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Dates to Host Mayor & DA Candidates Change.

At the April Board of Directors meeting, no motions were passed, but we spent considerable time discussing what can be done to have a safe Halloween in our neighborhood. As you will see when reading Safety Chair Drew Bertagnoli's report, we are most encouraged by District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty's leadership on this issue. A motion to support many of the proposals put forward by Supervisor Dufty and others will be discussed at the Thursday, April 17th General Membership meeting, 7:30 pm.

In March we voted to spread out appearances at our meetings by the leading mayoral candidates. I am happy to report that City Treasurer Susan Leal will be addressing EVPA on Thursday, July 17, Supervisor Tom Ammiano on August 21, and Supervisor Gavin Newsom on September 18. Supervisor Angela Alioto will be at the April 17 meeting. In next month's Eureka!, I hope to announce when District Attorney candidates will be coming. Steven Aronwitz of Supervisor Dufty's office has conformed that the remodeling the Eureka Valley Recreation Center is still on target for later this year. Hope to see you all at our **April 17th meeting, 7:30 pm** at the EVRC, 100 Collingwood.

Best,

Gustavo Serina

EVPA President

I think I shall never see ...

...A poem as lovely as a tree. Join Friends of the Urban Forest for a walk through Eureka Valley with an eye for the trees that line our streets. Certified Arborist Mikle Sullivan conducts the tour on Sunday, May 18th, 2 - 4p.m. Take a look at Mike's website, www.sftrees.com and meet the group at Hartford/17th.

Randall Museum Celebrates Spring & Remodeling.

EVPA members are invited to Randall Museum's Spring Festival on Saturday, April 26 10 am - 3 pm at the museum's campus adjacent to Cornona Heights Park. The Spring Festival celebrates the completion of a joint \$2 million project of San Francisco's Recreation & Park Department and the Randall Museum Friends that created and renovated an Outdoor Learning Environment, Learning Gardens, Observation Deck, Art Patio, Amphitheater and a Great Lawn. You can take the #37 MUNI to the museum. Need more information? Visit www.RandallMuseum.org or call 554-9600. Come check out the party and the panoramic views from your neighborhood's museum.

Sisters Ask for Your Indulgence.

Lovers spark, doggies bark and the Sisters party in the Park at Indulgence 4:20. You're invited to frolic on the hillsides of Dolores Park on Sunday, April 20th Noon - 4 pm. P.S. The Sisters organization is turning 24, tell them how incredibly youthful they look. ☺ More online at www.TheSisters.org

Emergency Training in Castro.

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is training people like you to assist in the event of an emergency, natural or man-made. Classes are on six consecutive Wednesdays beginning April 24 at 6 pm at Davies Campus of CaPac. You will learn hands-on disaster skills to respond independently or as an adjunct to City emergency services. There is no cost for the neighborhood-based training. For more information call 558-3459, e-mail sffdert@sfgov.org or register online at www.sfgov.org/srfdnert.

Halloween Planning Begins.

On Wednesday March 26, a special meeting of the City Services Committee was held at City Hall. In attendance were Supervisors Dufty, Ma & Newsom, and John Kennedy from the City Attorney's Office. At issue was a proposal by Supervisors Dufty and Ammiano to establish Halloween in the Castro as a City-managed event. Over the years various groups have taken out permits to sponsor the event. These groups include the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Community United Against Violence (CUAV), and others. The past two years no group has done this. Permit applicants incur the costs of re-routing MUNI, increased SFPD patrols, DPT Officers, liability insurance and DPW for clean-up. Small groups can no longer magae the costs. If the City were to manage this event, the City would incur the costs and provide greater coordination of efforts across departments. The other reality is that people will come to the Castro for Halloween. Prior efforts to move Halloween to Civic Center was not successful. The outcome of the meeting is that the City Services Committee will work with various City agencies and neighborhood groups in developing a plan for Halloween. Issues discussed were: **1.** establishing a clear perimeter for the event with check-points, **2.** investigating the feasibility of a zero-tolerance on open containers, **3.** establishing clear beginning and ending times for the event, **4.** providing small entertainment venues to focus the crowd, **5.** working with MUNI and BART to get folks out of the neighborhood when festivities are over, **6.** working with local media to educate the public, and **7.** working with SFPD and ABC to educate licensees about enforcement for violators. EVPA has not taken a position on Halloween but **it will be discussed at the April 17th General Membership Meeting.** EVPA's Safety Committee will be active in discussions with Supervisor Dufty's office. Join the Safety Committee by contacting Drew Bertagnolli at 552-9331 or andrewbertagnolli@hotmail.com

City Budget Hearings in 'Hood.

The Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors will hold a meeting for neighborhood comments on the City's upcoming budget. Sound off thoughtfully on April 21, 4-7 pm, at Randall Museum, 199 Museum Street.

Dine Here on April 23.

Enjoy dinner at one of these restaurants for Wednesday, April 23 and 25% of your bill will benefit the STOP AIDS Project. We encourage you to support these neighborhood restaurants that are EVPA members and Dining for Life participants. Make your reservations for 4/23 at:

Blue ...863-2583 Home ...503-0333

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60-Days Notice Now Required.

Did you know that a new law requires a 60-day notice be given to a tenant if that tenant has been on the premises for a year or more? For tenants who have occupied rental property for less than a year, the required notice period is equal to the time between rent payments, i.e. 30-days in the case of monthly renters.

More & More EVPA.

EVPA membership continues to grow with quality members. Please extend a warm welcome to March's new members:

**Derek Anderson & Wayne Edfors of
CityRealtors.com**

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Our thanks also to renewing member:

Adam Hagen

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Clean City Coalition Coming.

The Clean City Coalition will be coming to our neighborhood on two dates: Saturday, June 7th at Harvey Milk Plaza, and Saturday, June 14th, at Dolores Park. EVPA volunteers are sought to help. Please take a moment to contact Tim Dewey-Mattia, Outreach and Recycling Coordinator for Clean City Coalition, at (415) 508-0050 to help and to suggest 'hotspots' for special attention. Let's continue our roll-up-the-sleeves approach to neighborhood beautification by helping. More info at www.SFCleanCity.com

Congratulations, Herb!

Former EVPA Treasurer Herb Cohn has been elected President of Merchants of Upper Market & Castro (MUMC). Congratulations!

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March 20, 2003

General Membership Meeting Minutes

7:30pm: Call to order. **New Business:** **1.** Dan Glazer, owner of Hot Cookie at 407 Castro Street and a neighborhood resident, has proposed opening a Bagel Bros. bagel shop at 495 Castro, currently occupied by Planet Juice. Mr. Glazer requires a Conditional Use Permit for the bagel shop at this location and came to EVPA asking for support. A motion was made to support Mr. Glazer's CUP request, and after debate, the motion carried. **2.** A motion was made to invite the top four Mayor and District Attorney candidates to individual EVPA meetings in the coming months. After debate, the motion carried. **3.** A motion was made to stagger invited candidates over four EVPA meetings, two candidates per meeting. After debate, motion carried. **Old Business:** **1.** 2500 Market Street Update: The owner of 2500 Market has entered into a month-to-month lease with Ark of Refuge for the continuing operation of the Ark House while they prepare the new facility at 1038 Howard for occupancy. The following updates were reported by EVPA President Gustavo Serina: **a.** The CUP Commission Hearing for the new facility at 1038 Howard is scheduled for May 15. This date may change as efforts are being made through Supervisor Dufty's office to move up the hearing date. **b.** April 17 has been selected as a tentative date for a SoMa community forum to discuss this project; this date is pending a finalization of the Commission Hearing schedule. **c.** Mercy Charities will be vacating the building on April 15. Mercy generously is donating a number of desks, chairs, partitions, and other furniture/fixtures to the Ark House and the agency as a whole. **d.** State Senator Mark Leno's office is working to identify the balance of the funds needed to rehab 1038 Howard. Once again, the construction period should not last more than 30 days, and our architect has a short list of general contractors who are available to jump right onto this project after a bid process is completed. **Committee Reports: Ed/Rec:** The first incident of vandalism was experienced by the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. EVPA members Ed Allen and Mike Babbitt contributed to cleaning up this vandalism, and the take away brochures supplied by Michael Crawford and Tom Hanus continue to be a positive form of PR for the park. Efforts are continuing to find a landscape architect who can help with the clean-up of the park prior to the dedication ceremony. EVPA member and board member David Weiss has volunteered to research possible sources for the granite facing proposed on the retaining wall. In response to EVPA member Gary Weiss' question about the trimming of palm trees on Market Street, EVPA President Gustavo Serina contacted Steven Aronowitz of Supervisor Dufty's office and found that the trees are the responsibility of MUNI, not DPW. Further research is ongoing. Gary also discussed a long-ago planting map for cherry trees along Castro Street. The Committee will research this through the Friends of the Urban Forest. The planned remodel of the EVRC is not meeting schedule. The plans for the remodel were not positively received by EVPA members generally. **Finance:** EVPA continues to be on sound financial footing. A call goes out for volunteers for the upcoming Castro Street Fair, as EVPA generates a substantial amount of operating cash from volunteers at the Fair. Interested EVPA members should contact Gustavo. **UTNC:** The space for the planned video store at the old Valley Pride Market, previously supported by EVPA, appears to be much for the needs of the video store. The owner and project sponsor is considering separating the space into two stores, although this is not a firm decision at the moment. **Safety:** Plans for a safe 2003 Halloween event are entering the public comment phase. Interested EVPA members are encouraged to contact Supervisor Dufty's office for more information. **Planning: 1.** A diverse group of neighborhood activists, permit expeditors, and others with an interest in residential building matters has proposed an amendment to the SF Building Code to close a loophole that allows demolitions without a permit. They made a presentation to the Planning Committee on March 19, 2003, seeking EVPA endorsement. While generally supporting the idea of clarifying the Building Code, The Planning Committee finds the amendment complicated and difficult to understand and is doing further research with the Building Department before making a recommendation to the membership. **2.** A proposed demolition at 171 Beaver Street will be replaced by new construction of condos. If you have concerns, you may get information from city planner Michael Smith at 558-6322. **3.** A variance request for a three-lot development at Mars and Corbett, which was opposed by EVPA, has had a successful resolution through the good offices of the Zoning Administrator Larry Badiner and the cooperation of the developer Bob Rickert. The middle lot will have only one building instead of two, thus saving a portion of the hillside facing Mars. **Meeting adjourned at 9pm.**

THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, APRIL 17 AT 7:30 PM
@ 100 COLLINGWOOD (EVRC).

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To Do:

- EVPA General Meeting, 4/17
- with action-packed agenda!
- Sisters in the Park, 4/20
- City Budget Hearings, 4/21
- Dining out for Life, 4/23
- Randall Museum Spring Festival, 4/26
- PTP Benefit Wine Tasting, 5/10
at A.G. Ferrari
- EVPA General Meeting, 5/15
- Tree Walk, 5/18