



NORTH OF PANHANDLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NOPNA

August 11th, 2008

NOPNA Board Meeting

Location: Poleng

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Attendees: Leela (President), Kevin (VP), Larry, Charles, Andrew (Correspondence secretary), Desi, Jarie (Recording Secretary), Dan (Treasure), Kip Fuller (guest), Angela Alvarado (guest)

With a quorum being present, Leela called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Jarie took notes.

Agenda/Notes

- I. 7.00p Dana Tommasino & Margie Conard, Woodward's Garden Restaurant
 - A. Considering opening a new restaurant on Fulton Street (where Gabin was located)
 - i. Introduced themselves and discussed their interest in the space. They are looking into it but have not make any decisions.
 - ii. The board is in favor of the old Gabin space being filled and are open to businesses that support our neighborhood.
- II. 7.10p Introductions for potential board members
 - A. Kip Fuller, Angela Alvarado (treasurer candidate)
 - i. Both candidates introduced themselves and discussed why they want to be on the board.
 - ii. Angela is a CPA and works for a top 5 accounting firm in the city. We do have an opening for a treasurer, so this seems like a good fit.
 - iii. Kip has lived in the area for over 35 years and currently rents a place on Broderick. His child will be going to SF Day school and his wife teaches at Pacific Primary. Kip has been active in the community (working on restoring the child care center) and is helping out with Ross's reelection.
 - iv. Both candidates look like good fits for the board.
- III. 7.20p Status report on the billboard advertisement for Farmer's Market
 - A. Leela discussed the billboard for the farmers market (we were able to secure it starting Aug. 23rd). We had approved spending up to \$1,000 for the billboard via email. It is expected that ANSA will contribute \$500 to the billboard effort as well.
 - i. The Board members discussed the billboard. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved:
 - a) **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves the spending of up to \$1,000 for a billboard on the corner of Divisadero and Grove to advertise the farmers market.

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IV. 7.30p Harding Theater

- A. Do we want to start negotiating for community benefits? If so, who will lead, and what are next steps?
- i. The Harding has been vacant for the past 5 years. There has been several plans for it but none have come to pass. There is a hearing on September 25th regarding the new plan to add 8 condos in the back and shorten the space up (tear down the fly area above the stage). The friends of 1800 do not like that. The city and developer want to know what NOPNA thinks.
 - ii. The board is in unanimous agreement that we want a productive property that is consistent with neighborhood values. Additional data needs to be collected on the proposed use and if the building is historic.
 - iii. Leela and Kevin will take the lead on this.
 - iv. The board decided it will vote via email on any motions for support regarding the Harding Theater. Leela and Kevin will try to meet with all concerned parties to get more information and then send it to the board. We will reach out to the Merchant's Association to ask their opinion.

V. 7.45p Alcohol sales permits

- A.
- i. The board discussed how a charter does not encompass the approval of alcohol permits. Our role is to advise the police on how particular developments in the neighborhood affect safety, community building and cleanliness. Leela stated she had met with Captain Barrett and Sgt Niland to explain our position and all were in agreement.
 - ii. The Board members discussed the issue of alcohol permits. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved:
 - a) **RESOLVED:** NOPNA will author a letter to Park Station stating our advisory role in the community – not one of approval. (Andrew will write the letter)

VI. 8.00p Candidates forum

- A. Larry will make a pitch for NOPNA to sponsor a forum for candidates to the Board of Education.
- i. Everyone thought this was a good idea and that Larry could organize a candidates forum for the September meeting if his time permits.

VII. 8.20p ByLaws & Code of Conduct

- A. The updates to the ByLaws will be published in the Nov/Dec newsletter for review and comment. A vote will be taken at the November general meeting to approve them.
- B. The Code of Conduct will be required starting in January 2009. The Board approved the content of the one page Code of Conduct document Jarie drafted.
- i. The Board members discussed the Code of Conduct. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved:
 - a) **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board has decided to require all board members to sign and adhere to the Code of Ethics and Conduct.

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VIII.8.40p Newsletter ad space

- A. Discussion on what we should charge for ad space in the newsletter. We are selling out every issue and there has been a lot of interest for the back page. Leela suggested moderate price increases for 2009 and the board debated it. It was generally agreed that we need to raise rates on all advertising and to align the various ad area pricing. Everyone agreed to keep the small advertisements affordable. Leela will send out the new ad pricing for review. We are starting to book ad space for 2009 already.
- i. The Board members discussed the ad space pricing. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved:
 - a) **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves the raising of ad rates for the newsletter, starting in 2009. The exact rate increase shall be approved via email.

IX.8.50p Upcoming events

- A. Several upcoming events were discussed and the wiki site will be updated with them.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm on August 11th , 2008.

/s/ Jarie Bolander

Jarie Bolander, Secretary of the Meeting