

## EVPA EUREKA VALLEY PROMOTION ASSOCIATION

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## **Hello EVPA Members:**

Our previous meeting held on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> was very well attended. We saw 31 members show up for the yearly EVPA Officer elections. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to statements from each nominee for office and a brief question and answer session. Some very important topics were raised that will undoubtedly be agenda topics for future meetings.

The following are the minutes from this meeting.

At 7:40pm, the meeting was called to order.

Topic 1: Additional nominations for office.

Liz Janes was nominated for the office of EVPA secretary, giving those in attendance a choice between Liz and Mike Babbitt, who was nominated during the November meeting. No other nominations were made.

Topic 2: Candidate statements, Q/A and final vote.

Heide Chipp ran unopposed for the office of EVPA treasurer but still made a statement and answered some questions. Notably, the issue of regular fiscal statements was raised. No opposition to this was mentioned, so this should be a simple motion to pass at a future meeting. Heide won re-election unanimously.

Gerald Abbott ran unopposed for the office of EVPA Vice-President. Those in attendance remarked on his longstanding dedication and work on behalf of the EVPA. Gerald won re-election unanimously.

Liz Janes and Mike Babbitt ran for the office of EVPA secretary. Several issues were raised and discussed:

- Sharing of the EVPA membership list. It is apparent that EVPA needs a written policy on the use of the membership list, in addition to an option for each member to request that their personal contact information not be shared outside of normal EVPA business. Both Liz and Mike felt that the EVPA as a whole should have a written policy on this and that each request for the use of the membership list outside of normal EVPA business be made in writing to the secretary and voted on by the membership at the next EVPA meeting. This issue will be brought to the membership for a vote at a future meeting.
- Bylaws. Several EVPA members expressed concern that they did not have a copy of the organization's bylaws to refer to. It was
  discussed that each member should have a copy of the bylaws made available to them and if necessary, the bylaws should be
  amended and updated during a scheduled EVPA meeting. Both Liz and Mike were supportive of this issue.
   Mike Babbitt was elected to the office of EVPA secretary by a vote of 18-13.

Lion Barnett and Gustavo Serina ran for the office of President of EVPA. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to Presidential candidate statements and Q/A. Many issues were discussed, among them the organization's bylaws, effective representation of the EVPA at City Hearings, membership drives, what issues are within the realm of EVPA business, coordinating with other neighborhood organizations such as Collingwood Hill, Sanchez Hill and Dubose Triangle Neighborhood Associations, Merchants of Upper Market and Castro, and others. Many of these issues will be raised in detail at future meetings.

Lion Barnett was re-elected to the office of President by a vote of 17-14.

Topic 3: Handout of Municipal Police Code 25 posters.

Mike Babbitt handed out several MPC-25 posters. These inform SFPD to enforce trespassing and loitering laws on private property and are valid for six months before they must be renewed. The original is posted in a conspicuous place on the property, and a copy is filed at the appropriate District Police Station. These MPC-25 sheets are available at any SFPD station or, for more information you may contact Mike Babbitt.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.