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Greetings and Happy 2003!

A Report from EVPA President
Gustavo Serina.

I hope all our members had fulfilling holidays. At our last Board of Directors meeting, a motion passed to have a monthly President's Column. This column will summarize any motions approved by the Board and other important items discussed. In addition to the motion creating this column, the Board authorized four co-signers for EVPA checks: Drew Bertagnolli, Gustavo Serina, Pauline Shaver, and David Weiss. Treasurer Joe Foster normally will be the first signer for checks.

Tom Hanus reported on the successful election of new officers and board members (list printed on exterior cover).

In January, Safety Committee Chair Drew Bertagnolli will be meeting with Patrick Batt of MUMC and others to begin planning for a safe Halloween 2003. Newly elected District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty has made this a priority. Members interested in working with Drew on this important issue should contact him via email at andrewbertagnolli@hotmail.com.

Rich McRee reported that Seward Street minipark will soon be reaching its 30th anniversary. This was a major project undertaken by EVPA and Rich is seeking any historical information about it. A celebration later this year is being considered. David Weiss offered to post a request for information at his restaurant, Catch, located at Market Street near Castro.

Members interested in archiving and preserving EVPA history should contact Corresponding Secretary Jimmer Cassiol via email at jcassiol@aol.com

The Pink Triangle Park and Memorial was discussed, including bronze signage, Ken Garcia's column in the Chronicle, and ongoing wine tasting/fund raising events at A.G. Ferrari's/Castro.

Coalition on Homelessness Coming to EVPA.

The Coalition on Homelessness is coming the next EVPA general meeting for a first-hand opportunity to present and take questions from members. EVPA extended the invitation to better understand the Coalition's concerns and objectives, especially as "Care Not Cash" is implemented. The brief informational presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. **The next EVPA general meeting is Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 pm at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center (100 Collingwood near 18th).**

Dufty Wins, Then Pens Us.

-- From Supervisor Bevan Dufty

I'd like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve District 8. I'm very interested in having people from EVPA work with me on a Castro renaissance by cleaning it up, proactively planning for Halloween and homeless outreach. Please contact my office at:

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Membership High!

One hundred and eighty-three residents, businesses and nonprofits now belong to EVPA, a record high from recent history. And it's got history, since 1881.

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Presidents Column Continue

Finally, Drew Bertagnolli reported that he will be meeting with the EVRC renovation staff to review designs and confirm closure dates for remodeling (see article). When the EVRC becomes unavailable, General Membership meetings will be held at the Castro Meeting Room above the Bank of America branch. **Our next General Membership meeting is Jan 16, 7:30 pm at the EVRC, 100 Collingwood (18th Street.)** I look forward to seeing you there.

-Gustavo

More Wine! More Wine!

A.G. Ferrari Foods on Castro has enthusiastically volunteered to continue hosting wine tastings in which contributions are sought for Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. Please drop in to casually enjoy premium Italian wines and to help the Park on these upcoming dates/times:

2/18/03 3:30 – 6:30 pm
2/14/03 3:30 – 6:30 pm,
Love & Wine for Valentines!

House Demolition Debate.

The January meeting will include information about a proposed demolition at 3925 20th Street. EVPA's Planning Committee has been following the issue and may ask the general membership to take a position at the Jan. 16th meeting as the matter heads for Discretionary Review at the City.

Art in Rec Center ReDo.

Needs TLC; More than \$1,000, 48 Hours.

Renovations at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center (EVRC) are still slated to begin in the spring. A part of the funds for this project will be used for the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) to commission public art for the rec center. The budget for the artwork is approximately 47K.

A panel was created by the SFAC to select artists to create proposals for the project. This panel includes Nancy Ditto (SF Rec & Park), Brian Gatter (DPW project landscape architect), Tony Jasinski, Sandy Leigh, Laurel Turner and Drew Bertagnolli as neighborhood representatives. Additionally, Mitch Thompson (SF Rec & Park) and Jorge Alfaro (DPW project manager) are non-voting members of this panel. On December 13, 2002, we met to review 12 artists who were selected by Nina Dunbar of SFAC with the goal of selecting 3 to create proposals and one as an alternate. The panel was instructed to select artists on artistic merit as evidenced by representation of past work and other supporting materials and the appropriateness of the artist's medium, style and past work as they relate to the EVRC. After looking at many slides and much discussion the group agreed upon the 4 artists below.

The artists will be asked to prepare proposals specific to the EVRC project and present them to the panel. Prior to this meeting the proposals will be on display at the EVRC for public viewing. There will be a notepad or box for the public to make comments. The panel will use the public comments in their decision making for the final commission. Below is a brief introduction to the artists who were selected.

Aileen Barr: Aileen has done many public art projects in her native Ireland and has recently relocated to San Francisco. Her work includes murals, floor/ground works, seating and sculpture using handmade ceramic tile. In her past projects she has collaborated with members of the community to create her work and hopes to do the same with this project.

Peter Richards: Peter has an extensive history of work here in San Francisco, most notably the Wave Organ at the near the marina, the Companion Place at San Francisco General Hospital, and several pieces at the Exploratorium. He likes to "create places where people create their own personal stories" and to take advantage of dynamic aspects of the site (light, fog, wind, etc.).

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(EVRC Art continued)

Vicki Saulls: Vicki is a new-comer to the public art scene, but already has two public art commissions. The first is a series of bas-relief tiles featuring native San Francisco plants for Union Square and a project for the North Beach Pool renovations. She has a strong sculptural ability and an interest in translating conceptual imagery into 3-dimensional public experiences. She also has a background in ceramics, primarily bas-relief porcelain.

Lauren Elder (alternate): Lauren is also a new-comer to the public art scene. She comes from a background in theater scene designs and interactive installations. She has done work for Zeum, Oakland Public Schools and child center in Santa Rosa. She emphasizes a "hands-on" approach with all aspects of her work and likes to create art that are a direct expression of the interests and backgrounds of the site's users combined with her own esthetic.

For more information on the EVRC remodeling project and its art installation, contact Drew Bertagnolli at andrewbertagnolli@hotmail.com.

Donors Helping Build Park.

With gratitude EVPA acknowledges those who have given \$100 or more recently to support Pink Triangle Park and Memorial (www.PinkTrianglePark.org) ☺

Christopher Pallo

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January Rains Bring Feb Renewals?

January rains bring flowers, and possibly your renewal? Check the mailing label to see when your membership expires. Renewal is easy, fast and satisfying. Just send \$15 for individuals; \$24 for households/businesses to EVPA, P.O. Box 14137, SF, CA 94114-0137. **Thank you in advance!** ☺

November 21, 2002

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Minutes from the October EVPA meeting were approved.

Presentations

Margot Antonetty from DPH and Eric Politzer from Ark of Refuge gave a quick update on the progress of the Ark House, located at 2500 Market Street. Margot and Eric thanked EVPA for their support over the past two years, and will appreciate our continuing support as they search for a new location for the program. Possible locations are nearby the LGBT Center and on Fell Street near the GG Park panhandle.

Karen Oliveto from Bethany United Methodist Church gave a brief overview of their progress on developing the lot that housed their church at 16th, Noe and Market Streets. Preliminary drawings of the building were passed out. The building will house some commercial space at the street level, and they will solicit neighborhood input as to what business will be there.

New Business

Jorge Maumer from SuperStar Video on 18th Street discussed his recent purchase of the Valley Pride Market building at 474 Castro, and his plans to relocate his business from 4141 18th Street to this location. EVPA's UTNC committee had reviewed Mr. Maumer's proposal and had recommended the approval and support from the EVPA general membership. Mr. Maumer discussed his commitment to cleaning up the area and restoration of the tile mosaic on the building's façade. A motion was made to support this project and after discussion, the motion carried. EVPA will support SuperStar video's move to this new location.

A motion was made to suspend the EVPA board meeting scheduled for December 31, 2002. This motion carried and no board meeting will be held for January.

A motion was made to allocate Castro Fair proceeds up to \$1500 to the EVPA general fund and any receipts above \$1500 will be used to pay down Pink Triangle Park & Memorial debt. This motion carried.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: On file.

Planning Report: EVPA member Ed Allen presented a letter complaining of the vacant and neglected building at 4038 17th Street. Discussion centered on efforts to mitigate the public nuisance that this building presents to the neighborhood. The planning committee will be reviewing a request for a demolition on 20th Street at the January general membership meeting.

Park and Ed Report: A concrete retaining wall has been installed at the Pink Triangle Park & Memorial. The next fundraising effort will be for granite sheathing to cover this concrete wall. Castro Street Fair proceeds exceeded \$62,000 this year, of which EVPA will receive a portion based upon membership participation in fundraising. Special thanks go to MUMC President Patrick Batt for donating his entire time (some 9 hours!) to EVPA.

UTNC Report:

Safety Report: No report filed, as the committee did not meet.

Membership Report: There will be no "Eureka" newsletter in December. A membership drive is ongoing in an effort to exceed EVPA membership totals.

Internal Affairs Report: Officers and eligible board members were elected. Results of the election were as follows: EVPA President: Gustavo Serina (2nd term), EVPA Vice President: Tom Hanus (2nd term), Corresponding Secretary: Jimmer Cassiol, Recording Secretary: Mike Babbitt (2nd term), Treasurer: Joe Foster, Board of Directors (2-year seats): Judy Hoyem (2nd term), Pauline Shaver, Rich McCree (2nd term) Board of Director (1-year seat): David Weiss

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Home Boy.

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Police/Mission Station 558-5400
Help A Homeless Person 431-7400
(Mobile Assistance Patrol dispatched)
Street Cleaning 695-2017 or 695-2020

Where in the World is Eureka Valley?

EVPA encompasses neighborhoods commonly referred to as Castro, Upper Market, Twin Peaks and, of course, Eureka Valley. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, owns property or business within the boundaries of Dolores, 22nd, Twin Peaks, and Duboce Avenue.

It's the heart of the City! Please join.

2003 EVPA Officers & Board Members

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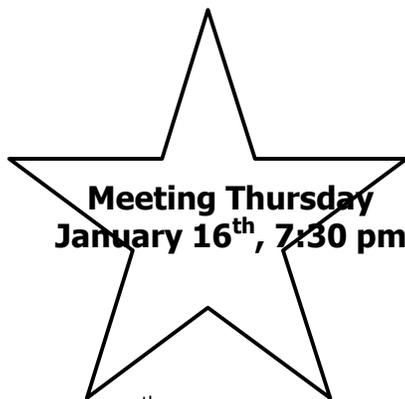
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