



# Eureka Valley Promotion Association

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## General Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:40 PM

Minutes from the January 2003 EVPA meeting were approved.

### **Presentations**

Eric Politzer from Ark of Refuge and Margot Antonetty from DPH gave a brief overview of the Ark House program located at 2500 Market Street and their planned move. City budget constraints and other issues have forced them to abandon their previous alternative sites and look for more affordable locations. The lease for the Ark House program is up at the end of March, and because of these unforeseen issues, they would like EVPA to support an extension to their original agreement to move at the end of March 2003. They request an extension through June 30, 2003, at which time they believe that the new site for the program at 1038 Howard Street will be ready for occupancy. Eric has committed to maintaining staff levels at the Ark House during this extension, and that he would not return to ask for a new extension when this one comes to a close.

A motion was made to support an extension for the program through June 30, 2003. The motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Park and Ed Report:** The Committee has received two quotes to reface the new retaining wall at the Pink Triangle Park & Memorial. Both quotes were for around \$66,000, much more than the Committee had foreseen. Committee Chair Pauline Shaver has spoken with Wendy Nelder asking for the grant to be rewritten to allow the use of these grant funds to ready the Park for the dedication ceremony, proposed for sometime during Pride Week. The funds will be used for landscaping, an irrigation system and for other pressing needs. While the granite wall will most likely not be done in time for the dedication, the official plaque commemorating the PTP&M as a memorial for the gay and lesbian victims of the Holocaust will be ready.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Beautification authorized repayment of debt from restricted PTP&M balances currently held by EVPA. As soon as practical, the Treasurer will issue checks to repay the EVPA General Membership Fund, Herb Cohn, and Gustavo Serina for loans made to PTP&M.

A motion was made to direct up to \$1000 of EVPA funds towards the dedication ceremony and creation of an ad-hoc committee to expend the funds. The motion carried.

Drew Bertagnolli gave an update on the EVRC remodel. Bad news: someone has stepped forward to complain about the reduced open space that the new design calls for. Because of this complaint, the start date for the remodel will be pushed back to December 2003. The good news is that an artist was selected and approved for the public art component of the remodel. The remodel is expected to take 18 months.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Joe Foster presented the EVPA 2003 budget. Details of the budget are available for EVPA members. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented. The motion carried.

**Planning Report:** No Planning Committee report was given.

**UTNC Report:** EVPA Board Member David Weiss was announced as the new Chair of the UTNC Committee. Interested EVPA members are encouraged to contact David.

Safety Report: Discussions on how to handle the annual Halloween gathering are on hold after an unfortunate public statement from organizers of the Gay Pride Parade. Committee Chair Drew Bertagnolli is working with MUMC and other neighborhood groups to jump start these talks. A motion was made to write a letter thanking Captain Corrales and the officers of Mission Station for their efforts that lead to the arrest of a suspect in several burglaries in Eureka and Noe Valley. The motion carried.

Membership Report: No report was given, but members are continually encouraged to report neighborhood nuggets and gossip for inclusion in the EVPA monthly newsletter, "Eureka!"

Internal Affairs Report: Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

EVPA Board Member Rich McCree proposed a July date for the Seward Street Mini Park 30<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Rich will work with the Membership Committee to work out a plan for EVPA participation in this event.

EVPA member Gary Weiss mentioned the hazards presented by the untrimmed palm trees in the center of Market Street. EVPA President Gustavo Serina pledged to mention this issue during his meeting with Supervisor Bevan Dufty.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.