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## Meeting Information for October 30

Potrero Hill Library Upper Meeting Room

1616 20<sup>th</sup> Street at Connecticut Street

6:30 PM Refreshments and Social

7:00 PM Booster Business Meeting

7:45 PM Peter Straus, MUNI Service Planning  
for the Hill (Routes 10, 19 & 53)

8:30 PM City Attorney Candidates

## President's Message

Booster members, your help is urgently needed to call the Supervisors and the Mayor in support of the Interim Controls for Showplace Square and Potrero Hill that have been introduced by Supervisors Maxwell and Daly. These controls, discussed at the June and August Booster Meetings were developed through discussions with members of the Boosters, Dogpatch Neighborhood Association, Seventh Street Commercial Association, City Attorney, Planning Department, and the offices of Supervisors Maxwell and Daly.

Please call all Supervisors today (even if it is the weekend) and leave a voice mail in support of the Interim Controls for Potrero Hill. You can see the entire ordinance on our web site at [www.potreroboosters.org](http://www.potreroboosters.org) The map and ordinance is at the bottom of the home page. It is important to stress that neither the Boosters nor I oppose development. It is just that we want it to be planned in the context of the entire neighborhood.

As long time residents know, since the mid-1990s there has been a proliferation of unplanned developments that have occurred without plans for adequate transit service, community services, traffic infrastructure, open space, and affordable housing in the industrially zoned areas. Many have displaced small businesses and industries and are harming the community because they increase traffic and noise, and create conflicts with adjacent residential and commercial/industrial properties.

All this while the City called it an Industrial Preservation Zone (IPZ) for the past two years. The City has done NO planning for growth in Potrero Hill except in the Central Waterfront. Additionally the City has failed to propose new zoning controls, which preserve and expand new housing opportunities where housing would be appropriate with sufficient transit, open space, and community services.

The proposed Potrero Interim Controls accommodate developers by dividing the interim control area into six separate areas. As each area is planned it then moves out of the controls and becomes available for development with a plan consistent with the surrounding area. What a novel concept for San Francisco, plan before you build an area! They are doing it for Mission Bay—why not Potrero Hill?

**We are only asking that planning be done prior to building** so that our area develops as a vibrant neighborhood that has a mix of business, retail and residential uses that are compatible with each other, a neighborhood that has adequate transit, sidewalks, streets, traffic controls and open space. Is this too much to ask?

An example of lack of planning your Executive Board faces: We have been begging for over two years for a traffic light at 16th & 7th St. DPT told us it would be done this year, yet I was just told by a Catellus (Mission Bay's developer) representative the other day it will be at least another 18 months or more before a traffic light is installed at that deadly intersection! Why? Because DPT, Cal Train and Catellus can't seem to work the parallel process to get the engineering, railroad and street changes done.

NOW we need these controls to get the City, the Planning Department and the developers to work with the neighborhood to plan our area. If we work together it can be done. I have recently had many productive discussions with developers to revise sections of the ordinance. **Please make those calls today – Numbers are on reverse side.**

– John deCastro, President

## Latest on the Power Plant

The various groups and City agencies that are intervening in the power plant application have been meeting regularly. We are still waiting for Mirant to tell us how they are going to meet the terms of the Maxwell ordinance. Though they have been going to other Neighborhood associations and business groups claiming that they will do so. The complete text of the ordinance is on the Booster Web site under neighborhood news or call Sophie Maxwell's office for a copy.

On October 4th with the strong support of Supervisor Aaron Peskin, the Bay Conservation Development Corp. (BCDC) Board refused to endorse Mirant's Cooling Water Technology plan and their Open Space Proposal. It was called inadequate and incomplete. This meeting was held in Suisun City, making it very inconvenient for San Franciscans to participate. Thanks to 1st VP Joe Boss for his tireless work on the power plant issue. Recently motions were filed by interveners to compel the California Energy Commission to move deadline for Final Staff Assessment from October 31 to January because of totally incomplete information on water cooling, air emissions and lack of approval by the Air Quality District and BCDC.

## Interim Controls for Potrero Hill

If you are available please support the Potrero Interim controls in person at the Land Use Committee at 11 AM on Oct 25 or at the Board of Supervisors on October 29th at 2 PM. If you can't go then call, write or fax. Due to limited staff email is not the most rapid way to communicate with the Supervisors. They get 100's of emails per day!

## Mariposa Street Truck Restriction

The Mariposa Street Truck Restriction is a bigger issue than just restricting large trucks on a few blocks. A letter was recently written to Parking and Traffic pointing out a number of truck problems in Potrero Hill. Those included Mississippi Street being used as a bypass for Pennsylvania north of 22nd St, the on-going problem of large campers & busses around our parks, and the need to do a complete traffic study of the north side of Potrero Hill. More to come on this topic.

## Residential Permit Parking Zone X

The DPT has told us that effective October 24th they will start enforcing the two hour parking limit from 8 AM to 6 PM in Zone X on Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Texas, Missouri, Connecticut, 19th, & Mariposa Streets. If you live in those area, better get your permit. Call DPT at 503-2020 if you lost the letter. If your block wants to join zone X call 554-2300 to start the process. A petition needs to be signed by 50% of the residents of your block. Remember Live Oak School opens in January at Mariposa and Arkansas and I have heard a new company is moving into the building at Connecticut and 17th. So our daytime parking problems will continue to get worse.

*Democracy needs you! Be sure to vote on November 6!*

**City Planning - October 2001**

BLDG PERMIT APPLICATION #200107234332: 375 TEXAS ST. Proposed 2 foot extension to the front and add bay window. Encroachment has been approved by Variance #2001.0372V. Contact: Dan Sider, Planner, ph: 558-6697.

BLDG PERMIT APPLICATION #200106081138: 1116 TENNESSEE ST. Propose to raise existing 2 unit bldg 3 feet in order to accommodate a single garage, bldg height becomes 31 feet; replace rear deck & minor interior alterations, Contact: Jon Purvis, Planner, ph: 558-6354.

BLDG PERMIT APPLICATION #200103134108: 460 UTAH ST. Propose to legalize existing roof over side patio, no other changes of additions proposed. Contact: Susan Snyder, Planner, ph: 558-6543.

DISCRETIONARY REVIEW, Case #2001.0917DD: 725 CAROLINA/20th St. Propose to DEMOLISH of single family bldg and construct 34 foot high 2 unit, 2 car bldg with 45 foot rear yard. Hearing: 1:30pm (Th) 25 Oct. Rm 400 City Hall Contact: Dan Sider, Planner, ph: 558-6697.

**Neighborhood Meetings & Events**

R.O.S.E.S. November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at SE Community College, 1800 Oakdale.

Supervisor SOPHIE MAXWELL holds TOWN HALL MTG: 10:00 to NOON, Saturday, 27 October 2001 at the POTRERO HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE. City Department Reps: MUNI, Police, Parking, Public Works. Questions & Answers - refreshments . Info: 554-7670

BAYVIEW ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MIXER \$5.00 at DAGO MARY'S , Hunters Point Shipyard 5:30 to 7:30pm Thursday, 25 October 2001, free parking Information: Heiress Public Relations: 641-5590

**Help wanted**

Boosters need committee members are needed for the Planning and Land use committee, the Parking and Traffic committee and Port Committees. Please contact John deCastro at 865-0669 or president@potreroboosters.org

Also people are needed to write feature articles for the newsletter on neighborhood topics of interest

**Our Web Site**

Check out our refurbished Web site: www.potreroboosters.org You'll find all our board members' e-mail addresses there.  
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PARKING AND TRAFFIC : 553-1200 (General); 553-1200 (Blocked Driveways); 553-9817 (Abandoned Cars)

GRAFFITTI OR DAMAGED BUS SHELTER: 882-4949

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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 (7:00 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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