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I am interested in working on the following issues:
___City Planning/Zoning ___Transportation, Utilities & Neighborhood Commerce ___Public Health/Safety ___Education/Recreation ___Membership & Promotion ___Renewing membership. ___ New membership.
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My concerns for the neighborhood include____________________________________

Annual Membership dues are $15 per calendar year for individuals or $24 for households, businesses or nonprofits in Castro, Upper Market, and Upper Market and Castro (MUMC).

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President's Column
Change is in the Wind

As Summer approaches, the tide of afternoon fog and wind have returned to Twin Peaks. This seasonal phenomenon provides a welcome relief during the warm days of June. Our unique weather patterns also remind Eureka Valley residents that we live in a very changeable and changing environment. Like grabbing a sweater in June to fend off the cold, we have the power to adjust to changing conditions. As discussed by Gustavo Serina in this issue of Eureka!, our organization has been approached to consider several important new initiatives.

First, our local merchants association, the Merchants of Neighborhood Business News, has asked us to support them in promoting a Community Benefits District (CBD) in the Castro. This voter-approved measure would bring tax dollars to our commercial area for needed services such as street cleaning and maintenance. Such districts have proven beneficial to neighborhoods in San Diego, Los Angeles as well as the Union Square area of San Francisco. Second, Trader Joe's supermarket is soliciting comment regarding a new location at Market and 15th Streets. And finally, EVPA is now poised to improve its fund-raising ability via its application for nonprofit tax status.

All of these changes stand to effect members of EVPA for many years to come. Whether you welcome cleaner streets, or dread the higher local sales tax assessments that a Community Benefits District would bring; whether you would rather shop on 15th Street or travel to Masonic Avenue for your Trader Joe's groceries, or whether you would prefer a tax deduction for your donations to EVPA projects or not...your voice is important. As EVPA members, we have the opportunity to discuss and vote on initiatives that affect us at our monthly general membership meetings. In this way, we are heard above the din of random opinions and present a more unified voice to public officials and decision-makers.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening, June 17 at 7:30pm at the Castro Meeting Room...and don't forget your sweater!

Regards,    Joe Foster
**NEWS FROM:**
**SF NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS COUNCIL**

The Community Clean Team are organizing a clean up of parks in District 8 on Saturday, June 19, 9 am to noon. Meet at Buena Vista park, Buena Vista West at Waller, for the kick-off at 9 am and then return there at noon for lunch.

Other parks in addition to Buena Vista that will be spruced up that day include:
- Walter Haas Park (Addison/Farnum/Beacon)
- Glen Canyon
- Dolores Park
- Sunny side Conservatory (Monterey/Baden)

Contact the Recreation and Parks Department’s Volunteer Office at (415) 753-7265 to confirm additional parks and exact meeting locations. You can also call the Clean City Coalition at (415) 508-0050 for more information.

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**EVP A MI NUTES**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**MAY 20, 2004**

Recorded by Joe Foster
Start time: 7:31pm
End time: 8:45pm
Attendance: 18
Voting members: 16

MOTION #1: Approval of minutes of the general membership meeting of April 2004.

Motion carried.

MOTION #2: It will be the policy of EVP A to record only motions and the outcome of such motions in the official meeting minutes for the general membership and board meetings until the position of recording secretary is filled.

Motion carried.

MOTION #3: EVP A supports the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC) in its efforts to obtain technical assistance, funding and an overall assessment of a Community Benefits District in Eureka Valley.

Motion carried.

MOTION #4: EVP A resolves to spend $75 and borrow $800 from board member, David Weiss for a 12-month period in pursuit of 501 (c) 3 tax status for the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial project.

Motion carried.

MOTION #5: EVP A directs its corresponding secretary to send a letter of thanks to Mark Epstein for his efforts in obtaining 501 (c) 3 tax status for the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial project.

Motion carried.

MOTION #6: EVP A supports the efforts of Supervisor Bovon Duff to improve pedestrian safety and vehicle traffic flow on Castro Street.

Motion carried.

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