

# Eureka Valley Promotion Association

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## **Minutes of EVPA Membership Meeting**

April 15, 2004

Community Meeting Room

President Joe Foster called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Introductions and a review of meeting protocols.

Minutes of March meeting. Approved with correction of spelling of name of member Jim Morse.

## **Committee Reports**

## **UTNC Report**

- Market Street, Octavia Street to 17th. Project to address the discontinuity of **bicycle** lanes on Market Street. Seven options are proposed having various effects on parking and on pedestrian traffic. Chair David Weiss will invite a representative of the Bicycle Coalition to make an informational presentation at EVPA.
- 0401-2 Business transitions in the neighborhood.
  - a. Travel Trends on Castro Street has closed and will be replaced by a nail salon. A new permit is not needed.
  - b. The Faery Queen Chocolate Shop on Castro has closed.
  - La Nouvelle Patisserie will open on Castro Street next door to Superstar Video Store

### Financial Report

- 0401-3 Expenses for the newletter, Eureka, are under budget as the mailing list has been trimmed.
- O401-4 The following people are authorized to sign checks:
  Pres. Joe Foster; Vice Pres, Drew Bertagnolli; Past Presidnet, Gustavo Serina; Chair of ED and Rec, Pauline Shaver; Board Member, Gerald Abbott.
- 0401-5 EVPA is not a 501.3c organization, so donations are not tax-deductible. In order to accept tax-deductible donations, we need a fiscal agent.
- Motion to approve the San Francisco LGBT Community Center ("Center") as fiscal agent for EVPA: Approve the use of the Center as Fiscal Agent for EVPA to handle receipt of donations from individuals, corporations, public agencies, and other parties to support the Pink Triangle Park, Seward Street Mini Park and Slide, and other EVPA activities. Approval is contingent upon reaching a satisfactory arrangement with the Center regarding processing of donations.

- a. Membership authorizes Board Member Gustavo Serina to negotiate on its behalf with the Center to reach agreement regarding procedural, record keeping, disbursement, fees, and other relevant issues. Gustavo Serina will report back to the Board and General Membership regarding final agreement.
- b. Discussion: It is understood that there is a fee associated with having the Center as Fiscal Agent of 10% per grant/check received.
- c. Discussion: Since EVPA itself does not qualify as a charitable organization, we should look into qualifying Pink Triangle Park as a 501.3c in the future and have a project of raising money to pay for the costs of setting it up.

Motion to approve the Center as Fiscal Agent passed.

## **Ed and Rec Report**

0401-7 Work has begun for the installation of lighting of the pylons in Pink Triangle Park. The lights themselves will be installed at a later date.

## **Planning Report**

0401-8 Regarding a Survey of Historic Properties in Eureka Valley and the Castro, Chair Adam Hagen will follow up on the issues involved and report to the Board.

#### Other Business

- O401-9 Strange de Jim will give a presentation on his book of photos on the Castro at the Magnet on April 17 at 7 pm.
- 0401-10 *The Castro Star* is the new newspaper for our neighborhood.
- 0401-11 Castro Renaissance update:

Dustin Blake, assistant to Supervisor Bevan Dufty, reported that 14 trees will be planted on Castro Street as part of the Castro Renaissance. The next component is to bring cultural arts to the neighborhood. The supervisor is trying to get additional funding for a theater in the Harvey Milk Recreation Center in Duboce Park.

Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Judith Hoyem.