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Membership OKs New Bylaws

At the September general meeting, the membership approved revisions to the EVPA Bylaws. The bylaws revisions had been in the works for almost six months as the Internal Affairs Committee wrestled with how to update the governance of the organization. Last revised in 1975, the Bylaws and organization practice had diverged. Membership approved by more than the required 2/3 majority key elements such as:

- Clarified types of memberships.
- Specified duties of officers.
- Established a nominating committee.
- Required an annual budget.
- Updated the committee structure.
- Standardized the order of business in general meetings.

The board of directors previously had reviewed the revisions and unanimously recommended its approval. A copy of the revised bylaws can be viewed online at www.EVPA.org

WFB Modifies New ATM Entrance.

Responding to concerns expressed at the September meeting, representatives of Wells Fargo Bank have modified the design of the ATM entrance that will be part of the new bank in the former Headlines space. The prior design placed the outside ATMs in a significantly recessed area, partially enclosed by a railing. After reviewing the sketch, members felt the partially enclosed area would become a haven for overnight sleeping and easily littered. The new ATM design brings the ATMs closer to the sidewalk and eliminates the partial railing. EVPA thanks WFB for being responsive to neighborhood concerns and welcomes the new bank location, scheduled to open in January 2002. WFB is keeping its ATM location at Market and Noe, as well as at Safeway.



The neighborhood turned out in force at the annual Castro Street Fair on October 7th. Beer, food, music and people watching ruled the day.

Booo!

It's Almost Halloween in the Castro.

The Castro's unofficial Halloween party returns on Wednesday, October 31. The San Francisco Police Department will have heavy coverage in the area. If you're not celebrating in the streets, here is some advice on surviving the event from SFPD beat officer Debra Erday:

- Begin the evening with an attitude of "high tolerance" for nuisance violations such as noise or public urination. Officers are focusing on preventing, controlling and stopping bodily injuries.
- Close and lock yard gates, all windows, and doors.
- Stay up later than usual, if you can, to avoid the irritation of being unable to sleep because of noise.
- Call the police non-emergency number at 553-0123 to report nuisance violations and call 911 to report crimes. You also may approach one of the many officers who will be working in teams that evening and ask directly for assistance.
- Plan on making November 1 a "fall cleaning day" for your sidewalk with sweeping or hosing off. If you intend to have your sidewalk frontage cleaned that day, the fact that it needs it will be less irritating. City street cleaners also will be out.

New Gay Men's Health Center Gets Mixed Reception.

Membership response to the new Gay Men's Health Center was mixed at the September meeting. Steven Tierney, Director of HIV Prevention Programs for the City, outlined plans for a health facility with a 'sex positive' atmosphere that includes internet access. The facility's mission statement says it "is designed to reduce transmission of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV, by providing an alternative place for gay and bisexual men to connect with sexual health information; HIV and STD testing, counseling and each other, both online and off." The concept is based, in part, on the "WeHo Lounge" that opened in West Hollywood, California in 1997 in the middle of the gay nightlife area. That facility closed this summer for remodeling to convert it into a thrift resale store that will reduce the size of the coffee lounge but continue offering testing services.

Tierney cited the increase in new HIV cases in San Francisco as evidence that the new facility and its unusual form of outreach is needed, especially among men who meet sexual partners in real life after meeting them online. The internet access is the "hook" Tierney says to get people in the facility so they can be exposed to sexual health information and clinical testing.

Additional elements may include digital photos for emailing, popular software applications, meeting rooms for nonprofits, and pay phones. Hours have not been set, although the clinic hopes to leverage its location by popular bars to increase evening and night use.

While wholeheartedly supporting HIV prevention, several members asked how the facility intends to transition a computer user into someone who takes a HIV test. Others expressed concern the facility may become a "hang out" space near a corner where loitering, inebriation and drug dealing already are the subject of complaints. Tierney says the group now is conducting focus group research and will be better able to answer these questions once the research is completed. Planning on the facility continues a twice a month meetings in which EVPA members and the public may attend. If you are interested in being on the online mailing list for information on this project, send a note to DebLevine@hotmail.com or send questions to steven_tierney@dph.sf.ca.us

The new center will be in the former Stadlander's Pharmacy at 4122 18th Street near Collingwood. Tierney agreed to return for more discussion after

Battle of the Presido Plans

What will become of the Presido National Park? Two groups are engaged in fierce debate over how the huge park space should become financially self-sufficient as mandated by Congress.

The Presidio Trust is the official group charged with shaping the Park's development and use. Contesting that group's proposal is Friends of the Presidio National Park, which asserts the Trust's plan allows too much development, and of the wrong kind. The disagreement reaches its climax October 25th; the last day of public comment on the proposals will be taken. Both groups will be at EVPA's October 18 meeting to make brief presentations. View the competing proposals at www.presidiotrust.org and www.friendsofthePresidioNationalPark.org and then come to the meeting with your questions.

Quality-of-Life Initiative Working. But your help needed now!

Slowly but surely the quality-of-life initiative undertaken by EVPA, in cooperation with other organizations, is making progress. Supervisor Leno has asked the Board to approve research on the following in order of priority: (1) Assess the cost of additional steam cleaning of sidewalks for the Castro area; (2) Assess the cost of additional street cleaning for the Castro Area; (3) Assess the cost of additional graffiti removal for the Castro Area; (4) Analyze reporting process by special patrols to the Police Department to consider possibility of clerical workers completing paper work to allow patrols to be on the street rather than filling out paper work. Special Patrol officers have reported a great deal of their time is spent filling out paper work that they believe could be done by clerical workers; (5) Assess the cost of providing additional special patrols for the Castro Area; (6) Assess the cost of providing Health Department crisis intervention outreach workers to the Castro Area; and (7) Assess the cost of providing additional lighting for Harvey Milk Plaza.

At its October 1 meeting, the Board 'continued' the motion because some supervisors felt it was "too district focused."

EVPA urges everyone to write or email all of the Board of Supervisors to express support for this study of costs. The phone numbers and email addresses for the Supervisors are in the *Research!* section of www.evpa.org.

General Meeting Minutes Sept. 20, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Minutes from the previous two meetings were approved. The agenda was approved without debate.

The proposed changes to the EVPA bylaws were presented by the Internal Affairs Committee. After some discussion and amending of the proposed changes, the changes were voted on and adopted as amended.

Wells Fargo had revised their original external ATM design and an artist's rendering of the new version was passed around. The new version was approved by the membership.

The proposed tenant at the Statlander's Pharmacy, a sort of sex information/internet access provider gave a presentation. This proposal has gone through many changes, and the presenters assured EVPA that the business would not be a café nor would it offer or sell any food or drink at all, except for private occasions. While the presenters were quick to explain what the business would **not** be, exactly what it would be was unclear to your humble Reporting Secretary. It appears evident to your humble Recording Secretary that most people already know how to have sex, therefore information regarding sex would be unnecessary.

A PCS Antenna installation on the "tower" of the firehouse on Sanchez Street was approved with the suggestion that the company attempt to have the proceeds from that installation and rental of the space be earmarked for the firehouse itself. There was no new business. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

America: Open for Business

September 11th brought travel to a halt and squelched local appetite for routine shopping. Neighborhood businesses have felt the pinch, and so have employees as hours and tips plunge. The Mayors Office, with assistance from local merchant associations including Merchants of Upper Market, have developed **America: Open for Business**. The campaign to encourage residents to return to the stores kicked off October 9th with a press conference in front of City Hall attended by local and national media. You'll see the signs prominently featuring the American Flag in stores throughout the neighborhood. Shop locally!

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Deadline for the next issue is November 1. Ads submitted electronically encouraged.

City Attorney Candidate Steve Williams to Meet the Membership

Although EVPA does not endorse candidates, it will provide a forum for public office candidates who contact us wanting to introduce themselves to our neighborhood association. At the October 18 meeting, candidate for City Attorney Steve Williams will make a 5-minute presentation. Have questions about what he'd do? Bring them for the very brief Q&A period, as well as to talk to the candidate after the meeting.

Next Meeting

→ **October 18th**

**General Membership Meeting
Board & Officer Nominations**

October 30 120 Years of EVPA Party! @ CHAT
November 15 General Membership & Elections
December 4 Board of Directors

Agenda for Oct. 18 Meeting

7:30 pm; EVRC Gym; 100 Collingwood

Key Items:

Steve Williams, candidate for City Attorney
Presidio Park Plans
Nominations for officers and board
Proposed bylaw amendment
Committee Reports & Regular Business

Are You Ready for November 6?

You must be registered by October 22nd in order to vote in the Consolidated Municipal Election:

Prop. A S.F. Community College District General Obligation Bonds

Prop. B Renewable Energy Bonds

Prop. C Vacancy in Elective Office

Prop. D Landfill in S.F. Bay

Prop. E Elections, Ethics & Outside Counsel

Prop. F Municipal Water & Power Agency

Prop. G Redistricting

Prop. H Renewable Energy/Energy Conservation

Prop. I MUD Municipal Utility District Wards

City Attorney Office

City Treasurer Office

Need to register to vote? Call 554-4411. *Hurry!*

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee

The task of bylaws revision now complete, the Internal Affairs committee is working on elections. Members are being approached about running for positions. Nominations also are taken from the floor at the Oct. and Nov. membership meetings.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee, along with other groups, has been working with the Supervisor's office to establish special height and bulk limitations, and demolition restrictions for residential construction within District 8 boundaries. The City Attorney's office is finalizing language.

Membership & Promotion

The M&P has revised the website at www.EVPA.org, and is producing a membership packet. M&P is organizing a "120 Years of EVPA" party.

Want to get involved in EVPA's committees?

E-mail us at info@EVPA.org. **Committees:** Utilities, Transportation & Neighborhood Commerce, Planning, Public Health & Safety, Education & Recreation, Membership & Promotion, Finance, and Internal Affairs. Please visit our advertisers and thank them for supporting EVPA

Handy Resources for Home

Report Litter	28-CLEAN
Report Graffiti	241-WASH
Police Non-Emergency	553-0123
Help A Homeless Person	431-7400
<i>(City's First Response Outreach Team)</i>	
Dispose Used Motor Oil	800/449-7587
Report Damaged Street Signs:	554-9780
Street Cleaning	695-2017
<i>(evenings & weekends 695-2020)</i>	
Senior Care in S.F.	www.sfgetcare.com
<i>(outside SF, http://BenefitsCheckUp.org)</i>	

Wave the Red, White & Blue

Images of the American Flag can be downloaded and printed from the recently revamped website, www.EVPA.org. The flag represents "one nation, indivisible." It is an ideal toward which we still strive. And the colors can be beautifully integrated into your Holiday decorations. ☺



New York City and San Francisco are like bookends on a great continent. Any visual panorama of the U.S. inevitably opens with the New York skyline or Statue of Liberty, and ends with the Golden Gate Bridge or shots of the San Francisco skyline with its distinctive TransAmerica Pyramid. So many of the immigrants who populated this country entered through New York's Ellis Island or via San Francisco's Angel Island. Both cities share vibrancy, diversity and a sense of self-importance that comes from being where the action is. Given the distance, it is remarkable how many neighbors either used to live there, or are moving there, or have families and friends there.

The events of September 11th shook Eureka Valley. It was a staggering loss of life. It was a means of attack so brutal, it had been considered off limits. It represented the end of what we now know was our innocence about terrorism from abroad reaching our shores. The personal stories of those on the planes, like San Franciscan Mark Bingham, and the thousands more in the buildings, remind us that each of us may discover in a heartbeat if a hero, or a coward. If, moments from now, you were to be consumed in chaos, would you help the person in the wheelchair, rush into a damaged building to help others, or lunge at a hijacker even if meant risking your life? Or not.

Eureka Valley residents erected a makeshift memorial in front of the Bank of America at Castro/18th Street. Candles were lighted. Silent prayers asked. Heartfelt poems placed on the wall. Although the memorial is now gone, the work of rebuilding our sister city and helping the tens of thousands who have been hurt in one way or another continues. Contact any of the following organizations to donate:

- NY Firefighters Fund
www.daily.iaff.org/fund.htm
- Red Cross
www.redcross.org
- A Tribute to Heroes/United Way
<http://www.tributetoheroes.org/>
- Families of Freedom College Fund
www.familiesoffreedom.org

Firefighters Sprout Antenna

Membership voted support for the PCS antenna installation proposed for the Fire Station # 6 at 135 Sanchez. Metro PCS showed how the 9 flat, enclosed antenna boxes will be installed on the existing tower, and painted to match the existing color scheme. The tower height will not change. In its letter to City planners, EVPA requested revenue generated from the contract go to the S.F. Fire Department.

Tag n' Bag is Back! a.k.a. "Please tidy up around my things, I'll be back later."

The proposal to provide 48 hours notice before any person's belongings are removed from city sidewalks and parks is once again being considered. The proposed legislation from Supervisor Ammiano was raised earlier this year, and then referred back to the Rules Committee. EVPA opposes this legislation as contributing to the deterioration to the neighborhood, being ineffective at helping the homeless, and as expensive and unenforceable as a practical matter.

Please contact all of the Supervisors to let them know what you think.

Visit www.EVPA.org for how to reach them.



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EVPA encompasses neighborhoods commonly referred to as Castro, Upper Market, Twin Peaks and, of course, Eureka Valley. Membership in EVPA is open to anyone who lives, works or owns property within these boundaries: Dolores Street, 22nd Street, Twin Peaks, and Duboce Avenue. It's the heart of the City!

