



Eureka Valley Promotion Association

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March 20, 2003

General Membership Meeting Minutes

7:30pm: Call to order.

New Business

1. Dan Glazer, owner of Hot Cookie at 407 Castro Street and a neighborhood resident, has proposed opening a Bagel Bros. bagel shop at 495 Castro, currently occupied by Planet Juice. Mr. Glazer requires a Conditional Use Permit for the bagel shop at this location and came to EVPA asking for support. A motion was made to support Mr. Glazer's CUP request, and after debate, the motion carried.
2. A motion was made to invite the top four Mayoral and District Attorney candidates to individual EVPA meetings in the coming months. After debate, the motion carried.
3. A motion was made to stagger the invited candidates over four EVPA meetings, two candidates per meeting. After debate, the motion carried.

Old Business

1. 2500 Market Street Update: The owner of 2500 Market has entered into a month-to-month lease with Ark of Refuge for the continuing operation of the Ark House while they prepare the new facility at 1038 Howard for occupancy. The following updates were reported by EVPA President Gustavo Serina:
 - a. The CUP Commission Hearing for the new facility at 1038 Howard is scheduled for May 15. This date may change as efforts are being made through Supervisor Dufty's office to move up the hearing date.
 - b. April 17 has been selected as a tentative date for a SoMa community forum to discuss this project; this date is pending a finalization of the Commission Hearing schedule.
 - c. Mercy Charities will be vacating the building on April 15. Mercy very generously is donating a considerable number of desks, chairs, partitions, and other furniture/fixtures to the Ark House and the agency as a whole.
 - d. State Senator Mark Leno's office is working to identify the balance of the funds needed to rehab 1038 Howard. Once again, the construction period should not last more than 30 days, and our architect has a short list of general contractors who are available to jump right onto this project after a very simple bid process is completed.

Committee Reports

Ed/Rec

The first incident of vandalism was experienced by the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. EVPA members Ed Allen and Mike Babbitt contributed to cleaning up this vandalism, and the take away brochures supplied by Michael Crawford and Tom Hanus continue to be a positive form of PR for the park.

Efforts are continuing to find a landscape architect who can help with the clean-up of the park prior to the dedication ceremony. EVPA member and board member David Weiss has volunteered to research possible sources for the granite facing proposed on the retaining wall.

In response to EVPA member Gary Weiss' question about the trimming of palm trees on Market Street, EVPA President Gustavo Serina contacted Steven Aronowitz of Supervisor Dufty's office and found that the trees are the responsibility of MUNI, not DPW. Further research is ongoing.

Gary also discussed a long-ago planting map for cherry trees along Castro Street. The Committee will research this through the Friends of the Urban Forest.

The planned remodel of the EVRC is not meeting schedule. The plans for the remodel (first seen just recently) were not positively received by EVPA members generally.

Finance

EVPA continues to be on sound financial footing. A call goes out for volunteers for the upcoming Castro Street Fair, as EVPA generates a substantial amount of operating cash from volunteers at the Fair. Interested EVPA members should contact Gustavo.

UTNC

The space for the planned video store at the old Valley Pride Market, previously supported by EVPA, appears to be much for the needs of the video store. The owner and project sponsor is considering separating the space into two stores, although this is not a firm decision at the moment.

Safety

Plans for a safe 2003 Halloween event are entering the public comment phase. Interested EVPA members are encouraged to contact Supervisor Dufty's office for more information.

Internal Affairs, Membership, and Planning

No reports submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.