

Alamo Square Neighborhood Association Board Agenda MINUTES
July 18, 2005, 7:00pm
Location: The Archbishop's Mansion

Number of Board Members Attending – 8

Emmett Gilman	E. Smith
J. Pecora	M. Magana
D. Preston	C. Dubose
J. Dallas	J Leggett
C. Polk	M. Smithwick

Emmett Gilman welcomed the July Board meeting at the Archbishops Mansion.

1. Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes – Eric Smith motioned we accept the June Board Meeting Minutes with no amendments. Matt Magana seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

2. Review of July Treasurer's Report – Carol Polk had not yet arrived with the Treasurer's Report. Matt Magana motioned we table for next month. Jo Leggett seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

3. ASNA Park Committee – Emmett Gilman expressed his disappointment with the Alamo Square Park maintenance. Emmett noted on May 3rd letters were sent outlining dangerous conditions in the park and grievances regarding the lack of park maintenance. Three weeks ago Emmett conducted a walk-through in the park with Park and Recreation and it was confirmed the issues outlined in the letters needed attention. Park and Recreation promised to take action.

The Alamo Square Park gardener is now on permanent disability and Park and Recreation do not plan to replace the gardener. Instead they are recommending a 2-3 person team blitz the park once a week. District 5 has 2.5 gardeners for all parks, and the ability to maintain all parks with 2.5 gardeners for all parks is a recipe for disaster.

The board discussed various ideas to bring attention to this issue. Joe Pecora suggested we invite Park and Recreation and the press to our September ASNA membership meeting. Jo Leggett queried into whether other neighborhoods were concerned and perhaps we might partner with other neighborhoods.

Emmett Gilman commented the Park Committee would meet and will create a plan and agenda for the September meeting. Emmett also agreed to draft a letter, for all board members to sign, to send to Park and Recreation.

4. Flea Market – Celia Dubose noted the insurance was in place, the permit for food and temporary occupancy was in place, and all we needed was a storage facility post-event. Celia commented she is advertising every three days on Craig's List. The board discussed advertising the event in general, and Matt Magana agreed to contact the other neighborhoods to invite them to the flea market.

Joe Pecora noted we have good donations to date but all board members should actively bring in 1 donation.

5. Fulton Street Fair – Both Emmett Gilman and Celia Dubose continue to volunteer at the Third Baptist Street Church as part of the September 10th street fair. The Church have booked great entertainment and are working out details regarding the size of the fair, vendors, staging, etc. There will be no alcohol at this event.

6. Third Baptist Church Back Pack Drive – The Third Baptist Church is raising money for school supplies. Emmett Gilman asked the board whether ASNA is willing to donate money or items. Questions were raised as to whether used backpacks, money, or other items were needed. The question then became a larger discussion as to whether the board should give an annual donation, and if so, should we look to the schools to donate the money, and/or should we approach the membership in general to raise funds or items to donate. The board agreed to meet in August to come up with firm ideas relative to ASNA's fiscal year.

7. ASNA Bulletins – Jo Leggett had previously discussed alternative approaches to distributing the bulletin and Emmett Gilman researched the Corporate Code's legal voting requirements to find the Board must give written notice when taking an action. Jo Leggett suggested we send a postcard to the membership and, if more information is needed, we use the bulletin format. Matt Magana agreed to look into the cost to print and bulk mail postcards vs. bulletins.

Celia Dubose motioned we give the Archbishop's Mansion free advertising and Matt Magana seconded the motion. Joe Pecora requested an amendment to give The Archbishop's Mansion free ad space if space was available. Celia and Matt agreed to amend the motion to include free space available. The motion passed with all in agreement.

8. Save our Sacred Heart Church – Emmett Gilman noted he met with D5 Supervisor, Ross Mirkarimi. The message to the Archdiocese is the neighborhood is interested and has support from the local government encouraging preservation rather than demolition. Matt Magana motioned the board send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to preserve the Church. Jo Leggett seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

9. NOPA Restaurant Application for Conditional Use – Emmett Gilman suggested the board send a letter of support to the Planning Commission, supporting NOPA's request for an alcohol permit. Celia Dubose motioned the board send a letter to allow the change of use. Eric Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. Emmett Gilman will put a letter together and will send. All agreed.

10. Divisidero Merchant Association – Karen Fishkin plans to participate in creating a Divisidero merchant association. The plan is to meet the last week in July to discuss cleaning up Divisidero.

General Announcements:

- D5 Dog – Matt Magana commented Park and Recreation are thinking about looking at the number of registered dogs to determine the dog areas in each neighborhood.

Lisa Bastick

Alamo Square Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

July 2005 Minutes

The ASNA General Membership Meeting was held Monday, July 25, 2005 at the Archbishop's Mansion. ASNA President Emmett Gilman opened the meeting thanking John Spear of the Archbishop's Mansion for opening their doors and hosting the meeting.

Redevelopment Agency - Marcia Rosen, Director of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency was in attendance along with Gaynell Armstrong McCurn, Project Manager for Western Addition. Marcia discussed the role of the Redevelopment Agency along with a number of projects within Western Addition and San Francisco.

The role and focus of the Agency is on large scale transformation of obsolete properties and/or enhancing the quality of life for existing businesses. The projects in Western Addition include:

* **The parking lot at the corner of Fillmore and Eddy Streets** will be developed into a mixed used building and will include 80 condo units with a Jazz Heritage Center, and restaurants on the ground floor. The plans include a small parking garage in the basement. The Redevelopment Agency plans to break ground this summer.

* **The old muni sub-station building**, abandoned over 30 years ago, is under review. The Redevelopment Agency plans to develop the parcel of land which is comprised of a landmark building on the corner of Turk and Fillmore, and an empty parcel of land on Turk Street. They plan to build a housing complex on the empty lot, and upgrade the existing landmark building. The Redevelopment Agency is working with the neighborhood communities to determine the cultural use of the landmark building.

Both Marcia and Gaynell invite the community to participate in CAC monthly meetings. You can contact Gaynell at Gaynell.Armstrong@sfgov.org or by telephone at 415-749-2593.

D5 Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi - D5 Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi joined the ASNA meeting and spoke on the following:

* **Neighborhood violence and crime** - Truancy, gun violence, car theft/vandalism all exist in our neighborhood. As much as gun violence/homicide is down from last year the cuts in programs, closing of 3 schools in D5 has created a rise in truancy, car theft and vandalism. Ross is working with African American D5 community leaders, and various governmental agencies to developing methods to integrate various governmental departments with the community to bring programs and safety back to the neighborhood.

* **Lower Fillmore Street** - Ross wishes to see the development of lower Fillmore work. He plans to hold the Redevelopment Agency accountable for the project successes in lower Fillmore. Ross also plans to implement Conditional Use legislation in the lower Fillmore, if the community is in agreement with him.

* **Divisidero Street** - Conditional Use legislation was passed for Divisidero Street.

* **Marijuana Legislation** - Ross had called for a moratorium and has issued an ordinance calling for standards and development guidelines. It is now in Planning Land-Use department. Permitting fees will cost between \$9,000-\$10,000 to open a club. All clubs will need to retain a non-profit status and the Health Department will audit the clubs to ensure the clubs are in compliance with the law.

* **Harding Theater** - The deal originally put together gave the developers 30% of the building which would equate to 9 condo units, and the remaining 70% would remain intact. A few of the finer details created a bit of hiccup and it is now at the Planning Department.

* **Alamo Square Park** - D5 designated \$100,000 for capital improvement to the Alamo Square Park. The goal will be to use the money to repair the sprinkler system in the park. The membership commented we have lost the park's gardener and the city does not plan to replace the gardener. Ross pledged to work with SF Dept of Recreation to bring a gardener (whether full or part-time) back to the park. Other projects receiving capital improvement money include the Hayes Valley playground and Hamilton Recreation Center.

* **Median Along Divisidero** - Ross outlined a few approaches to landscape the median. City funding may not be in place, but retrofitting of SF streets may allow the neighborhood to include landscaping. Ross is working with the neighborhood groups to organize a merchant association which may bring private dollars to a landscaping pro-jet.

* **Rescinding tow-away zone on Oak Street.** ASNA membership commented the Fell Street bike lane replaced the Fell Street tow-away zone and it has worked well. The question was raised as to whether we could do the same for Oak Street. Ross noted he would look into this issue.

City CarShare - Colleen Crowley, Director of Government and Community Relations, spoke to the neighborhood regarding community interest in City Carshare garage space. They are reviewing a space behind Touchless Car Wash - thank you Richard Zillman for the idea. The focus is to find 24/7 garage space between Page Street and the Panhandle as there is much need for the community.

The garage space criteria is 24/7 access. City CarShare have the ability to use secure sites, and/or are willing to rent space. If interested or know of a location please contact

City Carshare as they will investigate please contact Colleen at Colleen@citycarshare.org, or call her at 415-995-8588.

Flea Market - Celia Dubose discussed the upcoming August 13th annual Flea Market. This is the annual ASNA fund-raiser and includes food booths, antique booths, local neighborhood flea market goods, a raffle (with great prizes), and membership sign up. All are welcome to attend. Volunteers will be needed for the event. Please contact Celia Dubose at cdubose@hotmail.com, or 415-4415-8640

The general membership meeting was adjourned with appreciation and thanks to the Archbishop's Mansion for providing a meeting place.

Lisa Bastick