Parking Relief for Eureka Valley

On April 8, the Planning Commission approved the Market and Octavia Plan (which was originally conceived in 2002). Included was an amendment that EVPA had been fighting for since September 2006. The Upper Market Transit-Oriented Neighborhood Commercial District (NCT) will allow residential one-to-one parking with conditional use.

The April 5 Planning Commission started at 6PM and lasted until about 10PM. The final action was on agenda items 19a through 19e, the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance changes. The meeting can be seen on video via cable channel 27 or the San Francisco web site sfgov.org. The first motion on the final action was made by Commissioner Olague and amended by Commissioner Moore. One of Commissioner Moore’s amendments was to roll back parking to the initial 2002 proposal. After some discussion, the motion was called and failed 4-2. Commissioner Antonini subsequently made a second

ARE YOU PREPARED?
Make a Plan... Build a Kit... Get Involved.
By Joe Caruso

Here are some steps to Plan and prepare for any Disaster.

San Francisco is exposed to a wide variety of hazards, both natural and man-made. Earthquakes, fires, severe storms, power outages, and acts of terrorism are just some of the potential emergencies we may encounter. Imagine that you have no electricity, no gas, no water and no telephone service. Imagine that all the businesses are closed and you are without any kind of emergency services. What will you do until help arrives?

First and foremost, it is important to understand that in a major disaster, it might be several days before vital services are restored. That is why you must Make a Plan, Build a Kit, and Get Involved. As EVPA members, we are very good at making plans to help others, we are good at building coalitions to help better our city and the lives of people living in it, and we are great at getting involved. But what have you done for yourself lately? Are you Prepared?

Make a Plan.
Here is the priority: Safety, Water, Food, Heat and Sanitation.

Make a Plan for PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS
No matter how well your community has planned their

Contribute to San Francisco’s Streetscape Design

Starting April 5, the Better Streets Plan is offering San Franciscans the opportunity to help shape a new approach to streetscape design. The goal will be to build streets that are not just transportation routes, but become places for public life and that contribute to the natural environment. As part of the mayor’s Livable City Initiative, the Better Streets Plan will involve an extensive community process for residents to share their ideas and

ONE TIME ONLY CHANGE
FOR APRIL
General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2007 @ 8:00PM Eureka Valley
Recreation Center 100 Collingwood St.
Agenda is as follows:

1. Introduction
2. Committee Reports
3. Cafe’s Building Expansion to 17th Street - Action Item
4. Michael Smith - Upper Market Workshop
5. Market/Octavia Plan Update
6. Kiosk Update
7. Booth At Castro Street Fair - Discussion
8. Special Marketing Newsletter - Action Item

EVPA WILL MEET UPSTAIRS AT THE EVRC, NOT
IN THE AUDITORIUM. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN
AT 8PM BECAUSE OF THE BETTER STREETS PLAN
MEETING, WHICH ENDS AT 8PM.
Attention Members!! Share Your Stories With Us!!
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN THE CASTRO/EUREKA VALLEY? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

People have different reasons for living in San Francisco's neighborhoods. For some, it's about the weather. For others, it's about easy public transportation. Still others want amenities like restaurants, grocery stores, movie theatres, pharmacies, hardware stores, banks within an easy walk of their homes. Safety is often a concern. So please tell us what you like most about living in our neighborhood. We will print some of the responses in future issues of the Eureka!

We are also interested in knowing what you would change if you could. What do you think would make our neighborhood a better place? Is there a project you would like EVPA to consider? Is there an issue that we can help advocate to correct? Let us know and we will print your ideas in future issues of our newsletter.

Please keep submissions to 250 words and send them to EVPA Board Member joefcaruso@yahoo.com. Submissions cannot be returned and are the property of EVPA.

The Cafe is Planning to Expand

The owner of the popular Cafe nightclub has filed a building permit to expand the structure to 17th Street. The multi-story structure currently includes the Malacca (former Crave) restaurant, Subway, and Cold Steel America. The main motivations for the expansion are to provide additional bathroom facilities to the nightclub, expand the dance floor, and add an elevator for bringing supplies to the nightclub and ADA access. The expansion would also add a ground floor retail space on 17th St and a 3rd floor office. The Planning Committee has invited the project sponsor and architect to present the plans and answer questions. The Planning Committee may also present an action item for the General Membership's vote.

EVPA In The News – “EVPA Helps Keep Castro Clean”

The following was part of Katharine Holland's Business Brief's Column in the March 15 issue of the Bay Area Reporter.

If you've noticed the Castro is a little cleaner lately and the sleek news racks at various street corners, that is thanks in part to the work of the oldest neighborhood association in San Francisco, the Eureka Valley Promotion Association, along with the new community benefits district that property owners approved. Frank Weiss, owner of http://www.castrosf.org, a complete local guide to Eureka Valley and the Castro, was recently elected president of EVPA for a second term. The group was established in 1881 with the goal of helping to improve the neighborhood.

Recently elected and returning officers include Gustavo Serina, secretary, who also serves on the community benefits district board; David Weiss (no relation to Frank Weiss), treasurer, owner of Catch Restaurant; and board members Mike Barrett of Dolby Laboratories; Joe Caruso, with the city's Office of Emergency Services; and Demian Quesnel, a student of urban studies at San Francisco State University.

This year, EVPA will be involved in planning for large condominium projects including: the S&C Ford building, three lots in the 2100 block of Market Street, the Arco station at Market and Castro streets, and the lot formerly owned by the Methodist Church at Market and Sanchez streets. EVPA will vote on recommendations for each project and send letters to the Planning Department and Board of Supervisors. The group also hopes to build an automated visitor's kiosk providing information about the historical and cultural meaning of Eureka Valley and the Castro.

In past years, EVPA raised funds to create the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial at the corner of Market and 17th streets and the Seward Street Slides and Mini-Park at Douglass and 19th streets. We are so lucky to reap the rewards of the time, energy, and leadership from this group.

EVPA meets monthly at Eureka Valley Recreation Center at 100 Collingwood Street. Memberships start at $20 per year. Visit http://www.evpa.org for more information.
response to a disaster, in the event of a large-scale incident, first response resources may quickly become overwhelmed. To ensure the safety and well-being of you, your friends and your family, you should prepare now to take care of your own basic needs for at least the first 72 hours following a major disaster.

Making a Plan for Personal Preparedness:
Training is key
- Make sure that each person knows and practices ways of protecting her/himself from falling objects, smoke, fire, caustic fumes, etc.
- Make sure that each person knows and practices how to shut off utilities.
- Make sure that each person knows and practices evacuation procedures for leaving the home during an emergency.
- Make sure that each person knows how to use a home fire extinguisher.

Build a Kit:
Basic Supplies: Determine what you absolutely need every day to live and plan how you will get what you need. Store 5 gallons of water, if you can. If you buy it at the store, what would you do if either the store wasn't open, if its shelves were empty, or if you couldn't get to the store?

Important: If you don't have a manual can opener, buy one. Avoid foods that need a lot of water or more than a few minutes of cooking.

FOOD: You can eat canned tuna; eat canned vegetables as a salad, with salad dressing or vinegar and oil. Ham or chicken with a vegetable salad or mixed with mayonnaise packets.

Water: Store 1 gallon of water per person for each day you are preparing for. You can buy collapsible water containers wherever camping supplies are sold. Another option is to wash out soda bottles and fill them with water. The water in these containers should be replaced every six months.

If you store your own water, treat it by adding 4 drops of unscented chlorine bleach to each gallon of water. Don't use milk bottles.

Build Personal Go Bags:
Assembling emergency kits is one of the basic preparedness measures you should take. Go Bags are kits designed for the event of an evacuation. Be sure your bag is easy to carry (if you have to evacuate on foot) and that it has an I.D. tag. You should keep one at home, work and in your vehicle. They should include the following supplies:

- 3-Day supply of any prescription medications you take regularly.
- Personal hygiene supplies (including toilet paper).
- Whistle (to alert rescuers to your location).
- List of emergency point-of-contact phone numbers.
- Emergency lighting (flashlight and batteries or light sticks).
- Portable radio & batteries (or hand crank style)
- Change of clothing, sturdy shoes and a hat.
- If you are preparing go bags for children, include a favorite toy, cards or book and medical consent forms.

Get involved, know your community resources, and become one yourself.

You can also get information on how Pet Owners can help their pets during an emergency at www.72hours.org

You can find more information about tips for Building a Kit, Making a Plan, and Getting Involved by going to www.72hours.org.

Thank you to all EVPA members because without you so much great work would go undone. Be well.

-Joe Caruso
Priorities for improving the design of San Francisco's streets. One of the first meetings will take place on Thursday, April 19 at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Streets are an important part of the public space in Eureka Valley, so this is a great opportunity for EVPA members to share their ideas on how to improve Eureka Valley's streets, making them safer and more inviting gathering spaces, provide more efficient transportation network and become a part of the natural environment.

Many thanks to Planning Committee Chair Demian Quesnel for his tireless work on this. Demian's partner, Tito Vendermeyen also deserves credit for creating the countless maps that have clarified the issues we faced.

The Upper Market NCT extends along Market St between Church St and Noe St, including some adjoining streets (see map). Without the amendment, residential off-street parking for the NCT was a) no minimum, b) 0.5 per unit max, c) 0.75 per unit with Conditional Use Permit, d) 1 per 2-bedroom unit max. What the amendment changed was c), from 0.75 to 1. The residential areas south of Market St between Dolores St and Noe St are part of the Residential Transit-Oriented plan area, which permits one-to-one residential parking with Conditional Use.

Complete information on the Market and Octavia Plan is online at: http://www.sfgov.org/site/planning_index.asp?id=25188. The amendments from the April 5th Planning Commission meeting may not yet have been posted.
Minutes from General Membership
Meeting of 3/15/07

1. Upon motion made and seconded, the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget was approved.

2. Upon motion made and seconded, providing non members with a free electronic newsletter was approved. (Snail mail newsletters will only go to paying members.)

3. Upon motion made and seconded, board member Demian Quesnel was named EVPA representative to the Castro Coalition.

Upcoming EVPA Meetings
EVPA meetings are back in the Eureka Valley Recreation Center Auditorium, 100 Collingwood (behind Cala Foods). See you there!
April 19, May 17, June 21

Want to clean up our neighborhoods?
Green the City? Help solve homelessness, and promote sensible housing policy?

Join SF’s grass-roots quality of life group! free to join: www.plancsf.org
Handy Resources for Home
Report Litter 28-CLEAN
Report Graffiti 241-WASH
Police Non-Emergency 553-0123
Police/Mission Station 558-5400
Help A Homeless Person 431-7400
(Mobile Assistance Patrol dispatched)
Street Cleaning 695-2017 or 695-2020
Abandoned Vehicles 553-9817
DTP Dispatch 553-1200
Street Signs Missing/Damaged 554-9780
Pot Hole Repair 695-2100
Supervisor Bevan Dufty’s Office 554-6968
bevan.dufty@sfgov.org
CBD Hotline 559-6968

Contact EVPA Board Members
If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please feel free to contact any of the following EVPA Board Members:
Frank Weiss (President) 706-6597
Demian Quesnel (At Large Board Member) 861-5084

Join EVPA by Sending Us This Completed Membership Application

Name: ___________________________________________ Last
          First  ___________________________________________

Organization: ___________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ Apt. ______

City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code________

Day Phone: (____)_______________ Evening Phone: (____)________

Email

Address:___________________________________________

(EVPA does not share your contact information with other groups)
My concerns for the neighborhood include_________________________

I am interested in working on the following issues:
___City Planning/Zoning ___Transportation, Utilities & Neighborhood Commerce
___Public Health/Safety ___Education/Recreation ___Membership & Promotion
___Finance ___Internal Affairs ___Pink Triangle Park
___Renewing membership. ___New membership.
___ I wish to receive my copy of the Eureka! Via the internet rather than by US Mail

Annual Membership dues are $20 per calendar year for individuals, $30 for households and $40 for businesses or nonprofits in Castro, Upper Market, and Duboce Triangle (Eureka Valley). EVPA is a non-profit California corporation.
Please return this form with your check payable to EVPA to:
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Important Meeting Change for April 19th!
The Community Theatre will be using the Auditorium Thursday night for a stage production. The EVPA meeting will be in the meeting room upstairs. Our meeting will immediately follow the Better Streets San Francisco meeting which starts at 6PM and will end by 8PM, possibly earlier. Please come early for the Better Streets meeting if you can. Signs will be posted at the EVRC to remind you to come upstairs.