



Eureka Valley Promotion Association

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EVPA Membership Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2004

President Joe Foster called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Member Gustavo Serina agreed to serve as Recording Secretary.

After introductions were made, and upon motion made and seconded, the January minutes were approved.

Item #

- 0402-1 Upon motion made and seconded, Thomas Kocon was elected Corresponding Secretary.
- 0402-2 President reviewed Roberts Rules of Order, which, under EVPA's by-laws, govern the way meetings are held, motions made, seconded, debated, and voted upon. He reminded those present that the General Membership is the organization's decision making body.
- 0402-3 The President discussed pedestrian and automobile safety issues in Eureka Valley and showed a video of an automobile accident caused by a car going too fast along 17th Street. The President reminded General Membership that District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty would be having the first of four Automobile and Pedestrian Safety workshops on Monday, February 23, at 7PM at the Community Meeting Room on Castro and 18th Streets. Steve Ferrario of Supervisor Dufty's office explained how the meetings would work and what participants should expect to discuss.
- 0402-4 Steve Ferrario and member Jimmer Cassiol advised membership that Mayor Gavin Newsom will be holding his first Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 28, from 11AM to 1PM at James Lick Middle School on Noe Street. Supervisor Dufty and most city department heads will be in attendance to hear about issues of concern to District 8 residents.

Committee Reports

Finance Report:

- 0402-5 Joe Foster reported that deposits since the last meeting were a robust \$342, including eight or nine new members and two special donations—one for \$100 and another for \$40 from members. The proposed fiscal year budget will be presented to GM for approval at the March meeting. Assuming Castro Street Fair proceeds are consistent with those of prior years, EVPA will close the year with a healthy cash balance.

UTNC Report:

- 0402-6 Chair David Weiss discussed Dolores Street lighting. In response to concerns raised by neighbors about the inappropriateness of the proposed Cobra lights, DPW has agreed to review other options prior to final installation. DPW will hold another meeting with neighbors to discuss these options.

- 0402-7 David reported that member Marc Epstein, an attorney, informed him that EVPA would not qualify as a 501 C (3) organization, but that the Pink Triangle Park & Memorial would and he would look into what that would entail. As a 501 C (3) organization, the PTP&M could accept tax deductible donations without using a fiscal agent.
- 0402-8 David also mentioned that no action has been taken on demolishing the building on 18th Street between Castro and Hartford that previously housed the Body Shop.

Planning Report:

- 0402-9 Chair Adam Hagen reported that Planning had met and decided not to take a position on housing density at transit corridors or on Proposition J, Work Force Housing, appearing on the March ballot.

Ed & Rec Report:

- 0402-10 Chair Pauline Shaver reported that the committee had not met, but is preparing a budget for PTP&M.
- 0402-11 She also said that EVPA had been approached by a group planning a digital survey of pocket parks in Eureka Valley. This issue and any EVPA involvement will be discussed at the Board Level for recommendation to general membership.
- 0402-12 Member Mike Babbitt reported that Tor Hansen is once again appealing—to the Board of Permit Appeals—to have the healthy Chinese Elm Tree in front of the 17th Street side of 2500 Market Street. EVPA previously took a position opposing such action. Upon motion made and seconded, membership voted to send a letter to the Board of Permit Appeals, opposing removal of this tree. Mike, member Judy Hoyem, member Gustavo Serina, plan to attend to protest this action. Mike Babbitt will email members with information as to where to send letters and what suggested wording should be to maximize effectiveness.

Membership Report:

- 0402-13 As reported earlier, approximately nine new membership checks were received since the January, 2004 meeting.

Safety Report:

- 0402-14 Chair Mike Babbitt reported that no meeting was held.

New Business:

- 0402-15 Member Gustavo Serina discussed a donation from EVPA of \$100 towards a memorial bench in Dolores Park honoring officer Jon Cook, who died in a car crash while attempting to apprehend a dangerous criminal. After brief discussion, it was agreed to defer action on this item until the March General Membership meeting.

Old Business:

- 0402-16 Member Lion Barnett pointed out that the Food Wagons at the Chevron and Arco Service Stations at Castro, 17th Street, and Market Street intersections are gone. David Weiss said that Supervisor Dufty had encouraged the food wagons to go elsewhere.

Upon motion made, seconded, and approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.