



# EVPA

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### Minutes from the April 18, 2002 EVPA General Meeting

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice President Tom Hanus, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- Sarush Kumana from Home Ownership Program for Equity (HOPE) gave a 15 minute presentation on the purpose and goals of the HOPE program. In a nutshell, HOPE is advocating for the ability of renters to purchase their rental units from building owners, and lobbying the Board of Supervisors to sponsor legislation to allow this. Mr. Kumana stated that this would benefit renters by providing an opportunity for home ownership, owners by providing a built-in buyer for their property should they want to sell, and the city in increasing property tax and transfer tax revenues. HOPE is proposing that yearly a limited number of rental units (1% of the rental stock) be allowed to be sold under this legislation. For more information on HOPE, interested EVPA members can log on to [www.affordable-homeownership.org](http://www.affordable-homeownership.org).
- Committee Reports:
  - The Park and Education Committee report presented by Board Member and Corresponding Secretary Joe Foster updated the membership on the PTP memorial. Additionally, EVPA member Brian Chu of LYRIC announced that he is leaving as Executive Director of LYRIC to move down the street to the new LGBTQQ Community Center in a new capacity there. The EVPA congratulates Brian in his new position.
  - The Treasurer's Report given by Board Member and Treasurer Herb Cohn stated that EVPA has received some money and spent some money.
  - The Safety Committee report given by Board Member Drew Bertagnolli gave an update on Neighborhood Emergency Response Training (NERT). If any EVPA member is interested in attending a NERT course, contact Mike Babbitt or Drew. A follow up to previous meetings with Supervisor Leno on quality of life issues will be held on Friday, April 19th.
  - The Membership Committee report given by Board Member Michael Crawford made a general request for ads, leads, ideas for columns and any other info regarding neighborhood interest items including garage sales, community meetings, etc. Michael handed out a small info card containing important phone numbers to all EVPA members in attendance. The card contains phone numbers for police dispatch, Mobile Assistance Patrol, and other important contacts.
  - The Utilities, Transportation and Neighborhood Commerce Committee report, given by Board Member Michael Crawford announced the next Castro Bubble Bath on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am. The sidewalks starting in front of the Castro Theater, moving up to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, down 17<sup>th</sup> to Hartford and down Hartford to 18<sup>th</sup> will be scrubbed by EVPA volunteers. Interested EVPA members are encouraged to contact Tom Hanus to register. The last one was a lot of fun, and bagels and coffee will be provided by The Chat Café, and a light brunch will be provided to participants by our pals at the Red Grill.
  - No Planning Committee member was present to give a report.
- Drew Bertagnolli gave an update on the planned EVRC remodel. A photocopy of the preliminary building layout was handed out. The most recent preliminary start date for construction is January 2003, with

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construction estimated to last about 18 months. More information will be available at a community meeting at EVRC on May 2.

- Bill Murphy from the Corwin Street Community Garden gave a short presentation on their project. The Garden is something that EVPA has been involved in since the early 70's, and Bill invited EVPA members to the unveiling of their new "Interpretive Kiosk", paid for by a grant from the Parks Department. The kiosk informs visitors of the plant and animal life found in the garden as well as the history of the area. The unveiling is planned for May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11a to 1p.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.