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## Maintaining Neighborhood Character

by Steve Clark Hall

At our last General Membership meeting in November 2007, those in attendance participated in a lively survey to obtain the official EVPA position on various issues facing the SF Planning Department regarding the Planning Department enforcement priorities. One of the significant outcomes of the survey was that the number one planning enforcement concern for the EVPA membership was overwhelmingly "Maintaining Neighborhood Character."

But what does "Maintaining Neighborhood Character" which was so important to those attending really mean? Most likely, each of us has a different thought of what this means and how best to "Maintain Neighborhood Character."

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## Meet the 2008 EVPA Board Members

For this upcoming year, the EVPA Board members are as follows:

**President:** Steve Clark Hall - [steve.hall@evpa.org](mailto:steve.hall@evpa.org)

**Secretary:** Scott Wiener - [scott.w@evpa.org](mailto:scott.w@evpa.org)

**Treasurer:** Joe Caruso

**Board of Directors:**

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David Weiss

Demian Quesnel - [demian.q@evpa.org](mailto:demian.q@evpa.org)

Alan Beach-Nelson - [alan.beach@evpa.org](mailto:alan.beach@evpa.org)

Please feel free to contact them if you'd like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

## A Few Notes from the EVPA President

by Steve Clark Hall

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is already 2008. And the new 2008 EVPA Board of Directors is very excited about the prospects of this new year.

A very high priority of the 2008 Board, as has been the case in the past, is to work hard on improving the community awareness of the EVPA, who we are, and why we fulfill an important role in the community. We recognize that the boundaries of the EVPA overlap with many newer and smaller neighborhood groups. Some of these groups serve very narrow functions. Some, such as the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, are very well organized and very active.

One of the key goals for many of the board members is to have more "presentations" at the monthly general membership meetings. Some of the presentations on our "wish-list" include "How to research the history of your home," "The benefits of establishing historic districts in areas of Eureka Valley," "The SF Planning Process," as well as Joe Caruso's great presentation of "Are you ready-to-go with your 'go-bag' when the Hayward Fault pops?" The first of these presentations will be at our next meeting on 17 January 17 when we hold our forum "Maintaining Neighborhood Character."

Lastly, I'd like to personally extend a very big "thank you and well done" to the two outgoing board officers, Gustavo Serina and Mike Babbitt, who served a combined twelve years of dedicated service and hard work to EVPA in various capacities as members of the Board of Directors.

See you at our Membership Meeting on the 17th!

/steve

## **Neighborhood Character** *(Continued from page 1)*

Does it mean "shrink-wrapping" Eureka Valley to keep it exactly as it is now? Does it mean returning to an era when the neighborhood had a different vitality? Some of you may have concerns about new buildings replacing the underutilized properties. Some may be concerned about loss of housing by dwelling mergers. And what about chain stores? Then a few of us feel that the number one concern should be preventing a post-quake conflagration which would permanently change our "wild west" settlement forever.

Please join us at our next general membership meeting on 17 January when we will continue exploring the priorities of the EVPA membership by conducting a forum where you may bring your thoughts and ideas as to what "neighborhood character" really means to you. At the end of the forum, we will compile all the inputs into a survey so that we at the EVPA can prioritize our efforts to better serve the wants and needs of the membership and the neighborhood.

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes November 2007**

1. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes from the October, 2007 General Membership meeting were approved.
2. Upon nominations made and seconded, the following officers and directors were elected:  
**President:** Steve Clark Hall  
**Secretary:** Scott Wiener  
**Treasurer:** Joseph Caruso  
**Director:** Alan Beach-Nelson  
**Director:** Demian Quesnel  
**Director:** David Weiss
3. Upon motion made and seconded, the Planning Committee was authorized to ask the San Francisco Planning Department to have the same neighborhood outreach procedures for variances as for 311 notices. Outreach should be made to both owners and renters.
4. Upon motion made and seconded, the Secretary was authorized to write a letter to Supervisor Bevan Dufty and the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro to thank them for making Halloween 2007 in the Castro a safe evening.
5. Joseph Caruso and Alan Beach-Nelson volunteered to represent EVPA at meetings regarding Halloween 2008.

## **Upcoming EVPA Meetings**

EVPA meetings are back in the Eureka Valley Recreation Center Auditorium, 100 Collingwood (behind Cala Foods). See you there!

**February 21**

**March 20**

**April 17**

## General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2007  
@ 7:30PM

**Eureka Valley Recreation Center**  
**100 Collingwood St.**

### **AGENDA:**

1. Introductions
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
3. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees Treasurer  
UMA Rep  
Planning  
UTNCS
1. Reports of Special Committees  
Halloween
2. Business  
Frameline Use of the Castro Parking Lot during the LGBT Film Festival  
Forum: "Maintaining Neighborhood Character"
3. New Business
4. Adjournment



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DTP Dispatch 553-1200  
Street Signs Missing/Damaged 554-9780  
Pot Hole Repair 695-2100  
Supervisor Bevan Dufty's Office 554-6968  
bevan.dufty@sfgov.org  
CBD Hotline 559-6968

### Contact EVPA Board Members

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please feel free to contact any of the following EVPA Board Members:

Frank Weiss (President) 706-6597  
Demian Quesnel (At Large Board Member) 861-5084

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## Join EVPA by Sending Us This Completed Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(EVPA does not share your contact information with other groups)

My concerns for the neighborhood include \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in working on the following issues:

City Planning/Zoning  Transportation, Utilities & Neighborhood Commerce

Public Health/Safety  Education/Recreation  Membership & Promotion

Finance  Internal Affairs  Pink Triangle Park

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