



# Eureka Valley Promotion Association

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## Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Board members present: President Gustavo Serina, Vice President Tom Hanus, Corresponding Secretary Jimmer Cassiol, Recording Secretary Mike Babbitt, Judy Hoyem, Rich McCree, David Weiss, Michael Crawford, Drew Bertagnolli, Gerald Abbott.

Board members absent: Treasurer Joe Foster.

Board members excused: Pauline Shaver.

### **Committee Reports**

**Safety Report:** Discussions are continuing on how to handle the annual Halloween gathering. Safety Committee chair Drew Bertagnolli has met with several neighborhood organizations who are also concerned about the issues raised from this unsupervised event. Options being discussed include preventing the consumption of alcohol on the street, charging admission, getting The City to sponsor the event, asking for donations like is done at the Castro Street Fair and others. Supervisor Dufty will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the various options in the coming weeks.

**Park and Ed Report:** The plan to remodel the EVRC is reportedly on schedule. The latest word is that the public art component of the plan is being discussed by the Art Commission.

Work is continuing on signage, a bronze plaque and granite sheathing of the concrete retaining wall at the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. EVPA President Gustavo Serina will be meeting with Supervisor Bevan Dufty and EVPA Board Member Pauline Shaver will be meeting with Wendy Nelder to discuss funding issues for the retaining wall.

**UTNC Report:** The Hot & Hunky Restaurant renovation and change of ownership previously supported by the EVPA General Membership has hit a snag. The Thai Restaurant move to the Hot & Hunky location is being thwarted by legislation sponsored by former District 8 Supervisor Mark Leno that caps the number of full-service restaurants in the Castro to 20. While the move will not increase the number of restaurants in the area, it does open some issues regarding the business use of the former location.

**Membership Report:** All members are encouraged to submit neighborhood nuggets and tidbits of info for publication in the monthly newsletter.

**Internal Affairs Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report given.

**Planning Report:** The 2500 Market Street property has been listed as available, according to signage. Is the property for sale or lease? As the current tenant The Ark House is operating under a conditional use permit, the building should revert to its previous zoned use as residential once the Ark House Program leaves, which is scheduled for March 2003. The EVPA Planning Committee will ask the Planning Department for a clarification of the zoning status of 2500 Market and Mike Babbitt will continue to track down information from the listing real estate agent.

The District 8 Special Use legislation is being reviewed by Supervisor Bevan Dufty before he takes a position on it. Supervisor Dufty is aware of the hard work that many people have put in this proposed legislation, and wants to be familiar with it before he brings it to the board for a vote.

### **New Business**

EVPA Board Member Rich McCree proposed a summer celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Seward Street Mini Park. Rich will make some suggestions for this celebration and propose a budget expenditure for membership outreach at this proposed event.

EVPA members who have an interest in the history of EVPA and The City are encouraged to contact EVPA member and Corresponding Secretary Jimmer Cassiol (jcassiol@aol.com) to participate in EVPA's ongoing effort to document the history of EVPA. The deteriorating conditions of the property at 4038 17<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed. As the current condition of the property is not benefiting either the neighborhood or the owner, avenues to outreach to the owner in various forms were discussed. Among the options under consideration are quietly outreaching to the owner on a personal basis, awaiting the owner's reported plan to paint the building, revisiting the EVPA General Membership's past consideration regarding the subject property, and others. No consensus was reached, and although individuals are free to outreach to the owner as they see fit, as an official EVPA policy this issue remains under consideration for the future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.