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Minutes from the July 19, 2001 EVPA General Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without debate.
- The agenda was approved without debate.
- Joe Conte from Chow Restaurant gave a short presentation regarding his proposal to add a patio area to the rear of his restaurant. Mr. Conte had presented his plan to the Utilities, Transportation and Neighborhood Committee (UTNC) which had recommended approval to the EVPA general membership.

Mr. Conte's presentation was followed by a disruptive and combative diatribe from one of Chow's neighbors who complained that noise was keeping him up at night and that, as an "owner of a multimillion dollar building," he would take Mr. Conte to court and sue him to stop this egregious development. This gentleman (aka, The Rude Guy) went on to accuse the EVPA of attempting to silence the many other people who didn't come to the meeting but would have if they had known about it and are against this patio addition.

A motion was made to write a letter to the Planning Commission approving Chow's request for a conditional use permit for the addition of their patio. The motion was discussed at length, much of the discussion being one sided from The Rude Guy who opposed the patio. When it was pointed out that, as he was not an EVPA member (at the new, very reasonable yearly dues rate of \$15 for individuals and \$24 per household), he insisted that his first amendment rights were being violated and threatened to sue the EVPA and everyone within earshot.

As amusing as this whole episode was, time had grown short and we had to move on to a vote.

The motion to write a letter in support of the conditional use permit, with the provision that Chow work with neighbors to mitigate noise concerns, passed with a majority vote.

The Rude Guy stormed out of the room no doubt off to accuse chestnuts of being lazy and yell at a few delinquent trees who owed him money.

- Jim Lightsey gave an update on the New Heritage Foundation's efforts at organizing a "March of Light" on Halloween which would memorialize those who died of AIDS. This march was originally planned to start at Market and Castro or thereabouts and proceed down to Market and Octavia, the site of the new LGBTQQ Community Center.

Mr. Lightsey reported that SFPD are against creating a "third" venue at Octavia/Market Streets and would only allow a march towards Market and Castro.

EVPA members were concerned about attracting even more people to the neighborhood on what has become a yearly headache for merchants and residents.

Since the route is still under discussion, it was decided to table the issue until such time that Mr. Lightsey could get back to the EVPA Board of Directors on a firm route for the event

- The EVPA Finance Committee presented the EVPA budget for the next year. Among the highlights is a dues increase to \$15 for individuals and \$24 for households. This was discussed and a motion was made to raise dues to these amounts. The dues increase passed with a majority vote.
- Since The Rude Guy spent so much time disrupting the proceedings, a motion was made to postpone the Committee Reports until the next general meeting on August 16, 2001. This was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9pm.

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