PROPOSED EVPA BYLAW CHANGES

Most of you may have never really thought about the EVPA Bylaws, but they are the rules by which our organization operates. It is important to periodically review the bylaws to ensure that they still work for the organization. Over the past few months Drew Bertagnolli, Gerald Abbott, David Weiss and Lion Barnett have been doing just that.

They have made some recommendations for the group to consider at the General Membership meeting in October. These changes are predominantly in 2 areas. First, they have proposed to decrease the number of officer and board seats, almost 50%. In addition, they have reconfigured the committee structure to better reflect the work that EVPA has been doing.

Why make these changes? It is important for our organization to be in compliance with our bylaws, which we have had trouble doing for the past few years. We can't pick and choose which to follow. At the October meeting, these proposals will be discussed at length and the group will be asked to approve them. If you'd like to see a copy of the current bylaws and the proposed changes, go to www.evpa.org. Hope to see you all at the October meeting to discuss these in person.
Good Music—Good Times—Good Behavior
Halloween in the Castro 2004
Sunday, October 31st—7pm to Midnight
NO Booze, NO Drugs, NO Bashing

The Halloween in the Castro team has been working hard to ensure that this year, our neighborhood celebration will be safe and fun. As revelers arrive at the event, they will pass through gates and be checked for alcohol and/or weapons. Volunteers community partners will be collecting donations. Once inside, three exciting stages of entertainment await. Featuring live performers, DJs, costume contests and much more.

Parking:
As an alternative to parking on the street, Everett Middle School (entrance on 17th, between Sanchez & Church) will offer paid parking to area residents as a school fundraiser. You can contact the school (241-6344) for details.

Security & Safety:
Over 300 Police Officers, 100 Sheriff Deputies, 150 Firefighters (including Emergency Medical Personnel), 75 SF Patrol Specials (Officer Jane Warner) and 60 Parking and Traffic Control Officers will be working together to ensure the safety of residents and attendees. Emergency access lanes will be established along Market and Castro Streets, allowing ambulances and other emergency vehicles quick access if necessary.

Entertainment:
The entertainment for the celebration will end at midnight. Careful attention has been made to direct sound away from residents as much as possible. Halloween in the Castro begins with the 3rd Annual March of Light at 6:30 p.m. The stage shows start at 7 p.m. and end promptly at midnight, giving revelers plenty of time to make it back home via BART or MUNI or cab.

Main Stage: (Market & Castro) Featuring performances by Trannyshack and costume contests, the Main Stage is at the center of all the action this Halloween!

Tantra Underground Dance Stage: (Market & Sanchez) The Tantra Stage is a showcase of San Francisco’s underground styles of electronic dance music, celebrating the tribal dance experience through cutting edge breakbeats and trance.

Dance Stage: (Castro & 19th) Presenting an all-star lineup of DJs from all of your favorite clubs.

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**EVPA Fall Proclamation Nominees**

The fall round of EVPA Proclamations is just around the corner, and EVPA members are encouraged to submit names of deserving individuals and local businesses to a board member for nomination or via www.evpa.org. From the list of candidates, the EVPA board will choose no more than five nominees, and from those five, three deserving individuals or businesses will be selected by the General Membership at the November meeting. Past recipients include EVPA Member Diane Nutting and local businesses Ferrari’s and The Castro Theater.

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**DOLORES STREET LIGHT FIXTURE UPDATE**

After extensive work by EVPA member Charlie Segiel and Supervisor Bevan Dufty’s Office, SFPUC and DPW announced new fixture designs for both Dolores St. and Liberty Hill Undergrounding projects. The recommendations are the result of efforts to blend a historic aesthetic with lighting performance, energy efficiency, environmental sensitivity, and an overall pleasing appearance. Please refer to sketches of the teardrop (proposal for Dolores Street) and post top (proposal for Liberty Hill) fixtures.

The new designs will be discussed at a public meeting at Mission Playground Clubhouse (19th Street between Valencia and Guerrero) on Monday October 18 at 5:30-7:00pm. For additional information, please contact Rebecca Prozan in Supervisor Dufty’s office (554-6986), Lynn Fong at the Dept. of Public Works Undergrounding Project (554-4860), or EVPA member Charlie Segiel 643-6888 or czs@sbcglobal.net.

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**CASTRO STREET FAIR RESULTS**

For the second consecutive year, Board Member Adam Hagen did a terrific job for EVPA at the Castro Street Fair. This year, Adam got a record 32 members to donate their time by collecting entrance fees from attendees. It has been reported that approximately $51,500 was raised at the fair. This is less than last year, however, fewer nonprofits provided volunteers. We are hoping that EVPA’s exceptionally high representation will increase the amount of money the organization will receive. Thank you Adam and special thanks to former MUMC President Patrick Batt, who once again donated his hours at the Fair to EVPA.
Dear Editors,

I want to acknowledge the officers and members of EVPA, who have accomplished so much over the last few years in serving our community.

As a long-time member, I particularly value the opportunity to have served on the Board of Directors during the past few years when our organization was able to establish the Pink Triangle Park, and effect other positive things for our historic community.

As the members consider some needed structural modifications, and approaches the Election of new Officers and Board Members, my sincere wish is that the coming year will find a renewed commitment to foster a feeling of goodwill between all elements of the diverse population here.

As the Eureka Valley Promotion Association completes its 123rd year, I believe that it is the single organization here that can – as past-President Burt Shimon Schwarzschild (~1975) defined – “form a bridge between the diverse groups” that constitute our community. By meeting face-to-face each month, and providing a forum of free expression and discussion, EVPA is “where the rubber hits the road” and no one needs to be left out.

I hope that this year will see a renewed sense of purpose in carrying on EVPA’s long tradition. We probably won’t get a Straight Flag at the corner of Market and Castro, but I know that many in the Gay Community can come to appreciate that our community transcends cultural definition and has always been strengthened by that fact.

At the 100th Anniversary Dinner of EVPA, I will never forget one long-time neighbor urging us all to honor the true history and tradition of our community, for that is the bond that we all truly share. The future strength of the Gay Community rests in part, on that tradition.

Richard McRee, Eureka Valley
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