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2007 EVPA Project Proposal

A few years ago, EVPA sponsored the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial, which transformed the barren area at the intersection of Market, Castro, and 17th Streets into a lovely oasis and tribute to gay and lesbian victims of the Nazi regime.

The EVPA Board is now considering another project which will be discussed at the January and February General Membership meetings. What has been proposed is to install a kiosk/directory that would be located at Harvey Milk Plaza. It would have a map showing places in the neighborhood that are of interest. These would include, but not be limited to, the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial, the Harvey Milk Library, the location of Harvey Milk's old Camera Shop, the LGBT Center, Eureka Valley Recreation Center, and Jose Sarria Court. Local merchants might want to advertise on the kiosk. One suggestion is that it have an interactive feature that would allow electronic postings and updates for the *Eureka!*, MUMC newsletter, and the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefits District newsletter.

What do you think? Please let us know your opinion at the January General Membership meeting.

Regarding the cost, EVPA does not have the resources to fund this on its own. What has been suggested is that we partner with the Castro/Upper Market CBD, MUMC, and city agencies to share the expense.

Special Election in January for Additional Board Member

Because of an administrative error, Joe Caruso, who coordinated last year's Castro Street Fair for EVPA and who helped raise a record \$3750 for the organization, was not placed on the November ballot to fill a seat on the Board of Directors. Joe is willing to serve and the Board is happy to have his participation. Members will be asked to approve Joe's joining the Board at the January General Membership meeting.

Upper Market Charrette and Upper Market Alliance

by Judith Hoyem

An Upper Market charrette is currently underway in the San Francisco Planning Department as an extension of the Market and Octavia Plan. The charrette is a planning process that will look at all of Upper Market from Octavia to Castro. It will consist of a number of community workshops led by Planning staff beginning probably in Spring 2007 at which all interested members of the public will be able to contribute their opinions. The Planning Department will also hire a consultant to gather all the recommendations and views and create an Upper Market Design Plan. The plan will follow a key policy of the Market and Octavia plan to "reinforce the significance of the Market Street streetscape and celebrate its prominence as San Francisco's symbolic 'Main Street'."

A Planning Department Request for Proposals for Design Services for Upper Market states: "The Design Plan will translate these recommendations into a comprehensive public realm plan for the Upper Market corridor, building upon concepts already developed in the Market & Octavia Plan. This Design Plan will provide site-specific urban design guidelines for each of the properties under study which will address frontage conditions, use and building activity; and should offer general guidance for the development of all parcels fronting Market Street within the Study Area. Finally, the Design Plan may recommend other public improvements and community benefits that should be considered with site development, consistent with Market & Octavia Plan and particularly with its community improvement program."

In response to the charrette process and to a request by Supervisor Dufty and the Planning Department, a group of Upper Market neighborhood organizations has come together as the Upper Market Alliance. Its purpose is to make sure the neighborhood's views are represented to the Planning Department. The Upper Market Alliance grew out of an original coalition of groups that were particularly concerned that some of the community benefits connected with the Market-Octavia plan be directed to

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the preservation of the LGBT history and character of the Castro area. That coalition is now meeting separately as the Castro Coalition and is sending a representative to the meetings of the Upper Market Alliance.

The UMA will be paying close attention to the Upper Market charrette and will keep the member organizations informed.

The organizations in the Alliance and their representatives are:

Buena Vista Neighborhood Association
(Richard Magary)

Castro Area Planning + Action
(Joe Curtin)

Corbett Heights Neighbors
(Gary Weiss)

Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association
(Dennis Richards)

Castro Coalition
(Alan Martinez)

Eureka Valley Promotion Association
(Judith Hoyem)

Merchants of Upper Market
(TBD)

Upper Market Community Benefits District
(Dominic Campodonico)

The officers are:

Co-chairs: **Dennis Richards** and **Alan Martinez**
Secretary: **Joe Curtin**

Each group also has an alternate, who is expected to attend the meetings, so that each member group will always be represented. EVPA's alternate is Demian Quesnel. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center.

One main intention of UMA is to provide a communication channel to the Planning Department for major planning efforts in Upper Market/Castro by conveying the views of the member organizations in an accurate and comprehensible manner and passing information back to the member organizations. This is not intended, however, to supercede direct communications by the various organizations to the Planning Department when, for example, they want to present their views in more detail or on planning matters that are specific to the organization (like 311 notices) or any other matter.

Currently UMA is seeking input from the member groups on the Tower Records site, which will be a chain store, allowable under Planning rules. The owners have stated a desire to be in sync with what the neighborhood wants to see there -- or doesn't want. So EVPA should weigh in with any guidelines we would want to suggest, keeping in mind the Planning Department design process for Upper Market.

Charette Process for Castro and Upper Market

District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty has secured funding for a planning process known as a charette to help determine what the neighborhood wants for future residential construction projects that may replace the existing ARCO Station at Castro and Market Streets and other vacant lots along the Market Street corridor. New Planning Committee Chair Demian Quesnel has agreed to represent EVPA for the charette and to expand its scope to address concerns about the Market/Octavia Boulevard Plan and its impact on our neighborhood. At the January General Membership meeting, we will ask members to approve Demian representing EVPA for this important issue.

Change In Dues Payment Considered

The Board is also considering asking General Membership to approve changing the current method of collecting dues from members. Presently, memberships are renewed throughout the year, on the anniversary date of joining. This creates difficulty in preparing the budget and in determining when a member is past due. Most members have anniversary dates between January and June and what is being suggested and will be discussed at the January and February General Membership meetings is to make all dues payable once a year--perhaps in April. That will make collection and budgeting much easier. New members who join after April will pay pro-rated dues.

What do you think? Please let us know at the January General Membership meeting.



The mural at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center says, To Build Community all Must be Welcome.

General Membership Meeting Minutes November, 2006

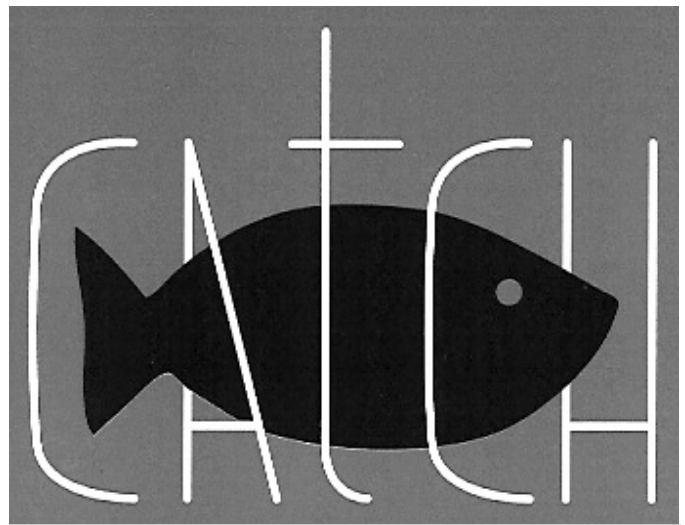
1. Upon motion made and seconded, October 2006 minutes were approved.
2. Upon motion made and seconded, Frank Weiss was elected President, David Weiss was elected Treasurer, Gustavo Serina was elected Secretary, Mike Babbitt and Demian Quesnel were elected at large Board members.

January Planning Notes

124 Corbett Ave: The proposal is to add approximately 90 square feet at two levels at the rear of an existing single-family dwelling unit. The proposal meets all Planning Code and Residential Design Guidelines.

3816 21st Street: The proposal is to construct a two-story horizontal addition with roof decks at the rear of the building. The proposal is subject to a rear yard variance.

577 Sanchez Street: The proposal is to legalize the existing deck at the rear of the dwelling as the deck appears to have been constructed in the past without the benefit of a permit. The project will not change the size of the existing deck.



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Supervisor Bevan Dufty's Office 554-6968
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Secretary: Gustavo Serina
Treasurer: David Weiss
At-Large Board Members: Mike Babbitt, Adam Hagen, Joe Foster,
Rick Galbreath

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Name: _____
First Last

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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

____ **Renewing membership.** ____ **New membership.**

____ I wish to receive my copy of the Eureka! Via the internet rather than by US Mail

Annual Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year for individuals, \$30 for households and \$40 for businesses or nonprofits in Castro, Upper Market, and Duboce Triangle (Eureka Valley). EVPA is a non-profit California corporation. Please return this form with your check payable to EVPA to:

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General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2007 7:30pm
Eureka Valley Recreation Center
100 Collingwood St.

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Motion to Elect Joe Caruso to Board of Directors
4. Motion to Authorize Director Demian Quesnel to Represent EVPA on Castro/Upper Market Street charette process
5. Discussion of EVPA 2007 Project
6. Discussion regarding changing of dues collection process
7. Presentation by Scott Weiner regarding Castro Community Patrol