

**Alamo Square Neighborhood Association Board Minutes
May 15, 2006 7:00PM
Location: Archbishop's Mansion**

Attendees:

Emmett Gilman	Joe Pecora
Ted Weiss	Lisa Bastick
Gary Beyrouti	Jo Leggett
Matt Magana	Carol Polk
Celia Dubose	Ben Allison

1. Emmett Gilman welcomed the May Board meeting and requested we review the March '06 and April '06 minutes. Jo Leggett moved to adopt the March '06 minutes with one amendment on page 2 under Events – the last sentence amended to read “There was a dialogue about a piece of tent that was missing.” Carol Polk seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Joe Pecora requested we amend the April Minutes #6 to read “...historic homes are not expected to contact the local homeowners associations with regards to work done on the facades of buildings; but Emmett Gilman....” The board also amended the heading to read “Minutes” instead of “Agenda”, and the year was changed to 2006. Ben Allison motioned to adopt the April '06 minutes as amended. Matt Magana seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Ben Allison distributed the 1/1/2006-5/15/2006 Treasurer's Report. The format was changed and a discussion was held regarding the CD and signing it over to the local bank. Carol Polk agreed to visit the downtown bank with Ben in order to facilitate the change. The board members discussed the appropriate floating amount in the checking account and agreed it should have a running balance of \$3,500. Pre-expenses for the flea market, an ASNA table for the park clean-up, and insurance costs were all discussed and expenditure amounts agreed. Gary Beyrouti requested we amend the Treasurer's report to include the financial institution. Jo Leggett motioned we adopt the Treasurer's report as amended. Ted Weiss seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Newsletter/Communications Status Report – Matt Magana continues to improve the website. A print out of the proposed web on-line membership information update was distributed to the board members for review. Members will be able to not only download membership applications, but will also have the ability to pay on line using pay-pal. Board Minutes, membership meeting notes, calendars, and more will become part of the website. The data base will be stored on Matt Magana's computer. Ted Weiss commented the website is an enhancement and not an electronic substitute for meeting people and bringing in new members.

4. ASNA Annual Flea Market – Celia Dubose and Eric Smith chair and coordinate the annual ASNA flea market. The flea market is held the second Saturday of August. Celia outlined the committees and volunteers needed to not only chair, but volunteer in order to ensure the flea market is a success:

Vendor Sales - Matt Magana volunteered to chair the vendor sales. Jo Leggett and Ben Allison agreed to participate. A telephone number directed to a voice mail box will be set

up for vendors to contact ASNA. A phone number will be included in the flyers and the postcard mailings.

Media Committee – Lucinda Formyduval will continue to handle press releases.

Flyers – Lisa Bastick and Emmett Gilman will work on flyer distribution. The committee will look at posters to place in restaurants and flyer distribution services.

Membership, Raffles & Donations – Celia requested the membership committee handle. Carol Polk agreed to take on the responsibility for raffles and donations with Jo Leggett.

Jo Leggett recommended we bring in a child friendly event as part of the flea market. The SPCA and face painting were raised as ideas.

5. Miscellaneous:

- Emmett Gilman recommended ASNA purchase flowers for past president Sue Valentine whom is quite ill. Carol Polk motioned ASNA spend \$90 on a bouquet of flowers. Jo Leggett seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Lisa Bastick brought up future park clean ups – Gary Beyrouiti recommended we include a children's day in the park. Jo Leggett recommended we work with the current gardener to propose a children's garden close to the children's playground.

June Agenda item – Church and homeless shelter.

Lisa Bastick
Secretary

**Alamo Square Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
May 22, 2006**

The ASNA General Membership meeting was held Monday, May 22, 2006 at the Burt's Children Center. ASNA President Emmett Gilman opened the meeting thanking the Linda Wolroble, of the Burt's Children Center, for hosting the May ASNA general membership meeting.

Burt's Children's Center – They are in the process of redesigning the program so as to become more actively involved in the community. Work is being done on both the exterior and interior of the building.

Friends of The Urban Forest (FUF) – Emmett welcomed Suzanne Gavin, the Community Outreach Coordinator for FUF who helps neighborhoods coordinate Saturday tree plantings. Suzanne shared with us the number of DPW owned and managed trees, and property owner owned and managed trees in the Alamo Square neighborhood.

FUF outlined the Saturday tree planting program. If interested, an individual would bring 25-30 property owners in the neighborhood to sign up for a community planting and trees. The cost is \$150 for each tree and includes FUF obtaining the permit, marking the spot, removing concrete, providing trees, and up to 18 months of FUF follow-up. The FUF website includes a gallery of trees available at www.fuf.net. One can also view a list of trees in specific neighborhoods through www.sftrees.com. This second website is operated by Michael Sullivan.

Sidewalk gardens are a possibility and FUF is working with the Department of Public Works (DPW). Median plantings are also available but generally work through DPW. For more program information or general questions please contact FUF at 415-561-6890. ASNA will try to obtain a copy of those neighborhood trees owned by DPW and those owned by homeowners and will post the results on the ASNA website.

Department of Public Works (DPW) – Emmett welcomed Kristin Falvey of DPW. Kristin commented DPW maintains 33,000 trees in San Francisco. DPW's goal is to plant 5,000 trees a year in San Francisco. Tree removal is monitored carefully and one must apply for a permit. In order to remove a tree, a sign is posted on the tree and a hearing is held to determine whether the tree should be removed.

DPW also mentioned property owners can be cited for improperly trimming trees and/or not maintaining trees. DPW services for DPW owned trees include a maintenance schedule. The next DPW tree trimming schedule for the Alamo Square neighborhood will be sent to ASNA.

Emergency numbers will be posted on the ASNA website under the Alamo Square Park section and will include 24-hour emergency numbers, tree maintenance (city-owned), tree removal, tree planting, graffiti hot line, etc. For more information please visit DPW's website at www.sfdpw.org.

The office of D5 Supervisor, Ross Mirkarimi – Regina Dick-Endrizzi from D5 Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi's office spoke on the following:

- **June 17th** – District 5 Park Clean-Up day. This will be launched at Hayes Green and will include Alamo Square
- **Lighting in Alamo Square Park** – Additional Victorian style lighting will be added to the previously installed lights. \$50,000 was set aside for phase II of the project.
- **Parking Stickers** - A resident on Oak Street wishes to have neighborhood parking stickers for the neighborhood surrounding Oak Street. The membership debated this back and forth. Michael Smithwick noted the removal of the fourth lane of traffic on Oak (between Baker and Buchanan) would solve the current parking issues on Oak Street.
- **Budget Season** – The public commentary will change this year. Rather than one public commentary hearing on the last Saturday of the month, the public commentary will be held on Monday and Wednesday in June 2006 and will be aligned with specific department hearings.
- **Divisadero Corridor** – The Divisadero corridor committee meetings will continue once the budget process is complete.

General Announcements:

- Alamo Square Flea Market – Held this year on Saturday, August 12, 2006. Volunteers are needed for various committees.
- New Business opening up on Divisadero – Remy Nelson is in the process of opening a bike shop and café across the street from The Independent. Bike repair and new bikes will be sold along with specialized coffee. He is currently working with the city to obtain permits. He is seeking a beer and wine license as part of the café and will focus on local breweries. He hopes to use the backyard as part of his café.