



NORTH OF PANHANDLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

October 6th 2008 Board meeting
Poleng Lounge, 7pm to 9pm

Attendees:

	Name		Name
X	Angela Alvarado	X	Beth Lane
X	Jarie Bolander		Charles Nelson
X	Desi Deganan		Dan Nguyen-Tan
X	Leela Gill	X	Kevin Rafter
	Larry Griffin	X	Andrew Robbins
X	Sharyn Loeb		

With a quorum being present, Leela called the meeting to order. Jarie took notes.

Agenda

I. Finances (Angela, 5 min)

A. Reviewed the finances. The association has enough money to operate.

i. **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves the spending of up to \$150 for the Trick or Treating decorations for the Halloween event starting at Cafe Neon.

ii. **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves that Angela will look into putting our money in an interest bearing account.

II. Membership (Dan) – no update this meeting since Dan will not be attending.

III. Current Issues/Projects

A. By Laws (Kevin, 15 min)

i. Discussion about the Bylaws and changes that we want to make to them.

ii. We need to add a section on operating procedures to the Bylaws. Operating procedures will be made available to the general public.

a) **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves the amended ByLaws and will post them to the general membership for approval and an agenda item for the next General meeting

B. 2009 Officer positions and committees (5 min)

C. Officer positions (Kevin)

i. Kevin Rafter, President

ii. Jarie Bolander, Vice President

iii. Angela Alvarado, Treasurer

iv. Andrew Robbins, Correspondence Secretary

v. Desi Deganan, Recording Secretary

a) **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves the officer positions, as presented above, for approval to the general membership at the next meeting.

D. Committees

i. Membership

ii. Safety/Block Leaders

iii. Events

iv. Marketing

v. Greening/Street-scape

vi. Newsletter/advertising

vii. Merchant Outreach

E. Members at large:

i. Sharyn has decided to leave the board at the end of the year. She still wants to work on membership.



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ii. Charles has also decided to leave the board at the end of the year. This leaves two vacancies that need to be filled.

IV. Mission Statement – recommended change to simplify (Leela, 5 min)

A. Current: NOPNA is a non-profit organization of neighbors, who care about the community, our city, and our world. Our mission is to establish neighborhood unity, maintain multi-ethnic, multi-cultural diversity, foster a sense of neighborhood pride, promote a safe and clean community, and improve the quality of life for all residents of the neighborhood.

B. Recommended: NOPNA is a non-profit organization of neighbors who care about the community, our city, and our world. Our mission is to create neighborhood unity, celebrate our diversity, and improve the quality of life for our residents.

i. Discussed the mission statement and if we want to change it.

a) **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves to adopt the Recommended mission statement.

V. Branding Project Update (Jarie, 10 min)

VI. Project updates (Leela, 20 min)

A. Harding Theater

i. There are rumors that the developer has told city officials that he has NOPNA support. Kevin and Andrew are drafting a letter to Sup. Mirkarimi to document the board's lack of position thusfar, and furthermore our dismay at the way that the developer is allowing the building to be vandalized.

B. Child Care Center at 1155 Page

i. HeadStart will not be using the space because they cannot afford the proposed rent. Leela is leading additional discussions with SFUSD to maintain the building as a child care center.

C. Holiday Lights

i. We need to put down payment of 75% (est. \$7,500) by Nov. 8th to get the 15% discount.

Raising funds now.

a) **RESOLVED:** The NOPNA board unanimously approves to give Leela authority to spend up to \$2,500 to cover any gap in funds raised by 11/8 so that we can secure the discounted rate. If needed, this expenditure is to be reimbursed through fundraising.

D. Divisadero Street Development (Sgt. Niland conversation)

E. MCD club in lower Haight street

i. Neighbors on lower Haight are facing a very threatening situation with the pot club on the 400 block of Haight. Vallie Brown is asking that NOPNA write a letter of support.

F. Newsletter – 12 page vs. 8 page

VII. Upcoming Events (Leela, 20 min)

A. NERT training

B. Oct. 9th Green Note Jazz

C. Oct. 11th Panhandle Clean up

D. Mirkarimi events

E. Oct. 15th Merchant Fair on Fillmore at Eddy

F. Oct. 16th Divisadero Art Walk

G. Oct. 31st Halloween

H. Dec. 2nd Holiday Party, Poleng Lounge

I. 2009 Events (review 2009 calendar)

i. Feb 2nd, 2009 Next board meeting

VIII. Wrap Up and Action Items