



# Eureka Valley Promotion Association

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**September 18, 2003**

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

7:30pm: Introductions and approval of July Minutes

7:40pm: Special Guests

Sgt. Chuck Limbert, SFPD Mission Station

Kar Yin Tham, Executive Director LYRIC

Mitch Thompson, Park & Rec Youth Program Director

Supervisor Bevan Dufty

At August's membership meeting, Sgt. Limbert reported of an alarming increase in illegal and threatening activity by juveniles between the hours of 9pm and 2am along Collingwood Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets. Since then, Supervisor Dufty had organized a meeting of LYRIC, Park & Rec and SFPD to discuss these escalating issues and propose both immediate and long-term solutions.

Sgt. Limbert has since meet with LYRIC staff and has had good luck with informing them of the need to control those who use the programs at LYRIC as well as direct them to other programs when LYRIC closes at 9pm. Additionally, Sgt. Limbert mentioned that problems had diminished considerably since his last report. Supervisor Dufty will arrange to have continuing youth outreach programs during the late-night hours at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center at Octavia and Market Streets. Both SFPD and LYRIC, as well as other service providers, will begin directing youth to these additional programs at the Center.

In search of a long-term solution, Supervisor Dufty will begin meetings to coordinate the youth services that are provided by the various agencies throughout District 8 and the City at large.

Mohammed Nuru, Department of Public Works

DPW came to begin a dialog regarding Supervisor Dufty's "Castro Renaissance" project with respect to lighting designs at the Pink Triangle Park + Memorial, Harvey Milk Plaza and the Rainbow Flag at Market & Castro. In addition, Mr. Nohru provided information regarding tree boxes, grates, news/flower stall kiosks and other "street furniture" that can be added at specific areas targeted by Supervisor Dufty's project. Mr. Nohru, DPW representatives and other interested parties were referred to Park and Education Committee Chair Pauline Shaver for discussion. The Committee will consider the options and return to the General Membership with a recommendation.

8:10pm: Committee Reports

Safety

Highlights of the written report on file: Halloween preparations continue through the help of Supervisor Dufty's office. At the September 8<sup>th</sup> Halloween meeting, SFPD reported progress working with local businesses in restricting the sale of liquor in the neighborhood during the event. The event perimeter will be set up at 6pm, entertainment will last until 12am, and there will be 11 entrances to the event. Sponsorships are actively being sought. Current sponsors are Anheuser-Busch, Red Bull and Sound Safe. DPT will have 61 officers in the area directing traffic and enforcing the no-parking zones. BART will not be able to extend their operation hours, but Supervisor Dufty will attend the next BART Board Meeting to discuss options. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the next scheduled meeting at Room 201 in City Hall on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

### Ed/Rec

Highlights of the written report on file: Improvements to the PTP+M are being discussed in the form of lighting and seating. EVPA member Gary Weiss provided an update on the Castro tree planting effort. EVPA member Jack Keating expressed a desire to have the Committee focus on attacking graffiti this year. Interested EVPA members are encouraged to get involved with the Committee. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 11 at 10am.

Committee Chair Pauline Shaver noted that the Chinese Elm tree on the sidewalk at the entrance to PTP+M was posted with a notice that the owner of 2500 Market has requested the tree's removal. DPW's Urban Forestry Department has refused this request on the grounds that this tree is "healthy and sustainable," but the owner has proceeded to move forward with attempts to remove it. A motion was made to write a letter to DPW, Department of Urban Forestry protesting the removal of this tree. The motion carried.

### Planning

No report given.

### Finance

Highlights of the written report on file: EVPA Treasurer Joe Foster advises that anticipated revenue is based upon substantial EVPA participation in the Castro Street Fair on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. As a neighborhood organization, EVPA can receive a portion of the two-dollar gate donation, based upon the number of hours EVPA volunteers work at the Fair. EVPA members are encouraged to get involved with this event and contact EVPA Event Coordinator Adam Hagan and donate one or two hours of their time on Sunday to help the organization.

### UTNC

Highlights of the written report on file: Committee Chair David Weiss reports that Supervisor Dufty is interested in bringing new businesses to the Castro neighborhood that will fill the needs of its residents. Some of the initial ideas are a fish or meat market, fresh produce stand, and a bakery. EVPA members who know of good businesses for the area are encouraged to contact Committee Chair David Weiss or Supervisor Dufty's office.

### Internal Affairs and Membership

No report submitted.

### New Business

EVPA President Gustavo Serina received a request from the Castro STOP AIDS project to be a sponsor of the "Dine Around the Castro" fundraising event. This event receives funds from participating restaurants who donate a portion of their proceeds during the event. EVPA sponsorship carries no financial obligations, and only adds EVPA to the list of sponsoring groups. A motion was made to participate as a sponsor in "Dine Around the Castro." The motion carried.

### Old Business

EVPA member and past president Lion Barnett made a motion for EVPA to write a letter to all appropriate City agencies thanking them for their work on the EVRC remodel, and requesting that the construction begin as scheduled on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Interested neighbors who object to the architectural aesthetics of the proposed EVRC redesign have formed an ad-hoc group called "The Committee for Design". The Committee for Design has proposed an alternative design and does not want to unnecessarily delay the reconstruction of the EVRC, but they would like the project to be postponed for three months while more neighborhood input is solicited. After debate, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.