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Meeting Information for June 29
Potrero Hill Library Upper Meeting Room
1616 20th Street at Connecticut Street
6:30 PM Refreshments and Social
7:00 PM Booster Business Meeting
8:00 PM Program:

President's Message

Time for our 75th Anniversary Party. Supervisor Sophie Maxwell will be there with members of her staff to party with us. The food, beer and entertainment will make this an evening to remember. If you haven't got your ticket yet now is the time to still get the pre registration discount if we receive your check by May 24th. See elsewhere in the newsletter for all the details.

We are an all volunteer organization and we need your dues checks just to cover the cost of producing and mailing this newsletter. Please be sure to pay your dues by the due date on your mailing label. Contributions are always welcome in addition to your dues. And your volunteer time is really welcome.

On the subject of the power plant, Supervisor Maxwell outlined legislation that would require the City to adopt minimum health and environmental requirements in upcoming regulatory proceedings and negotiations regarding the proposed expansion of the Potrero Hill Power Plant. "I want to be clear that these principles don't begin to approach what we are going to be asking for," Supervisor Maxwell stated, "but they do establish the basic minimum criteria that must be met for this city to accept another 540 Megawatts of power generation in Southeast San Francisco."

These minimum criteria, developed in coordination with the Mayor's office and community organizations including Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association are:

1. The reduction of air pollution in Southeast San Francisco: Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Bayview-Hunters Point;
2. The permanent closure of the old, inefficient, and heavily polluting Hunters Point Power Plant;
3. The permanent closure of the three diesel-powered, heavily polluting peaker units at the Potrero Hill Power Plant;
4. A retrofit of the existing main unit at Potrero Hill Power Plant with least emitting pollution control technology, and an agreement that this unit will be permanently shut down once the facility is no longer needed to sustain electric reliability in San Francisco;
5. The use of least-emitting pollution control technology for the expansion unit at Potrero Hill Power Plant;
6. Additional local mitigations to be negotiated by the City and other community organizations.

In addition, the ordinance directs the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the Department of the Environment, after public hearings, to adopt plans by December 1, 2001 to implement all practical transmission, conservation, efficiency, and renewable alternatives to fossil fuel generation in San Francisco.

Be sure to call or write the Mayor and the supervisors and tell them you support this legislation. There are some changes to this legislation still under discussion as we go to press.

This past year has seen a change at City Hall driven by many of our members, a beginning to controlling some of the development excesses of the past few years and a City government that is beginning to remember that the neighborhoods need to be part of the equation.

On the Boosters front I am proud that Ralph Wilson, our newsletter editor, has created our new look. I would like to thank all of you who have helped this past year. The Boosters need your continuing support, time and contributions. So please keep it coming. Thanks for a great year and I look forward to the coming year.

– John deCastro, President

Potrero Organizations

Give Thanks to Sweet November

To many residents and merchants near 18th and Missouri the Sweet November movie production was a pain. However many Potrero Hill neighborhood groups are thankful that the Sweet November Production Company donated \$11,500 for neighborhood projects. The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association along with the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association and the Potrero Hill Association of Merchants and Businesses formed a committee to solicit and review grant applications from neighborhood groups and schools. The grant applications for projects that normally are not funded by others were distributed to all Potrero Hill Schools, formal and informal community groups and individuals. In addition it was published in the Potrero View newspaper.

For the most part the money was allocated in small amounts to help provide the maximum benefit for Hill organizations and projects. The grant process required requestors to submit a two page description of their project. Some of the more unusual ones were replacing Window Blinds at the Middle School that had been on the repair list for many years, providing garden supplies for many Hill based parks and green belts, funding for a herb garden supplies at the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, funding an Orgami project at the Library and providing Special Education materials for Starr King Elementary School. In many cases, rather than giving cash, the projects got a charge account at a Potrero Hill or Dogpatch merchant. Thereby helping Potrero businesses at the same time the neighborhood benefited from new spending.

Benefiting from the Sweet November Money were:

Potrero Library Branch
Potrero Hill Archives Project
Project Imagine Art organization
Dogpatch Neighborhood Association Historic District Study
Potrero Recreation Center Music Program
Jackson Playground Tiny Tot program
Omega Boys Club
Starr King Elementary School (Library, Science Fair and Art Projects)
Potrero Hill Neighborhood House
Potrero Middle School (Computer Lab and Garden Project)
Potrero Beautification Group
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine for herb garden
Starr King Park
Friends of Esprit Park
Friends of McKinley Square Park

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City Planning - May 2001

EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, Case #2001.0268E: Citywide. A Board of Supervisors sponsored resolution imposing interim zoning controls that would include "Internet Service Exchanges" within the utility installation use category and require for a "Conditional Use" authorization in Neighborhood Shopping, Community Business, Downtown Gen'l Commercial, Downtown Support, Heavy Commercial, Light & heavy Industrial, Service/light Industrial and Service/Secondary Office zoning Districts. Contact: Tim Blomgren, Planner, ph: 558-5979.

EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, Case #2001.0217E: 598-626 Missouri/20th Sts. Big, Big, BIGGER. Propose to build 11 2-unit Condo bldgs, 40 ft high (actually approximately 65 ft high) with 25 ft rear yards & 2 parking spaces per duplex, zoned RH-2. Property is subdivided into I I 25x100 ft lots. Contact: Tim Blomgren, ph: 558-5979.

RECEIV'G ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW Case # 2000.1007: Ordinance redefining Live/Work as LOFT HOUSING & classifies them as a Residential Use. Permits Loft Housing in districts where housing is a Conditional Use and requiring a Conditional Use where Live/Work is permitted, adds an affordable component requirement when over ten units, give a 20 foot height bonus in SOMA in RSD districts, establishes a density of one unit per 200 sq. ft. of lot, plus other mistakes. WOW!!! Contact: Tim Blomgren, Planner, ph: 558-5979.

BLDG PERMIT APPLICATION #200103134104S: 860 RHODE ISLAND. Proposed facade alteration & build vertical addition, rear extension, add one unit, provide 2 car spaces on RH-2 lot. Contact: Andrea Wong, Planner, ph: 558-6381.

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Case #2001.0005C: 224 MISSISSIPPI/Mariposa, Sts. After 1:30pm or later on Thurs, May 10th, room 400. Request a Conditional Use Authorization to allow the continuation of an existing non-conforming, light industrial, use in an RH-2 district. Contact: Dan Sider, Planner, ph: 558-6697.

ZONING VARIANCE APPLICATION Case #2001.0372V: 375 TEXAS/19th STS: Propose to build a bay on the 2nd floor, a front addition to the garage & entry and two side fill-ins within the required front set back. Public Hearing: 10:00, am Wed., 23 May, Rm 416, City Hall. Parties interested in viewing plans contact: Dan Sider, Planner ph: 558-6697.

BLDG PERMIT APPLICATION #200104066202: 630 RHODE ISLAND ST. Proposed (setback 11'4") vertical addition (to 34 ft) and side extension to existing single family house. Contact: Dan Sider, Planner, ph: 558-6697.

BLDG PERMIT APPLICATION #200003134111. 1036 TENNESSEE ST. Propose to 16 ft. high build rear addition & add a 9'-9" x 11'-0" rear deck & misc. interior alterations. contact: Susan Snyder, Planner, ph. 558-6543.

Neighborhood Meetings & Events

- ▶ Hearing about R.A.M. Development project at Missouri-Sierra-Texas. Thursday, June 14th (contact Planning Dept.'s Andrea Wong for details)
- ▶ Joint Port/MUNI Public Meeting re: 3rd St. Light Rail Platform at Illinois/18th/19th Sts. (near Pier 70) 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, C.C.A.C. Auditorium, 1111 8th St. @ Irwin St.

The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association is devoted to issues of particular importance to the Potrero Hill neighborhood. Our goals are to act as a forum for concerned Potrero residents and to participate actively in policy and development decisions that affect the quality of life here on the Hill.

Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month (? :00 p.m. at the Potrero Branch Library upstairs meeting room) and are open to non-members. (We regret that the meeting room is not wheelchair accessible.)

Dues: Individual \$25, Household (couple) \$30, Senior \$20, Business \$30. Mail check to Potrero Boosters, 1459 18th St., #133, San Francisco, CA 94107.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for __ membership(s). Contributions \$ _____ New __ Renewal __

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Welcome new members: Karen Witzel, Joe Paluska, James and Jennifer Soss

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