new neighborhood groups have submitted applications to join the CSFN. They are the Van Ness Neighbors (VNN) and the Rincon Point Neighborhood Association (RPNA). The VNN was approved into CSFN membership while the RPNA's membership was postpone in that they were not present. The minutes of Excom meeting were approved.

C. Second Vice President: No Report.

D. Recording Secretary: No Report.

E. Treasurer: Doug Comstock / PRO SF provided a report of the 2004 Annual Dinner and reported that the CSFN has a balance of \$3,331.99. The CSFN Budget for 2005 was also provided.

F. Corresponding Secretary: No report.

6. Program: John Farrell discussed the Laguna Honda situation and the changes in demographics of the patient population, and; the SFPUC Director of Communications and staff discussed the increase in sewer service charges.

George Zaback / TPIA brought a duly seconded and approved emergency oral resolution wherein the CSFN was to address a letter to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors opposing the change of the patient population at Laguna Honda Hospital. The resolution passed (19-0-1).

7. Committee Reports:

A. Land Use & Housing: Judith Berkowitz / EMIA directed the delegates to page 7 of the CSFN January 2005 newsletter for the committee's report.

B. Media Relations: Judith Berkowitz / EMIA spoke for Eileen Boken who was absent due to illness. The Committee has met with various staff of the San Francisco Chronicle in an effort to meet members of the media.

C. Open Space Committee: Ramona Albright / TPC

& OSC provided the report of the committee. The Open Space task Force was officially approved via resolution (16-0-0) to become a standing CSFN committee. Ramona Albright and Kathy Howard introduced the following emergency resolution:

Be It Resolved that, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods supports the landmarking of the Music Concourse and its grid of trees and, furthermore, request that the Landmarks Board incorporate strict guidelines into the Landmark Ordinance for the protection of the grid of trees.

After unanimously passing as an emergency resolution, a motion to pass the resolution carried:15-0-3.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. New Business:

Evelyn Wilson / SPEAK introduced the following resolution (first as an emergency resolution and subsequently withdrawn as an emergency resolution):

Therefore Be it Resolved that, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods request that the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor intervene to stop the construction of a second entrance to the parking garage under construction in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park and to prevent the widening of Martin Luther King Drive from the Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way to provide exclusively dedicated access to this second entrance to the garage.

Tony Sacco / NMTIA introduced the following resolution:

Therefore Be it Resolved that, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to stop the brownouts of the fire suppression services that is currently in practice today.

Therefore Be it Further Resolved that Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department be instructed to fully staff all field firefighting units.

Hiroshi Fukuda /RCA introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods supports the construction of the addition to the home located at 146 Eighteenth Avenue.

10. Announcements: Marilyn Amini mentioned the issues involving the Bicycle Plan.

11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

...Steven Gruel, Recording Secretary, GGHNA

School Board Looks at Sunshine!

The Sunshine Task Force's work with the City College leadership may provide the map that will be used to adapt the School Board's policies as well as we enter into a new era of sunshine in our city's state agencies brought on by the passage of Prop. 59.

At the first meeting of the School Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Sunshine Chair, Mark Sanchez, seemed inclined to schedule a work group with SOTF Committee members and key staff at the School Board. A roundtable discussion with City College leaders had been the most effective method for sorting out the issues and moving an agreement forward. Bringing sunshine to other areas of government is a part of the mission of the Sunshine Task Force.

Next Meeting

TUESDAY
February
15th

PUC Returns with Answers
Concourse Garage Debate

ACTION ITEMS:
Concourse Garage Vote
Fire Station Brownouts
146 18th Ave.

COALITION FOR SAN FRANCISCO
NEIGHBORHOODS

Agenda

General Assembly Meeting

February 15, 2005

- 6:30 I. Sign In and Refreshments**
 - 7:00 II. Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum**
 - A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests**
 - B. Presentation of Host Organizations:**
 - 1. East Mission Improvement Assn – EMIA**
 - 2. Russian Hill Improvement Assn – RHIA**
 - 7:15 III. Approval of January Minutes**
 - 7:20 IV. Officers' Reports**
 - A. President**
 - B. Vice Presidents**
 - C. Secretaries**
 - D. Treasurer**
- (All Committee reports are requested in writing for this meeting.)**
- 7:30 Program.**
 - A. SFPUC returns with answers**
 - B. Ingress/egress lanes for Concourse garage.**
 - Michael Ellzey, Ex. Director Concourse Authority. (8:20–9:00)**
 - C. Resolutions from SPEAK and SHARP)**
 - 9:00 V. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Resolution re Fire Dept. Staffing (NMTIA)**
 - B. Resolution the home located at 146 18th Ave.**
 - VI. New Business**
 - A. Nominating Committee**
 - VIII. Announcements**
 - 10:00 IX. Adjournment**