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SAVING SAINT LUKE'S

St. Luke's was founded in 1871 by the Episcopal Church. Our mission, held up until recently, was to render care to all who came through its doors, "limited only by its means." Its means became limited in the 80's, with declining MediCal and Medicare reimbursements, as well as the increasing numbers of mentally ill and/or homeless on the street.

By the 90's St Luke's was clearly in trouble, with the lack of basic supplies to do our jobs as well as bouncing paychecks. By the end of that decade, the then administrator of St. Luke's had won a lawsuit against CPMC, and Sutter took us over.

For a while, things looked better. When it became apparent that there was no real intent to revitalize St Luke's, it was turned over to CPMC for closure. This is where an incredible story begins: A small but very focused group of doctors and nurses began the process of "saving St. Luke's." We have had our share of successes, but are continuing in the process of community education and support.

Should St Luke's close, the real losers would be the residents of the Mission and Hunter's Point districts, indeed residents city-wide! If these culturally sensitive areas are further challenged by the lack of basic health care services in their communities, it will affect all of us. We cannot afford to let this happen. With your support and will, we can continue to keep the process of preventing the closure of St. Luke's in the spotlight. And I believe we will succeed.

...Mary Michelucci (submitted by Steven R. Currier(OMRA)

On behalf of the Outer Mission Residents Association (OMRA) and its Executive Board, and as its president, I want to express our concerns with the possible closure of certain departments at St. Luke's Hospital.

To give you a little history, I was a Board member of the St. Luke's Foundation for seven years. OMRA represents the Crocker Amazon, Excelsior, and Outer Mission Districts in San Francisco, and we oppose any and all closures of the acute care facilities, neo-natal care facilities, any portion of the emergency room, and any portion of the ninth and tenth floor of the hospital.

The CPMC Board of Directors President's disregard for the low income, the disenfranchised, and the immigrant community is an insult to this community and to those who serve this community. As I know from being part of St. Luke's and the Sutter Group for many years, St. Luke's

Hospital cares for more of these people in their "charity care program" than any other hospital in the Bay Area except for S.F. General Hospital. It is also insulting to many members of OMRA that were either born at St Luke's, been treated there, or use this hospital for many emergency services, neo-natal services, cardiovascular services, and therapy services.

The Board's arrogance in this matter is quite demeaning to this community and it slaps the other cheek of those very people that need these services.

We and OMRA urge you to join Supervisor Michela Aliotta-Pier in addressing persons to join the "Blue Ribbon Panel" to look at ways to keep all aspects of St. Luke's Hospital, the oldest hospital in San Francisco, open to the southernmost area of the City. As a former Foundation Board Member, I urge you to reject closure of any kind to any aspect at St. Luke's Hospital.

The CPMC Board president has not taken the initiative or responded to the invitation to speak to the neighbors or St. Luke's constituents or patients. We urge the Board, CPMC, and Sutter do the right thing!

RESOLUTION

Keep All St. Luke's Hospital Open!

Whereas, St. Luke's Hospital is the oldest continuously run hospital in San Francisco, built in San Francisco at its present location in 1871; and

Whereas, St. Luke's Hospital's mission is critical in serving communities in the southern and southeastern neighborhoods of San Francisco and should continue to serve these communities; and

Whereas, St. Luke's mission is critical in serving its constituents and patients who are unable to afford medical insurance and constitutes the largest hospital in San Francisco, besides San Francisco General Hospital, in treating "Charity Care Cases" when needed; therefore be it

Resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges CPMC and Sutter Health keep all aspects, including the Acute Care Facilities, the Emergency Room, and the Ninth and Tenth Floor open and staffed to its fullest capacity to continue its critical and most needed of services to the most destitute and those in need in the southern and southeastern neighborhoods in San Francisco.

...Steven R. Currier (OMRA)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bringing your Issue to CSFN

With so many new organizations coming into CSFN and as a refresher for everyone, it is helpful to review how member organizations bring their issues to CSFN and what happens after we consider them.

A resolution is a formal way to consider issues. After identifying your organization's issue, craft a statement or resolution stating the problem and the action you want CSFN to take. Our parliamentarian, Evelyn Wilson, wrote about this in the November 2006 CSFN Newsletter, available online at www.csfm.net

There are two ways an issue can come to CSFN:

First, if a resolution which has passed your organization is relevant to the CSFN mission and may benefit from a vote by CSFN, briefly introduce your issue and resolution at a CSFN meeting under the Agenda's "New Business."

Before the next month's meeting you can expand on the issue in an article for the CSFN newsletter. This article and the resolution will be printed in the following month's newsletter. A recent example is by FHCA on page 3 of the January 2008 newsletter, online at www.csfm.net.

Second, regarding issues that come up suddenly where a CSFN vote on an issue is needed within a month, you may submit the article and resolution to the newsletter immediately before the meeting without having been introduced at the meeting the month before.

In either case, speak with the president before the meeting. The president needs to arrange with the vice-president for the meeting agenda to provide the time to present the issue, have a discussion, and take the vote. The vice-president also must ensure that the agenda includes your item before submitting it to the newsletter.

Bring 35–40 copies of the resolution on your organization's letterhead to the CSFN General Assembly meeting. At the General Assembly meeting, after you have explained the issue and taken questions from delegates, the delegates vote. Should CSFN adopt the resolution, it goes to the 2nd Vice President, who will write a standard "form" letter on CSFN letterhead (unless you provide a specially tailored letter). Attached will be the full text of the resolution. The 2nd VP will need a list from you of persons/offices to whom the letter should be addressed and will then give the letter back to you for distribution to the intended recipients.

Should there be a BOS hearing on the matter, it is up to you to notify the president as to the time and place it will be held. The president (or VP) will attend the hearing and present CSFN's official position.

...*Judith Berkowitz (EMIA)*

Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee met January 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Executive Committee meeting. Present were Evelyn Wilson, Tony Sacco, and Judith Berkowitz. Ramona Albright was absent (excused).

The committee considered and approved amendments to three sections of the bylaws:

- 1.) Eligibility to be a candidate for office,
- 2.) Attendance for executive committee meetings, and
- 3.) Vacancies in office.

The following amendments were approved for presentation to the membership, with adoption at the March meeting:

- 1.) Current Bylaws read as follows:

Article VI, Elections, Sec. A. Eligibility for office. Only those delegates or alternates duly representing member organizations in good standing, and who have attended at least six meeting within the twelve months prior to the nomination, shall be eligible to run for office. Eligibility must be confirmed by written signature in the attendance log. Signature of either the delegate and/or the alternate will qualify for the minimum mandatory six meetings.

Amend by striking out the first sentence and inserting: "Only those delegates or alternates duly representing member organizations in good standing, and whose organization has been represented at no fewer than six meetings within the last twelve months including the April meeting preceding the May election prior to the nomination, shall be eligible to run for office." The balance of the text remains the same.

- 2.) Current Bylaws read as follows:

Article V, Executive Committee, Sec. D. All members of the Executive Committee have the responsibility to attend meetings unless excused by the chair. Three consecutive unexcused absences will constitute grounds for removal from office.

Amend by striking out
"will constitute grounds for removal from office"
and inserting
"will result in vacating that office."

- 3.) Current Bylaws read as follows:

Article VI, Sec. D. Vacancies. A vacancy shall be filled by a special election held two meetings after the announcement of the vacancy has been published in the newsletter. The Executive Committee shall appoint a representative to fill the vacancy for the interim.

Amend by striking out the whole section and inserting, "The President may appoint a member to fill a vacancy with approval of the Executive Committee."

The first amendment restores a former provision, and is necessary to enable the nominating committee a broader field of eligible candidates.

The second and third amendments are to insure full participation of Executive Committee members and facilitate filling vacancies.

...*Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) Chair*

Formula Retail: Draconian Proposal

Supervisor Tom Ammiano has proposed a draconian ban on Formula Retail businesses on over 10 miles of commercial streets in the Mission District and Bernal Heights. To date, no outreach to any merchant group or neighborhood association has been made.

East Mission Improvement Assn feels that the Conditional Use currently used city-wide is sufficient, and no special restrictions should be invoked.

In 2006, SF passed Prop G, which requires all chain stores that want to open up in San Francisco to go through a special permitting process that involves a public hearing at the Planning Commission and allows any permit issued to be appealed and voted on by the Board of Supervisors.

EMIA also recalled the economic disaster which occurred when the large chain stores of Sears and Hale's left the Mission. These historically strong chains (Hale's and Sears) anchored the "Mission Miracle Mile." When they left, there was no longer a "magnet store" to pull customers in to the area and the smaller stores suffered, and continue to suffer to this day.

Without the prospect to attract these larger, more stable players, it has been problematic to find adaptive re-use for many key buildings that were previously utilized as movie theaters, furniture stores, factories and warehouses on important corridors of the Mission.

Without the appropriate "Retail Mix" of larger and smaller retailers for shopping areas, they cannot remain vibrant.

Conventional wisdom in the retail trade indicates that 20 to 25% of a "Retail Mix" should be regional/national anchor-type tenants. The Formula Retail in these mixes actually helps the smaller businesses.

Less than 10% of the businesses on Mission Street between 19th and 29th Street qualifies as Formula Retail. Vacancies increase the further away from the Formula Retail businesses that are established.

A problem is that people understand what "ban" means, but few understand what "conditional use" is, so when asked if they want to ban chain stores, they say "yes" without thinking it through and understanding the consequences.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Land Use & Housing • Monday 5:30 pm March 10 • Northern Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • ninersam@aol.com • 386-2632
Gov't & Elections • Chair Melinda LaValle • melindalavalle@aol.com
Bylaws • Chair Evelyn Wilson • evelynwilsregparl@earthlink.net • 566-7826
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This ban would apply to *all* Formula Retail, not just the big box Wal-marts that the ban's proponents are fond of invoking. This ban would apply to the *Books Inc* and the *SF Soup Companies* of the retail market as well. The ceiling for the term "Formula Retail" is only 11 stores worldwide. Successful small local businesses would be punished for being successful.

Not only does this negate neighborhood self-determination, but this proposal would kill retail in a huge area of the City.

Resolution: Oppose Ban on Formula Retail

Whereas, Formula Retail is important to the healthy "Retail Mix" of commercial tenants; and

Whereas, Formula Retail provides a "magnet store" for increased foot traffic; and

Whereas, no outreach was made; and

Whereas, Conditional Use procedures already are sufficient to control chain stores; therefore be it

Resolved, CSFN opposes the proposed ban on Formula Retail.

...Judith Berkowitz (EMIA)

UCSF Mission Bay Planning

The 8th and final "Community Task Force Meeting" met January 30th to assist finalization of a set of principles to guide the University when expanding in the Central Waterfront, Mission District, Showplace Square, Potrero Hill, East SOMA and Western SOMA planning areas of San Francisco. These principles were developed by University Staff and coordinated through a series of eight "Task Force" meetings over the past 12 months with representatives from neighboring communities. These principles will be presented to the UC Board of Regents this spring for final approval. An outline of subjects covered follows:

- A. Overarching Principles
 1. Cushioning of Impacts
 2. Community Consultation
 3. Fair Share Funding
 4. Community Involvement Mechanism
- B. Amenities and Services/Public Safety
- C. Building Design
- D. Community
- E. Environmental Planning and Safety
- F. Housing
- G. Human Resources and Economic Improvement
- H. Land Use
- I. Transportation

Anyone wishing to read the final draft may email Milt Gaines at: miltgaines@comcast.net for a copy.

...Milt Gaines, EMIA Representative to the UCSF Mission Bay Community Task Force

Executive Committee Report

January 23rd, 2008

The CSFN ExCom was called to order at 7:03PM at Northern Police Station by Chair Gary Noguera. Present were ExCom members Berkowitz, Noguera, Millet, Wilson, Lew, Girardot, Clark and Cauthen. Mahan was unexcused absent. There was a quorum. Guests were Tony Sacco, and Catherine Liddell [see 1st VP report below].

Reports: President Berkowitz advised that she attended the Board of Appeals hearing about the proposed Home Depot on Bayshore. The Board approved the project by voting 3-1 against the appeal [meaning that the store will be built]. Stay tuned, as the case will be reheard on another issue, so the final-final outcome is still not known. Pres. Berkowitz also attended the Mayor's inauguration and party where she made and renewed many contacts.

1st VP Noguera: Did not in fact apply to serve on the SFCMTA as previously stated and intended, but continues to serve on the TEP CAC. I did additional outreach to non-member organizations to have them join. I feel that we should start a task force/committee to focus on this important issue. Catherine Liddell of South Beach-Mission Bay-Rincon Hill Neighborhood Assn attended ExCom to begin the membership application process. We will consider their application once their proposed bylaws are presented and approved to their membership base, and until geographical boundaries are firmly established. I am holding their check and application.

2nd VP Clark: Reported that DBI is interested in presenting to the GA. We will try to schedule for March/April.

Treasurer Lew: Focused on Holiday funding raiser. 136 dinners were served, and that along with donations, sponsorships etc. made for a profitable event.

Secretary Millet has the revised minutes from the Oct GA meeting ready. New correspondence is up to date.

Program for February: Dept of Building Inspection (DBI), with a backup of St Luke's Potentially Closing/Changing Focus

New Business: Tony Sacco suggested that we have speakers come and explain the future plans for St. Luke's Hospital.

Per the CSFN bylaws, ExCom discussed the formation of the annual Nominating Committee, which is required to be done at this time of year. ExCom recommends that the committee be comprised of Gerry Crowley [THD], Barbara Austin [FHCA], and Rae Doyle [GWPNA] and therefore sends these names to the GA for consideration at the Feb meeting.

The January ExCom meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

The next ExComm meeting will be Feb 26th at 7:00 PM at Northern Station.

...Gary Noguera (MPIC) Chair

Production Editor Wanted

As of June, 2008, Mary Helen Briscoe, newsletter production editor, will no longer be producing the newsletter. Please consider applying for this job with President Berkowitz.

LU&H Committee Report

February 11, 2008 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Chair Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:47 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station on Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the following:

1. Market Octavia Area Plan: Supervisor Mirkarimi's amendment decreases parking requirement back to the original proposal, from bad to worse. Supervisor McGoldrick's amendment was for new projects of 10 units or more to provide 30% 2 bedrooms, and new, 10% of 3 bedroom units for larger families. Market Octavia Area Plan to be continued until February 25, 2008.

2. Parkmerced Vision plan presented by Aaron Goodman. Very informative and problems appear to be very similar to Better Neighborhood Plans in other parts of the city, with additional problems with SFSU and new owners of Parkmerced.

3. Japantown Better Neighborhood Area Plan. Many questions remain in regards to the city owned parking garage which must be renovated or demolished. New owners want to demolish Japan Center Mall and close it for three years. Community needs to be better informed of the new owner's plans.

4. Judith Berkowitz: • Public comment is now closed and the last hearing was held at the Planning Commission on Eastern Neighborhood Plan which includes the four Area plans, Mission, Showplace Square/Potrero Hill, Central Waterfront, East SoMa. • Planning Department announced a Mission Street Upgrade, need to follow. • Supervisor Ammiano proposes a ban on Formula Retail on all major commercial streets in the Mission District and Bernal Heights: Mission, Valencia, 24th and Cortland Streets. MEDA proposed this ban. East Mission Improvement Association (EMIA) resolution: **RESOLVED:** CSFN does not support a ban on formula retail. The existing Conditional Use is restrictive enough.

5. John Bardis presented the following: **RESOLVED,** The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods strongly urges the Land Use and Economic Development Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to:

- 1) distribute immediately copies of the proposed citywide economic development plan for San Francisco titled "Sustaining Our Prosperity: The San Francisco Economic Strategy" to the public and most especially to the neighborhood organizations of San Francisco, and
- 2) postpone for a minimum of sixty days any action on the proposed plan in order to allow neighborhood organizations and the general public the opportunity to review, evaluate, and respond to the proposed economic development plan.

The next regular meeting of the LU&H Committee will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

Japantown Mall & Garage To Close for 3 Years

Many questions remain unanswered!

Stephen Engblom, the representative for 3D, the new owners of the Japantown Mall, informed the Japantown Better Neighborhood Area Plan Steering Committee that there are only two plans which are viable because the Peace Plaza configuration must be retained or only slightly changed. To drastically change the configuration would require a ballot measure. The plans for a new mall will require the Japantown Mall and garage to be closed for three years. Please note that the underground parking lot is owned by the City, and I think three years is optimistic with the city paying for the garage demolition and construction. Also, it is difficult to see the City spending millions of dollars for the benefit of a private developer to construct market rate condos above commercial. The plans will not allow for phasing to allow the merchants to remain in business during the construction. This is interesting because Ken Rich, the senior City Planner for Japantown Better Neighborhood Area Plan, stated at the Community meeting on December 1, 2007 that what happens to the merchants is just as important as the plan itself. Now what?

Another problem is the height of the project surrounding the Peace Plaza, a designated "open space" area. The open space area must be shadow free for a portion of the day. The base plan with 70 condos and 2 floors of retail can be 50 feet high, and the Roji plan with 210 condos above retail can be 80 feet high surrounding the Peace Plaza. Shadow studies need to be completed.

Mr. Engblom stated the mall is old and the floor plan not ideal for a modern mall. He stated 3D can upgrade the mall now or in 10-15 years.

Why do it now?

1. This will allow the owners to realize a big profit now.
2. This will give the architect and construction business a big job.
3. The demolition and construction of a new garage will eliminate the needed repairs.
4. This will allow the Planning Department to continue to densify and Manhattanize San Francisco.
5. The City gets big tax increase.

Why not do it now?

1. The mall needs a minor renovation not a complete demolition.
2. Many of the merchants will not be able to find another location in Japantown
3. Many of the other merchants will close because their customers will not be able to find parking.
4. The lease cost for the merchants in the new Mall will surely be MUCH more than the present lease. The new merchants will probably be very upscale and not related to the community i.e. Upper Filmore Street/Pacific Heights.

The comments I hear from our seniors is "they should wait 10 to 15 years until I am gone." I view it similar to elective

surgery, if your surgery can wait 10 to 15 years why would you do it now? Why fix it when it isn't broken?!

The Planning Department and the City seems to forget that the Japantown Mall area is in the redevelopment area, and that people were evicted from their homes or apartments. The area should benefit the community and not a developer. Any demolition and closure should be done only when absolutely necessary. The Japantown Bowl is a perfect example of the ridiculous nature of the Redevelopment Agency and City. We cannot allow another developer to profit at community expense.

...*Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA)*



Landscaping Legislation

I am happy to announce that we are making progress in the fight against one of the worst scourges in San Francisco: residents paving over their beautiful front yards with concrete so they can park their cars. Neighborhoods across San Francisco are in danger of become concrete jungles. The cars leave oily stains where we once had flowers, trees and ornamental shrubbery.

The problem is much more than just an aesthetic concern. When rain does not drain into the ground, the natural aquifers under San Francisco cannot replenish themselves. The soil then settles and can damage the foundation of homes and buildings. We also use the aquifers in emergencies, for municipal golf courses, for the zoo, and for Golden Gate Park.

The quality of San Francisco Bay water and ocean water is also diminished. San Francisco has a combined sewer system. We process brown water and storm runoff. When it is not raining, there is plenty of capacity so everything gets cleaned and returned to the environment. But when it rains, sometimes there is not enough capacity and sewage mixed with rainwater can be discharged into the ocean. When people pave over their front yards, all the water runs into the sewers and we cannot process it all.

To fix the problem, I authored legislation in 2002 that made it illegal to pave over front yards. A broad coalition of neighborhood groups including CSFN and every member of the Board of Supervisors supported the ordinance. But scofflaws have continued to tear up their front yards. To correct this, I recently introduced legislation that allows the Planning Department to fine persons who violate the Planning Code in this manner, including the front-yard set back requirement. If you see someone starting to dig up their front lawn, tell them it is against City law, and if necessary call your district Supervisor so we can get the right people out to your block. Together, we can keep San Francisco beautiful and healthy.

...*Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval, (submitted by Judith Berkowitz (EMIA))*

CSFN Draft Minutes General Assembly Meeting January 15, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Pres. Judith Berkowitz at 7:03 pm at Northern Police Station, Tuesday, 15 JANUARY 2008 with introduction of Delegates and Guests. **QUORUM ASCERTAINED:** 21 organizations and 12+ guests attending. **PRESENTATION by HOST ORGANIZATIONS:** Diamond Heights Community Ass'n. (DHCA) and Dolores Heights Improvement Club (DHIC) provided the refreshments.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- **PRESIDENT**, Judith Berkowitz (EMIA): p 2 of January '08 Newsletter.
- **1st VICE PREZ**, Gary Noguera (MPIC): see X-Com Report, p 4 of January 08 Newsletter. This is the **NEW YEAR:** Please remember to renew your organization's membership!
- **2nd VICE PREZ**, Penelope Clark (RHN): "No Report."
- **RECORDING SEC'Y**, Position "still OPEN". 20 November General Meeting Minutes, p 6 of JANUARY '08 Newsletter, corrected as follows: **WATER TASK FORCE** delete "reference to **Francisco Reservoir in the Open Space Report**" of 1st paragraph. Correct "2) to read "Mayor's PUC transparency committee met, Water Sales Contracts **provide for sale** of 184 gal/day to suburbs, they want 209M gal/day." **APPROVED** by verbal vote
- **TREASURER**, Jim Lew (NBN): "No Report"
- **CORRESPONDING SEC'Y**, Dick Millet (PBNA): Correspondence **BINDER** available at side table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**, Gary Noguera (MPIC) chair: page 4, January 08 Newsletter.
- **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**, Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) chair: Committee to meet tomorrow, Wednesday 16 January at 6:00pm at the Northern Police Station.
- **LAND USE & HOUSING COMMITTEE**, Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) chair: There was no December meeting, see p 4 January 08 Newsletter for January meeting reports. Also article on p 5 "Challenge the Market-Octavia Plan!"
- **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**: Gary Noguera (MPIC) chair: No Report.
- **GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**: Melinda LaValle (CHNA) chair: See January Newsletter p 4 and 5, and this Draft Minutes report of the Program (below)
- **WATER TASK FORCE**, Joan Girardot (MCIPOA) chair: Harrington's appointment as replacement of Susan Leal. The Mayor's announced "Green Plans" helping finance 3-5,000 homeowners with solar panels installation, funded by sale of Hetch Hetchy bonds was adopted by the Board of Supes. Rate Payer Advocate legislation by Alioto/Pier has been held back. Plans to meet with Judge to try to find a way to give the Rate Payer Advocate the same punch/input as the PUC, Meeting date to be set.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION on ROSSI PARK/SYNTHETIC TURF: see p 3, January '08 article "Prop A & Synthetic Turf" (FHCA). "**Resolved** that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods oppose the Recreation and Parks Department's proposal to transform Rossi Park into an athletic facility, thus changing the very nature of the park;

and, urge the City provide appropriate maintenance to preserve Rossi Park as a natural grass park that will ensure activities appropriate to children and neighbors during daylight hours only, and safeguard the environment for the well-being of the community." (FHCA) Moved (Sacco), 2nd, **PASSED (12-1-5) Roll Call vote.**

PROGRAM: Melinda LaValle (CHNA) Chair, Government & Elections Committee. Measures on the February 2008 Ballot.

BALLOT PROPOSITION "A". \$117.4 M PARK Jim Lazarus, Rec & Park Commissioner spoke in support the Bond is for a 10 year capital improvement program, he also assures us that Rec & Park will NOT FORCE artificial turf on any neighborhood park, its installation (or not) will be on a case by case basis. **Moved Corinne Woods (MCHA), 2nd, FAILED (10-5-3) by paper vote.** Needed 12 votes to pass, therefore, **CSFN takes "No Position".**

BALLOT PROPOSITION "B", DEFERRED RETIREMENT (Police) OPTION PROGRAM, (DROP) Allows Police over 50 years old with a minimum of 25 years service to retire and continue working as an Officer receiving regular pay and benefits for no longer than 3 years. Steve Johnson, SF Police Officers Assoc. spoke in support. Q&A and discussion. **Moved that CSFN support Prop. B, 2nd, PASSED (14-1-3) by paper vote.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: • **Eastern Neighborhood Rezoning & Area Plans** are available for review, comments due 30 January 2008. Corinne Woods (MCHA). **ADJOURNMENT:** 9:40pm

...Dick Millet (PBNA) Acting Recording Secretary

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G & E Committee Report

After hearing speakers for Prop A and Prop B for the February 5th ballot, the General Assembly voted to support Prop B.

Because we did not reach the required number of "Yes" votes to support Prop A, we did not take a position for or against.

...Melinda LaValle (CHNA) Chair

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City Budget Workshop

Learn about proposed budget cuts and help ensure that city policy makers don't balance the budget on the backs of families and home owners!

The Coleman Community Academy is offering a one-day budget advocacy intensive training on **Friday, February 29, 9am-3pm at 459 Vienna St. Floor 2A.**

Pre-Registration is required. **For more information contact Chelsea at (415)239-0161x19 or cboilard@colemanadvocates.org.**

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Happy Birthday, Espanola!

Not too many people can state with a straight face that they have fought for the community and won the respect of one and all. Espanola Jackson has touched all segments of San Francisco and has done the Bayview Hunters Point proud. Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the celebration of her 75th birthday, she was honored by many organizations and people from all walks of life. The SF Human Rights Commission, the Free Lunch Program, the Southeast Commission and the Southeast Facility, the Domestic Partners Legislation, the Earth Day celebration first held in Bayview Hunters Point, and the Executive Park Advisory Committee were among the organizations founded, co-founded or supported by her.

Bishop Ernest Jackson and First Lady Doris Jackson hosted the celebration at the Grace Tabernacle Community Church at Ingalls and Oakdale Avenue where many eloquent speakers had many good things to say and where her six children, 22 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, and one great, great-grandchild were in attendance.

Espanola Jackson is an icon recognized by the last six mayors of San Francisco and is listened to at City Hall. It is difficult to find good leaders that stand by the people to do right today but all these years she has her heart in the right place.

...Francisco Da Costa (BHPCC)

Meet the Moderates

2008 will be a watershed year for San Francisco politics, as four contended seats on the Board of Supervisors — for Districts 1, 3, 9, and 11 — are up for election. Each seat has been occupied by the same Board member for at least the past eight years — in one case, the outgoing member has been a Supervisor for 14 years.

The large turnover means that San Francisco has a tremendous opportunity to make a fresh start this year with new ideas, new visions, and hopefully, a new spirit of cooperation that will improve the quality of life for all San Franciscans. The new Supervisors will take office in January 2009.

Plan C is sponsoring “Meet the Moderates,” an opportunity to meet and hear from moderate candidates who will be running in all four districts this year.

When: February 20, 6-8 PM

Where: St Mary’s Cathedral on Gough/Geary, Room C

Please join us to hear from these talented and committed individuals who are dedicating themselves to improving our City!

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Fair Oaks Community Coalition
Forest Knolls Neighborhood Org
Friends of the Music Concourse
Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn
Greater Geary Blvd Merchants & Property Owners Assn
Laurel Heights Improvement Assn
Miraloma Park Improvement Club
New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn
North Beach Neighbors
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March	• Ewing Terrace Neigh Assn — ETNA • Excelsior District Improvement Assn — EDIA
April	• Forest Knolls Neigh Assn — FKNO • Francisco Heights Civic Assn — FHCA

AGENDA

General Assembly Meeting
February 19, 2008

- 6:30 I. Sign In and Refreshments
- 7:00 II. Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum
 - A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests / Short Announcements
 - B. Hosts
 - 1. East Mission Improvement Assn —EMIA
 - 2. Bayview Hunters Pt Coord Council —BVHPCC
- 7:15 III. Approval of October and January Minutes
- 7:20 IV. Officers' Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-Presidents'
 - C. Secretaries
 - D. Treasurer
- 7:30 V. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter
 - A. Land Use & Housing
 - B. Open Space
 - C. Water Task Force
 - D. Transportation
 - E. Government & Elections
 - F. Bylaws
- 7:45 VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. None
- 7:45 VII. New Business
 - A. Reso to oppose proposed ban on Formula Retail
 - B. Reso to keep St Luke's Hospital open
 - C. Election of Nominating Committee
- 8:00 VIII. Program: St Luke's Hospital Future
 - Speakers: Mary Michelucci, Catherine Stefani
- 9:00 IX. Adjournment

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