Maintaining Neighborhood Character
by Steve Clark Hall

At our last General Membership meeting in November 2007, those in attendance participated in a lively survey to obtain the official EVPA position on various issues facing the SF Planning Department regarding the Planning Department enforcement priorities. One of the significant outcomes of the survey was that the number one planning enforcement concern for the EVPA membership was overwhelmingly “Maintaining Neighborhood Character.”

But what does “Maintaining Neighborhood Character” which was so important to those attending really mean? Most likely, each of us has a different thought of what this means and how best to “Maintain Neighborhood Character.”

A Few Notes from the EVPA President
by Steve Clark Hall

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is already 2008. And the new 2008 EVPA Board of Directors is very excited about the prospects of this new year.

A very high priority of the 2008 Board, as has been the case in the past, is to work hard on improving the community awareness of the EVPA, who we are, and why we fulfill an important role in the community. We recognize that the boundaries of the EVPA overlap with many newer and smaller neighborhood groups. Some of these groups serve very narrow functions. Some, such as the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, are very well organized and very active.

One of the key goals for many of the board members is to have more “presentations” at the monthly general membership meetings. Some of the presentations on our “wish-list” include “How to research the history of your home,” “The benefits of establishing historic districts in areas of Eureka Valley,” “The SF Planning Process,” as well as Joe Caruso’s great presentation of “Are you ready-to-go with your ‘go-bag’ when the Hayward Fault pops?” The first of these presentations will be at our next meeting on 17 January 17 when we hold our forum “Maintaining Neighborhood Character.”

Lastly, I’d like to personally extend a very big “thank you and well done” to the two outgoing board officers, Gustavo Serina and Mike Babbitt, who served a combined twelve years of dedicated service and hard work to EVPA in various capacities as members of the Board of Directors.

See you at our Membership Meeting on the 17th!

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Meet the 2008 EVPA Board Members

For this upcoming year, the EVPA Board members are as follows:

President: Steve Clark Hall - steve.hall@evpa.org
Secretary: Scott Wiener - scott.w@evpa.org
Treasurer: Joe Caruso
Board of Directors:
    Frank Weiss - 415-706-6597
    David Weiss
    Demian Quesnel - demian.q@evpa.org
    Alan Beach-Nelson - alan.beach@evpa.org

Please feel free to contact them if you’d like to volunteer or if you have any questions.
**Neighborhood Character** *(Continued from page 1)*

Does it mean “shrink-wrapping” Eureka Valley to keep it exactly as it is now? Does it mean returning to an era when the neighborhood had a different vitality? Some of you may have concerns about new buildings replacing the underutilized properties. Some may be concerned about loss of housing by dwelling mergers. And what about chain stores? Then a few of us feel that the number one concern should be preventing a post-quake conflagration which would permanently change our “wild west” settlement forever.

Please join us at our next general membership meeting on 17 January when we will continue exploring the priorities of the EVPA membership by conducting a forum where you may bring your thoughts and ideas as to what “neighborhood character” really means to you. At the end of the forum, we will compile all the inputs into a survey so that we at the EVPA can prioritize our efforts to better serve the wants and needs of the membership and the neighborhood.

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**General Membership Meeting Minutes November 2007**

1. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes from the October, 2007 General Membership meeting were approved.

2. Upon nominations made and seconded, the following officers and directors were elected:
   - **President:** Steve Clark Hall
   - **Secretary:** Scott Wiener
   - **Treasurer:** Joseph Caruso
   - **Director:** Alan Beach-Nelson
   - **Director:** Demian Quesnel
   - **Director:** David Weiss

3. Upon motion made and seconded, the Planning Committee was authorized to ask the San Francisco Planning Department to have the same neighborhood outreach procedures for variances as for 311 notices. Outreach should be made to both owners and renters.

4. Upon motion made and seconded, the Secretary was authorized to write a letter to Supervisor Bevan Dufty and the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro to thank them for making Halloween 2007 in the Castro a safe evening.


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**Upcoming EVPA Meetings**

EVPA meetings are back in the Eureka Valley Recreation Center Auditorium, 100 Collingwood (behind Cala Foods). See you there!

- **February 21**
- **March 20**
- **April 17**
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2007
@ 7:30PM
Eureka Valley Recreation Center
100 Collingwood St.

AGENDA:
1. Introductions
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
3. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
   - Treasurer
   - UMA Rep
   - Planning
   - UTNCS
4. Reports of Special Committees
   - Halloween
5. Business
   - Frameline Use of the Castro Parking Lot during the LGBT Film Festival
   - Forum: "Maintaining Neighborhood Character"
6. New Business
7. Adjournment
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
CBHD 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: __________________________________________  First  Last
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Organization: __________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________ Apt. ________
City: San Francisco, CA  Zip Code___________________________
Day Phone: (_____)____________ Evening Phone: (____)__________________
Email: _____________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________
(AVPA 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.
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