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## NOTES FROM EVPA PRESIDENT:

This month we take a break from the Mayoral elections—no candidates will be at our September 18 meeting. At our October 16 meeting, however, **Angela Alioto** and Supervisor **Gavin Newsom** will be addressing us.

On the agenda for the September 18 meeting will be a discussion of increased lighting for the Pride Flag and possibly Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. The flag is currently illuminated by two sets of lights located at the street level of Harvey Milk Plaza, which is maintained by DPW. After receiving requests for additional lighting, **Supervisor Bevan Dufty** asked the **Department of Public Works (DPW)** to research the feasibility.

Our September meeting will be the last one for approximately eighteen months at the **Eureka Valley Recreation Center (EVRC)**, which closes for a long needed and anticipated remodeling. The reopened center will have more meeting rooms and a playground that complies with California safety codes. While the closure will be inconvenient, it is a small price to pay for a more functional and safer center in our neighborhood. Special thanks to EVPA Safety Chair and Board Member **Drew Bertagnolli** for his leadership on this project. Thanks as well to Board Member **Rich McRee** for his efforts to save a memorial tree in front of the center and for showing how additional trees could be planted. We are fortunate that in this era of severe budget constraints, over \$5 million in city and state funds will be spent on giving our area a better center.

At last month's meeting, **SFPD Sgt. Chuck Limbert** and SF Special Police Patrol Officer **Jane Warner** spoke to membership about problems with some young people who have been hanging out in front of the **Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC)** on Collingwood Street. These problems occur at night, after LYRIC has closed, and **Sgt. Limbert** and **Officer Warner** asked for EVPA's help in addressing them. We are pleased that at the September meeting, **Kar Yin Tham**, LYRIC's Executive Director, will introduce herself to EVPA and discuss the organization's programs. **Sgt. Limbert** and **Officer Warner** will also be attending. We will thus begin a dialogue about the issues and the best way to address them. Special thanks to **Drew Bertagnolli** for approaching LYRIC.

Finally, I am looking forward to **Sunday, October 5 and the Castro Street Fair**. I'll be there and hope to see many of you as well.

Best regards, Gustavo Serina



## EVPA AND CASTRO STREET FAIR

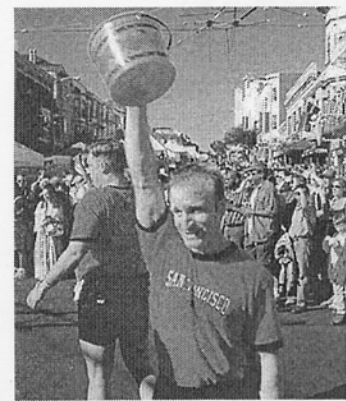
The Castro Street Fair, celebrated the first Sunday in October each year, is entering its 30th year. Founded by Harvey Milk in 1974, the Fair is now one of San Francisco's longest-running events. This year, **Sunday, October 5**, local artists, craftspeople and supporting retail businesses will show their wares, and community organizations will provide valuable information for everyone. Food vendors offer feasts—shish kebob, barbeque, Asian specialties, hot dogs, apple pie, ice cream—and the Fair spotlights an afternoon stage show (noon till five) featuring local entertainers and non-stop dance pavilions. Although admission is free, visitors are encouraged to make a voluntary donation at one of the many entry points manned by volunteers from neighborhood and community non-profit organizations.

EVPA became a participant in 1998 under the leadership of then President **Lion Barnett**. At that time, merchants and residents felt that the Fair was using the popularity of the Castro to run an exciting and profitable event, but all the proceeds were leaving the neighborhood. Residents from EVPA, merchants from MUMC, and Castro Street Fair board members ([www.castrostreetfair.org](http://www.castrostreetfair.org)) met over several months to review the structure of the Fair and improvements were made. Neighborhood and community non-profit groups were invited to staff the entry gates where visitors contribute donations. These donations do not go to the Fair itself (they receive fees from booth rentals and beverage sales) but are divided among all of the groups that participate. Many organizations use the Fair as their primary source of fundraising.

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**MAKE YOUR MARK:  
PUBLIC ART FOR THE NEW EVRC**

The Castro Street Fair board developed a plan so that the total contributions are divided among the groups based on the number of volunteers from each group, and the length of time they are at the gates. The Harvey Milk Institute is always the first place recipient of this effort due to their many energetic volunteers, but over the years EVPA has received roughly \$1500 to \$2000 per year for our work.



In 1998, EVPA had a booth at the Fair. **Lion** gathered historic photographs from the SF Public Library archives and private photographers to show what our neighborhood looked like 100 years ago. Prior EVPA president, **Rachel Heyman**, contributed an EVPA banner, created by **Mark Leno's Budget Signs**, that marked the entrance of the booth. And EVPA board members wore T-shirts, printed by

**Ashbury Images**, that promoted Eureka Valley's position as the 'Sunny Heart of San Francisco', our traditional logo. Panels of photographs and memorabilia, the banner, and T-shirts are all currently part of EVPA's archives.

EVPA maintained a booth at the Fair for three years before switching to staffing the gates to help collect donations. If you enter the Castro Street Fair at 17th Street near Pink Triangle Park and Memorial, you will probably see, and hopefully make donations to, EVPA members with big plastic buckets.

**You can be one of those energetic volunteers who are having a wonderful time as they greet visitors and collect donations for EVPA by contacting Adam Hagen at 296-2190.**

**Saturday, September 13, 2003  
100 Collingwood Street, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

Like the caves at Lascaux or the handprints found at Hollywood's Mann's Chinese Theater, you have the opportunity to leave a mark in your neighborhood. **The San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC)** and the **Recreation and Park Department** invite you to attend an informational meeting and demonstration by **artist Vicki Saulls**. Ms. Saulls will present her concepts for two artworks planned in conjunction with the upcoming renovation of the **Eureka Valley Recreation Center**.

**Over 50 individuals of all ages are needed.** Cast hands will be assembled into a larger work of art for the facility's main lobby. The Saturday presentation will include a casting demonstration and show what is involved of participants interested in volunteering. Sign-up sheets will be available following the meeting.

Ms. Saulls is a vital contributor to San Francisco's public art program as she is a sixteen year resident of the city and maintains her studio in the Mission District. Last year she completed a project for the newly renovated Union Square which consisted of 18" square large bas-relief tiles of native San Francisco plants which she designed and sculpted. Presently, she is working on two additional art commissions sponsored by the **SFAC**, one for the North Beach Pool and Community Center and another for the soon to be renovated Koret Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park.

Her concept for the EVRC "is based on the theme of welcoming. I plan on molding and casting the hands of community members and neighbors, parents, children, teens, seniors, friends, and partners. The hands are to reflect the diverse groups and interests that will benefit from community center's renovations. Pairs of hands will be positioned together in gestures of welcoming such as a variety of handshakes, variations of holding hands, various welcoming gestures, and common themes of group activities. The casts will then be incorporated onto squared forms, remolded, recast, given a bronze, nickel-silver, or stainless steel patina, and finally installed together on a long wall in the lobby as an entire sculptural piece."

For more information please contact the **SFAC** by calling project manager, **Nina Dunbar** 415-252-3215 or send e-mail to **nina.dunbar@sfgov.org**.

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## CASTRO AREA TREE PLANTING - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Spearheaded by **Gary Weiss**, EVPA Education and Recreation Committee Member, and in collaboration with **Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF)** and the **Department of Public Works**, a tree planting has been organized along the Castro's main commercial district. Despite the underground plumbing, gas, electric and cable lines, organizers are confident that a majority of suggested tree planting sites will prove feasible.

In June, **Gustavo Serina**, President of EVPA, **Herb Cohn**, President of MUMC, **Doug Wildman** and **Maria D'Agostino** of FUF, and **Gary Weiss** surveyed possible sites on Castro Street. They identified locations for new trees and for replacing dead or dying ones. ~~Because the flowering cherry tree has performed beautifully in our area for several years, it~~ has been selected for most sites. Flowering cherry trees can be seen on 19th Street, east and west of Castro, and also across from the Cala Foods parking entrance on Collingwood Street.

Thanks to **Herb Cohn** for working with almost thirty merchants whose businesses front the tree sites. Their agreement to water the trees once a week during non-rainy weather for the next year will certainly ensure an improved neighborhood for all. Residents, we encourage you to frequent these business and thank them for their contribution to our shared environment.

An orientation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th. The location is yet to be determined. Please mark Saturday, November 15 on your calendar to join tree planting volunteers. All the necessary tools will be provided. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact **Gary Weiss** at [gary@ixia.com](mailto:gary@ixia.com) or call him at his extraordinary shop **Ixia (415-431-3134)** on Market Street.

For questions and/or interest in tree planting in the residential areas surrounding Castro Street, please contact **Henry Matallana** at [henrym@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:henrym@itsa.ucsf.edu).



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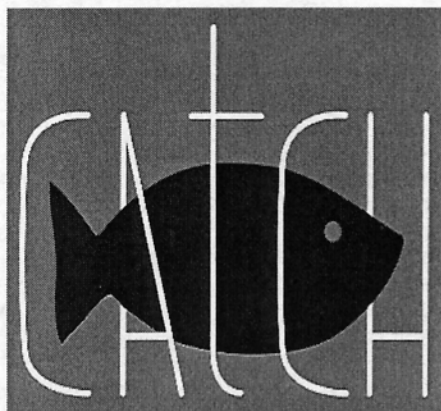
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Artist's working model for EVRC public art project.

#### General Membership Meeting Minutes: August 21, 2003

##### 7:35pm: Call to order.

Guest, Supervisor and Mayoral Candidate Tom Ammiano

##### 8:05pm: Introductions and approval of July Minutes

##### 8:10pm: New Business

##### Presentation from Sgt. Chuck Limbert, SFPD Mission Station.

Sgt. Limbert reported on increasingly confrontational and destructive behavior from youths who congregate around the EVRC and the LYRIC building after 8pm. Police have been called in many times to attempt to quell disturbances, fights and vandalism largely the result of mentally ill or intoxicated youths. LYRIC appears to be a magnet for youth, often not from the neighborhood but rather from Oakland. Police have found and confiscated drug paraphernalia from crystal meth to heroin in and around LYRIC. Sgt. Limbert reported numerous examples of youth verbally attacking and confronting SFPD officers, who had responded to neighborhood complaints about vandalism, drug use and fights. **Action:** The EVPA Safety Committee will attempt to begin a dialog between neighbors, SFPD and the LYRIC Board of Directors to find a solution to this problem. Contact **Drew Bertagnolli** if you are interested in participating in these discussions.

##### Proposed Freeway On-ramp at Market and Octavia Streets.

EVPA member **Lion Barnett** alerted EVPA to proposed traffic patterns with respect to a possible freeway onramp at Market and Octavia Streets. Initial proposals appear to favor a "no right turn" onto the onramp from eastbound Market Street. This idea appears to be misguided as the natural flow of traffic would take eastbound cars onto the freeway at that point. Additionally, allowing right turns onto the onramp would lighten traffic flow down Duboce Street to the existing South Van Ness onramp, helping with pedestrian safety at the intersection of Duboce and Market. EVPA members interested in this issue can call Lion Barnett at 255-3624.

**Action:** A motion was made to write a letter addressed to various agencies and parties involved in this issue opposing the prohibition of right turns onto the proposed onramp from eastbound Market Street traffic, given that appropriate and obvious signage, possibly including cameras, would be put in place to help ensure pedestrian and bicyclists' safety. **The motion passed.**

##### Friends of the Urban Forest: Tree Planting Project

**Maria Dagostino from FUF** gave a short presentation on the tree planting project on Castro Street between Market and 19th Streets. Normally, FUF will plant a single tree for an interested homeowner for

\$150, which includes cutting the sidewalk for the tree-box, digging the hole and auguring if necessary, planting the tree and an 18-month follow-up by an arborist. Because of help from the city, the price for each tree planted in front of Castro businesses will be exactly \$0 (i.e. free!). The choice for the Castro trees is currently non-fruit producing, flowering cherry trees, but that may change. **Action:** October 9th is set for a planning meeting, the meeting location TBD. The actual planting date is November 15th, and all EVPA members are encouraged to take part in this worthwhile and fun project to make our neighborhood a better place.

##### "Ark House" update. Andrew Williams of DPH and Lewis Knox of Ark of Refuge were present to update EVPA on "Ark House" relocation.

Mr. Williams thanked EVPA on behalf of DPH and the Ark House for our past support and help with the project. The facility has been given an extension to stay at 2500 Market through the end of September, but Mr. Knox assured EVPA membership that the residents will be moved out and into their new facility at 1038 Howard Street on September 9th. EVPA President Gustavo Serina reminded Mr. Knox that Ark had clearly committed to moving out of the facility by the end of June, but was unsuccessful, and pointed out that should the facility need to stay past September 9th, they should update the neighborhood through EVPA. Mr. Knox once again assured EVPA that Ark had given the landlord notice that they would be out of the building by September 9th. Another issue regarding 2500 Market was pointed out by EVPA member **Mike Babbitt** -- Ark had announced to EVPA at the General Membership Meeting on February 20th (see minutes from the meeting) that Ark was intentionally limiting the intake of new residents to prepare them for the move to the new facility. Despite this announcement, it was noted that many new faces have been seen around the facility, and it appears that the program is continuing to accept new residents. Mr. Knox was unfamiliar with the day-to-day operations of the facility, but was certain that the facility had no more than 16 residents. Mr. Knox was also unfamiliar with the staffing schedules, but was sure that there had not been any staff reductions at 2500 Market.

##### Committee Reports

**Safety** - written report on file.

**Ed/Rec** -- Thanks again to EVPA board member Rich McCree for a successful 30th Anniversary Party for the Seward Street Mini Park.

The next big project will be the Castro Tree Planting.

**Planning** -- The committee reports the following action:

1. Continuing to review the proposed unlawful demolition amendment to the building code.
2. 4320-22 18th Street and 4078 17th Street: Reviewing issues surrounding these deteriorated buildings. The SF Department of Building Inspection is aware of these properties and will investigate.
3. 39 Diamond: demolition request. The request is not being opposed, but the proposed replacement building does pose some concerns. Interested EVPA members are encouraged to contact the planner, Elaine Tope at 558-6316 for more information.
4. 4136 17th Street: variance request. EVPA has voted not to oppose this request to replace a pre-existing storage shed in a backyard. Anyone who wishes to speak in favor or against the project can call the planner Tina Tam at 558-6325.

**Finance** -- Treasurer Joe Foster submitted a seven-month budget projection. The Treasurer's report is on file.

**UTNC** -- No report submitted.

**Internal Affairs and Membership** -- No report submitted.

##### Old Business

EVPA member Effie Kurloff spoke about the impending EVRC remodel, scheduled to begin in early October. She and EVPA board member Richard McCree met with the project managers on behalf of a group of other Eureka Valley residents who wish to discuss possible alternatives to the accepted exterior architecture. Effie reports that she and Rich submitted some drawings, which were accepted by the project managers for review. All interested EVPA members who would like to support an architectural redesign of the front entryway of the new EVRC proposal are encouraged to contact Effie Kurloff at 863-5755.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.**

## Handy Resources for Home

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**Next General Membership Meeting:**  
**Thursday September 18, 2003**  
**@ 7:30pm**

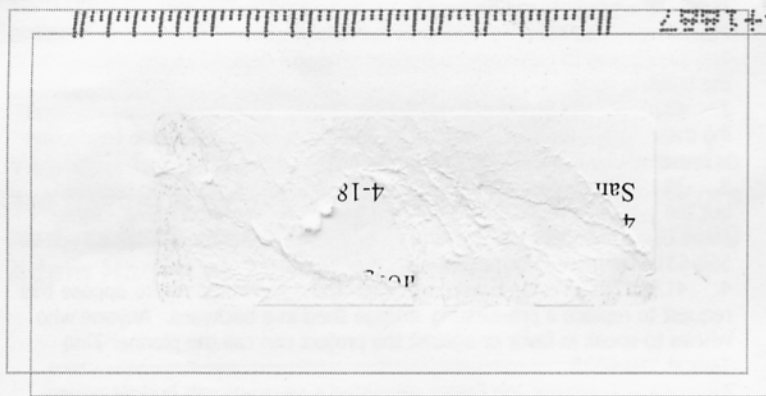
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**ATTENTION!!**  
**MEETING LOCATION CHANGE**  
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