**SURPLUS LAND REVIEW**

Both the State of California and the City of San Francisco are selling "surplus property" to raise funds in the face of structural budget deficits. Both entities own large blocks of land or vacant/underutilized properties, many of which could be developed for public benefit. Some constituents, however, feel that some of these properties are best left undeveloped and designated Open Space.

San Francisco’s current Surplus Property law directs that such parcels be considered for development of housing or other services for the homeless or other affordable housing clients. If a parcel isn’t directly appropriate for such uses, it should be sold for private development, with proceeds used for homeless/affordable housing and services elsewhere in the City. Two parcels in the Castro/Eureka Valley area were among 15 placed on the City’s current Surplus Property list in spring 2004. They are scheduled for official review in coming weeks. At its July 18 meeting (4pm, City Hall Room 408), the Surplus Property Citizens Advisory Committee (SPCAC) will review a City staff recommendation to sell the vacant lot at 341 Corbett Street near Mars Street for private development. Also, the hillside at Roosevelt Way and Henry Street, which includes a public right-of-way stairway, is scheduled for SPCAC review on August 15, same meeting time and location. This parcel has been officially designated as "Open Space" on SF's zoning and General Plan maps for decades. District 8 Sup. Bevan Dufty plans to introduce legislation to remove the Henry-Roosevelt parcel from the Surplus Property list, because of its historic Open Space designation.

For more information or to get involved in the City’s review of these properties, contact Gary Weiss regarding the 341 Corbett parcel at gary@ixia.com or 861-8288. For more information about the Henry-Roosevelt parcel, contact Richard Magary at BVNA@ix.netcom.com or 415/431-2359.

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**SERIOUSLY CLEAN: LITTERERS TO BE CITED**

The Department of Public Works’ (DPW) Litter Citation Walk Program will visit the Castro area, Church Street and Market Street areas in July and August. The program utilizes a cadre of 395 city employees who are authorized, through the City’s Administrative Code, to issue administrative citations, which include codes for littering, containerization of garbage; time, placement and security of garbage for collection; sidewalk litter receptacle use; and sidewalk nuisance laws. The goal of the program is to educate, warn and cite residents and business owners for violation of clean city laws and to engage and cite people who litter on city streets. In cases where it is determined that education alone does not result in changing people’s behavior, a citation may be issued.

City employees participate in four of the 41 scheduled Citation Walks throughout the year. The selected areas are concentrated in merchant corridors or areas where 28-CLEAN data inform us that there are problems with adherence to city litter codes. Teams of three sweep through the area, with the intent of keeping neighborhoods clean and litter-free.

Citations are given out to establishments that have dirty sidewalks or that are violating various clean city codes, such as not having trash receptacles or ashtrays available for their customers.

More than issuing citations, merchants, residents and visitors are educated and warned about proper use of city litter receptacles, their obligation to keep their sidewalks clean. The downtown, Tenderloin, Glen Park, Bayview, Haight, Chinatown, Bernal Heights, and outer Mission neighborhoods have been the sites of past citation walks.

The next Citation Walk is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 2005 and will cover Market Street from Sanchez to Van Ness and Valencia Street from Market to 18th street. The Castro area Citation Walk will be held in August, date to be determined. DPW representatives will be at the July EVPA General Membership meeting to discuss the program.
AIDS WALK: SUNDAY, JULY 17

Q: Where does the AIDS Walk take place?
A: Golden Gate Park, in Sharon Meadows

Q: How long is the AIDS Walk?
A: 10 kilometers (6.2 miles)

Q: Where does the money go?
A: The San Francisco AIDS Foundation and other Bay Area Service Organizations. See www.aidswalk.net

Q: What is a team?
A: A team can be a group of co-workers, students, church members, friends or families that pre-register, raise money and walk together.

Q: Should walkers use their home or work address to register?
A: Walkers should register using their home address. This will eliminate confusion on the morning of the AIDS Walk at sign-in. It also reduces the chance of duplicated records.

If you are able to help, or if you have questions, please contact Ben Sibrack, the Volunteer Coordinator, at (415) 615-9255 or by email at bens@aidswalk.net.

BADLANDS UPDATE

EVPA is grateful that former Mayor Willie Brown will serve as mediator in the dispute involving Badlands owner Les Natali and Castro For All. As has been reported in the press, The San Francisco Human Rights Commission found that The Badlands engaged in discriminatory practices against African Americans. Mr. Natali has vigorously denied these findings and has welcomed Mr. Brown’s involvement. Mr. Brown, the first African American Speaker of the California Assembly and the first African American Mayor of San Francisco, has a long and honorable history of championing the civil rights of gays and lesbians and is well qualified to mediate this issue. We are confident that with his leadership, it will be resolved.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Castro Meeting Room
501 Castro Street, San Francisco

By: Frank Weiss, Secretary
Date: June 16, 2005
Start Time: 7:37PM
End Time: 8:34PM
Number in Attendance: 15
Number of Voting Members: 14

Motion #1:
Approval of May 2005 General Membership Meeting minutes.
Moved and seconded.
Motion carried.

Motion #2:
Have Gary Weiss draft a letter regarding the surplus property on Corbett Avenue, for approval by the EVPA Board, expressing EVPA’s desire that the property be kept as open space, but if sold for housing, that part of it be set aside as open space.
Moved and seconded.
Motion carried.
For any EVP members or member referrals—5% of my commission donated to EVP.

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Report Graffiti   241-WASH
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Help A Homeless Person   431-7400
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Street Cleaning   695-2017 or 695-2020
Abandon Vehicles   553-9817
DTP Dispatch   553-1200
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General Membership Meeting
Agenda Highlights
Thursday July 21, 2005 7:30pm
Castro Meeting Room
501 Castro (Above BofA)

AGENDA
1. The board seeks approval of membership drive: post cards
   and complimentary copies of Eureka.
2. Discussion of adding removable traffic barriers at the corner
   of Castro and 17th St.
3. DPW will discuss proposal to educate business about trash
   ordinances and plans of enforcement.
4. Committee reports.