



EVPA

EUREKA VALLEY PROMOTION ASSOCIATION

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The regular meeting of **Eureka Valley Promotion Association** was held Thursday April 19, 2001 at 7:37 P.M., at the Castro Meeting Room the President being in the chair the Recording Secretary being absent Tom Hanus substituted. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without being read.

The agenda was discussed and approved.

Barbara Lynn of San Francisco S.A.F.E. made a Neighborhood Watch Program presentation. A hand out is on file.

Drew Bertagnolli moved that any decision regarding changing the meeting location to the Castro Meeting Room be tabled until the next regular meeting. After debate the motion carried.

Committee reports were received:

Promotion and Membership committee report was presented by Michael Crawford. The committee has not met at this time, but would do so before the next regular meeting.

Planning committee report was presented by Judy Hoyem. The report is on file.

Education & Recreation committee report was presented by Joe Foster. The report is on file.

Utilities, Transportation, Neighborhood Commerce committee report was presented by Michael Crawford.

The report is on file.

Public Health & Safety committee report was prepared by Mike Babbitt (not present) and is on file.

Internal Development committee was presented by Tom Hanus. The committee will be taking up bylaw revisions. Any suggestions are welcome.

The Treasurer reported her planned absence for vacation, and submitted a cash report. The report is on file.

There was no old business.

Tom Hanus moved to adopt the recommendation of the Utilities, Transportation, Neighborhood Commerce committee to send a letter to Michael Burns, General Manager of MUNI, complementing the agency on implementing the Castro Shuttle. After debate the motion carried.

Joe Foster moved to adopt the recommendation of the Education and Recreation committee to send a letter of accommodation to Allan Crawford, Robert Bruce & Susan Martin, Paul DeSoto, Lino Lawre, Ross Muaro for their submission to the Pink Triangle memorial design competition. After debate the motion carried.

Gustavo Serina moved that EVPA send a letter in opposition to Supervisor Chris Daly's proposed Tenancies-in-Common legislation to full the Board of Supervisors. After debate the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Submitted

/s/ Tom Hanus

Tom Hanus

April 24, 2001

Three committee reports follows, all other can be obtained from the Recording Secretary.

EVPA Education and Parks Committee Report
April 18, 2001

Committee Members: Andrew Bertagnolli, Joe Foster, Gustavo Serina

Members of the committee have held several organizing discussions in the last month. As a result of these discussions, members of the committee have established the following tasks for the future:

The primary task of the committee will be to concern itself with education and recreation services available in the Castro District. These services are provided by a variety of schools, libraries and recreation centers in the neighborhood. In addition, the care and maintenance of neighborhood parks will fall within the sphere of the committee's work.

EVPA has been a co-sponsor of the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial Project since October of 2000. Many EVPA members are active on the independent memorial committee that has selected a sculptural design for the park space. The EVPA Education and Parks Committee will work closely with this independent committee to assure that the joint goals of EVPA and the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial Committee are achieved.

The Eureka Valley Recreation Center is a major provider of recreation services to the neighborhood. At the present time, the center is under-utilized by families with children under the age of 12. The committee will investigate the basis for this uncharacteristic feature of our center and suggest ways in which a greater diversity of users might be encouraged.

The focus on education and recreation provides the committee with a unique opportunity to outreach to new members. The concerns of our schools and parks have not been a recent focus of EVPA. In the future, the committee will attempt to bring these concerns to the general membership and thereby create greater diversity in the EVPA membership.

**Utilities, Transportation & Neighborhood Commerce
Committee Report
Submitted April 19, 2001**

1. Held two meetings, will be meeting monthly moving forward.
2. Developing a Mission Statement for committee
3. Developing a resource list of contacts for Utilities, Transportation and Commercial affairs.
4. Recommend the EVPA send a letter to Michael Burns, General Manager of MUNI, complementing the agency on implementing the Castro Shuttle. The shuttle has made a significant improvement on morning and afternoon downtown commutes.
5. The committee will meeting again on April 23rd at 5:30 pm at CHAT Café, 498 Sanchez.

Members:

Michael Crawford, Chair
Tom Hanus
Lion Barnett
Joe Foster
Steve Clark Hall

EVPA Safety Committee Report
April 17, 2001

Committee members: Mike Babbitt, Nila Camino, Gustavo Serina

1. Mike Babbitt met with Michael Burns, MUNI chief, to discuss the seldom-used MUNI tunnels at the foot of Market and Castro Streets. Mr. Burns indicated a willingness to replace the existing chain-link fencing with something more esthetically pleasing, but did not think that closing the tunnels or otherwise covering them to street-level was possible. Mr. Burns also indicated a willingness to improve pedestrian safety along the North tunnel by widening the sidewalk behind the tunnel where the sidewalk narrows to less than three feet wide.
2. Mike Babbitt, in his capacity as a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Board for The Ark House at 2500 Market Street, met with a representative of S.A.F.E. to discuss starting a neighborhood watch program in the Eureka Valley neighborhood. The members of the Board determined that this effort was beyond the scope of their influence, and any watch program developed will be done without their involvement.
3. The abandoned Victorian at 4038 17th Street has been secured from squatters and vagrants. While it remains an attractive area for drug use and homeless persons, the building itself has been secured and no one can enter the premises without a key. This building continues to be an issue in the neighborhood, and EVPA members are urged to remain vigilant in this ongoing struggle.
4. Additional members for the Safety Committee are welcomed and can contact Mike Babbitt.