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Thursday February 19, 2004
@ 7:30pm**

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NOTES FROM EVPA PRESIDENT

Let there be light. At our last general membership meeting there was a lot of talk about light. Pretty lights for Dolores Street, dim lights for Pink Triangle Park and bright lights for the rainbow flag at Castro and Market streets. It seems that there is a great deal of interest among our active membership in how things are illuminated.

At our next board and general membership meetings, we will be talking about the budget for 2004. Shedding light on our financial prospects will be the job of our Treasurer, Mike Babbitt, and myself. At the present time, EVPA's bank balance is about \$3,500. In past years, the general membership has stipulated that our Treasurer maintain a \$1,000 "emergency fund" at all times. This leaves about \$2,500 to meet our expenses as the year begins.

Every month, EVPA spends money to publish and distribute the Eureka! Newsletter and pay rent on the Castro Meeting Room. We rely on advertising revenues and annual membership dues to meet these expenses. In addition, money is needed to fund special projects such as the Pink Triangle Park and contributions to neighborhood activities such as the Castro Holiday tree.

Volunteer efforts, supported by your dues payments, drive the work that EVPA. Though we have seen these funds increase somewhat since year-end, about 35% of our members have not yet renewed their EVPA memberships. If all past-due renewals were to be collected today, our bank balance would brighten-up by about \$1,000. Instead, our \$2,500 available bank balance will continue to fade without a regular inflow of dues checks.

If you would like to continue to shine a light on the quality of life issues in our neighborhoods...clean and safe streets, the high cost of living, police and fire safety as well as the problems of homelessness and drug use...we will need your help. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership today...or bring your check to our next general membership meeting (7:30pm on February 19 at the Castro Meeting Room). I hope to see you there.

Best regards, Joe Foster

MEMBERS & PROJECTS IN THE NEWS



GREAT NEWS. EVPA member **Joe Caruso** (pictured on left) has been named **Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services** by Gavin Newsom. Joe and his staff will work closely with districts throughout the City to address issues of concern to residents. The **liaison to District 8** is new EVPA member **Robert Ortega**. Also on Joe's staff is **James "Jimmer" Cassiol** (pictured on right), our former Corresponding Secretary and Board Member. Jimmer, who is running for a seat on the **Democratic Country Central Committee (DCCC)** in the March 2nd election, will work on major events that are located in one district, but affect the entire city, like Halloween and the Folsom Street Fair.

Exciting news, too, from the guidebook publisher **Fodor's**. The **2005 Fodor's Guide to San Francisco is being updated to include the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial**. A Fodor's representative contacted Gustavo Serina, who is providing the necessary information. Congratulations to all who brought PTPM to fruition!

The Eureka editors encourage all members to keep us informed of noteworthy events. We are especially interested in publishing news regarding volunteer actions that contribute to a better quality of life in our neighborhood and city. You may send information to evpaeditor@yahoo.com.



DON'T MISS THE NEXT EUREKA!

Stay current, if your membership becomes 90 days past due, you will no longer receive the *Eureka!*

COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING DOLORES STREET LIGHTS

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 11
Mission Playground Clubhouse
3555 19th Street
(between Valencia and Guerrero Streets)

District 8 Supervisor **Bevan Dufty**, EVPA member **Charlie Spiegel** and **Don Stroh** from the Dolores Heights Improvement Club discussed the desire for more consistent and appropriate street lighting for Dolores Street with the SF Public Utilities Commission on January 13. Over three dozen neighborhood petitions were collected by resident Brian Brown and presented to the PUC.

Last month's *Eureka!* reported that some residents were unhappy with the City's plan to install Cobra lights. They were hoping that the replacement light fixtures and poles along Dolores Street be consistent with the historic fixtures in Liberty Hill and Dolores Heights. They also believe that Dolores Street's prominence within the City's traffic grid and Eureka Valley warrant further consideration. PUC Executive Director, Pat Martel, agreed to meet in February with the Department of Public Works, Supervisor Dufty and neighborhood residents to continue the dialogue.

At the January PUC meeting, several alternatives were discussed. They included continuing the fixtures currently in the Dolores Heights area along Dolores Street. This option would require trimming the sidewalk trees (not the palms) to 18 feet.

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General Membership Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

After introductions, November 2003 General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved.

President reminded membership that EVPA meetings use Roberts Rules of Order. He summarized key points: All decisions are made by General Membership; Decisions are made following a motion, which must be seconded. Decisions are made by majority vote. Motions may be tabled if majority approves. Everyone can speak regarding a motion during debate. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Everyone desiring to speak must have done so before someone may speak a second time. Upon motion made, the President will call the vote. Outcome of votes are recorded in the minutes.

President announced Committee Chairs: Adam Hagen, Planning; David Weiss, Utilities, Transportation, and Neighborhood Commerce; Pauline Shaver, Education and Recreation; Mike Babbitt, Safety; Drew Bertagnolli, Membership. The Chair of Internal Affairs must be appointed by the Board and is currently vacant. Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary Officer positions are vacant. Gustavo Serina agreed to act as Recording Secretary for the January meeting.

Guest Donald Stroh of the Dolores Heights Improvement Association discussed proposed street lighting options along Dolores Street. Residents are suggesting more historic looking lights and are working with the Department of Public Works and Supervisor Bevan Dufty's office to ensure their concerns and preferences are heard before a final decision is made. There will be a meeting to discuss this issue on January 28, 2004 at Room 400 of City Hall.

Committee Reports:

Safety Committee Chair Mike Babbitt had a fresh supply of MPC 25 forms for use to authorize police to ask vagrants and loiterers on private property to move. One copy goes in the window of the building and one copy remains with the police. Forms cover the period January-June 2004.

Finance Committee Chair Mike Babbitt and former Treasurer Joe Foster said that a full report will be made at the February meeting and that a budget will be presented for approval at the March meeting.

Eureka! Editors Pauline Shaver and Drew Bertagnolli solicited articles for the monthly newsletter. Articles should not exceed 300 words, must be submitted electronically, and may be edited for content and tone. Deadline for the February issue of *Eureka!* is 6 PM, Friday, January 30.

Education and Recreation Chair Pauline Shaver submitted written report: UPDATE ON EVRC PROGRESS: We received an e-mail from SF Neighborhood Parks who forwarded the following information from DPW. If members would like to receive brief construction updates and alerts in the future, please email Sheri_Costa@ci.sf.ca.us.

General Scope of Work: Thanks to many invested community members and City personnel who offered input during past pub-

lic planning meetings. This project includes the following improvements: a new children's playground; an enlarged lobby; improved site access; an expanded children's room; a new teen center; new meeting rooms; completely renovated restrooms; new planters and trees; integration of existing mural into new teen building.

Timeline: The EVRC was closed October 1 to prepare for construction, and allow programs and staff to remove or salvage equipment, supplies, and furniture; perform hazardous material abatement (interior and exterior) and demolition work (interior and exterior). The general contractor performing the key improvements is estimated to arrive on-site mid to late January. With few construction complications and good weather, the project should be completed by Summer 2005. (The project is estimated to take 18 months.) Crews are allowed to operate Mon through Fri, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

POSSIBLE LIGHTING AT PTPM: Gustavo Serina met with Jessica Perez of DPW and landscape architect Jason Rowe on Wednesday, January 7, to discuss lighting for the PTPM. Jason had a preliminary drawing outlining his ideas for up-lighting the pylons and putting down-lights in the nearby trees to focus on the landscape design. They discussed removing existing arc lighting or at least relocating one street lamp to bring it closer to the bus shelter on Market Street. Adding an antique streetlight and removing the pole currently near the utility box was also addressed. Gustavo urged that there should not be an increase in total lumens (light projected) in the area. Jason said current technology is such that lighting can be used more precisely without becoming intrusive to nearby residents. Jessica made notes, discussed maintenance issues, and said she would get back to us.

It is DPW's hope that the costs for this project can be funded from funds currently allocated to the beautification of Harvey Milk Plaza, which has begun. Those funds would also be used to pay for the Ginko trees along Castro Street. The appropriation's language limits use of funds exclusively to HM Plaza, but that interpretation is being reviewed in hopes that improvements to the surrounding area can be made. DPW pointed out that new plants for HM Plaza are the same used at PTPM, tying the two spaces together. Boulders are also being installed at HM Plaza and new fencing is being built at the site.

Board Member Judy Hoyem asked to be included in future discussions of lighting at the PTPM, expressing concern about increased lighting and its possible impact on her house which faces PTPM. Pauline reiterated that lumen projection would be watched carefully and, given enough lead time, future meetings would be announced at general membership meetings so that interested members could attend.

Member Diane Nutting reminded attendees that the PTPM requires regular attention for gardening and clean up, and asked for assistance. Member Gary Weiss said he would ask the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro to consider donating some labor to assist Diane and other gardening volunteers.

Planning Chair Adam Hagen had no report, although EVPA received a letter from an attorney working with a group opposed to recent proposals for highrise housing on Rincon Hill, saying the proposed projects would adversely affect Upper Market Street views.

Membership Chair Drew Bertagnolli said that this year's objective would be retaining existing members.

New Business: Members discussed the trailers selling coffee and other items that have been stationed at the Arco and Chevron service stations at Castro and Market Streets. Member Lion Barnett said that he has inquired into this issue and it appears that no regulations apply, because they are parked on lots used by commercial businesses. The issue will be referred to David Weiss of UTNC, who has already begun an investigation. One concern is "downstreaming of trash."

Member Tom Taylor discussed lighting at Harvey Milk Plaza. He is spearheading an effort to install bulbs that last two to three years and can have their lights shielded so as to not be intrusive. DPW is the responsible city agency.

Mike Babbitt discussed obtaining a small, unobtrusive receptacle for use by dog owners at the PTPM. Pauline Shaver has seen one at the Presidio and will photograph it to see if it would be suitable.

Joe Foster discussed initial plans by Sutter Health to reconfigure operations at Davies Medical Center after the construction of a new central hospital on Van Ness Avenue, on the site of the Cathedral Hill Hotel. One concern is possible closure of the existing emergency room. This discussion is at a very preliminary stage and no decisions have been made. One option being considered is to reconfigure Davies as a Neurology Center, retaining its emergency room. Drew Bertagnolli agreed to take the lead on this issue.

Supervisor Bevan Dufty and representatives of Most Holy Redeemer Church and Mike Baxter of the Department of Human Services discussed plan to lease 12-14 rooms at the Paramount SRO Hotel on Market near Sanchez Streets to house LGBTQ Homeless young adults over 18 years old. Supervisor Dufty said that no decisions have been made and that he is soliciting input from EVPA and other community groups. Service providers who would be recommending and screening potential occupants of these rooms include Larkin Street Youth Services, New Leaf Clinic, and Dimensions. Members suggested that the program be structured, have onsite supervision 24 hours a day, require that participants be clean and sober, and that it provide true training and oversight to help these individuals break the cycle of homelessness. Supervisor Dufty said that current plans do not include a sole, onsite service provider. In response to concerns raised about older individuals on the streets, Supervisor Dufty said that for this program to succeed, it would be "creaming" clients—working with those who have shown the best chance for succeeding. Funding would come from GA grants that would be reduced in exchange for housing, food, and other services. Safety Chair Mike Babbitt will attend a meeting in Supervisor Dufty's office on Friday, January 16, at 3PM to discuss this issue further.

Member Constance Bennett discussed the Senior Action Network (SAN)'s March 11 variety show, Gray Cabaret, at the Castro Theatre, starting at 1PM. Tickets are \$10.00.

Upon motion made, seconded, and approved, meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Dolores Street Lights (con't)

Additionally, the City has studied four alternatives which provide historically accurate options and avoid the need for tree trimming. Unfortunately the Path of Gold lamps, pictured in the last Eureka and present on Upper Market Street, are not being considered, though a fixture which compliments them at the intersection of Dolores and Market Streets is a high priority.

EVPA's UTNC Committee has taken this issue under consideration. Other neighborhood groups, including the Dolores Heights Improvement Club, have submitted statements to the PUC. UTNC Committee Chair, David Weiss, will continue to keep the membership updated.

For further information or to state an opinion on this issue, please contact Supervisor Dufty at bevan.dufty@sfgov.org, or EVPA member, Charlie Spiegel at czs@sbcglobal.net, 695-9115.

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GOOD NEIGHBOR Diane Nutting



For some strange reason, garbage seems to accumulate in certain parts of Eureka Valley. We've all noticed it. Maybe some of us have resigned ourselves to accept it. We simply step over it and move on with our busy lives.

Diane Nutting, however, has a different philosophy on the matter. Armed with kitchen tongs and donated bags from the **Nancy Boy** store on Market Street, she can frequently be found picking up garbage at and around the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial at Market, Castro and 17th Streets.

"Nancy Boy was kind enough to give me bags so that as I walk my dog Shiloh I can pick-up cups, candy wrappers and the like It really is good exercise for some of the older folks in the neighborhood."

Diane has inspired some of her neighbors to join in the efforts to clean up our sidewalks. Several of them can now be found on their blocks with dustpans and brooms, improving the overall quality of life in Eureka Valley.

Jack Keating, another 17th Street resident, commends Diane's efforts. "Diane is so generous with her time. She inspired me to clean up my block twice a week. It feels good to beautify the street.

Thanks Diane!

DON'T MISS THE GRAY CABARET!

The Senior Action Network (SAN)'s variety show, **Gray Cabaret**, will be at the Castro Theatre, **March 11 at 1PM.**

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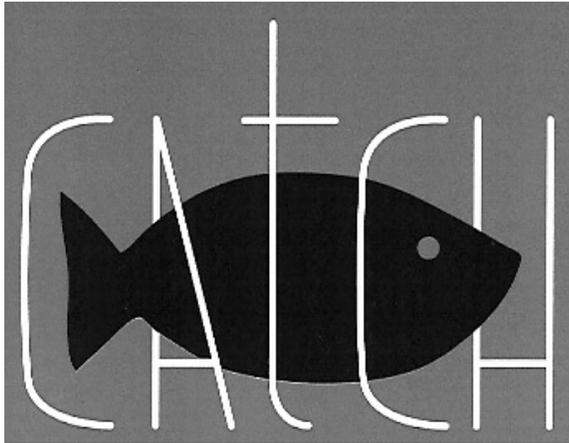
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