



North Beach Neighbors

Community

Meeting Minutes

Pat's Cafe, 2330 Taylor Street, San Francisco

February 13, 2017

Call to order: President Trish Herman called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Jim Ensign, Wanda Jones, Skip Clemens, Bob and Loni Dantzler, Susan Cholette, Penny Clark, Trish Herman, Pat Darden, Ted Comesano, Sue McCullogh, Bruno Kanter, Sharone Mendes-Nassi,

Minutes: the minutes for January's board meeting were approved electronically and were posted to the website.

Treasurer's report:

Checking acct.: 250.07 Savings acct.: 8215.80

Farmers' Market: Trish reported that the Agricultural Institute of Marin has declined to continue to pursue the Farmers' Market in North Beach. There are two other vendors that Danny and Sri are pursuing. Rich Azzolino is still opposed; however we are looking at having the market on Sunday on Green Street rather than Saturday.

Piazza St. Francis/ the Poet's Plaza: It is our understanding the Supervisor Peskin is neutral on the Piazza. Angela Alioto remains positive.

Buon Natale: Trish recapped the event. Added: electrical box will be removed to the adjacent post via conduit, so that it cannot be tampered with.

Pier 29 development. Bruno introduced Remy Monteko of Jamestown properties. Jamestown is eminently qualified to develop the pier and to make it successful. They also own Ghirardelli Square and Chelsea Piers in New York, which are much larger than the 20K sq. ft. project at pier 29. The pier has 120K sq. ft., but the balance is seismically deficient. The project would contain a beverage hall

with crafted beer and coffee, as well as locally made products, which would not compete with the Ferry Plaza or Fisherman's Wharf restaurants. It was clarified that SFmade cannot be a partner in the project because they are a non-profit advocate for local manufacturers, and not a business. Proximity to the new cruise terminal is seen as an attribute to the Embarcadero tourist area. The lease would be 15 years. Detractors state that this project may preclude the Waterfront Plan Update which may not be issued for several years. They would prefer to see recreational use for the bulk of the pier.

NBN was encouraged to express support at the Board of Supervisors' subcommittee meeting on February 23, at 10:00 A.M. In room 250 at City Hall. Sue McCullough suggested a one page bullet sheet to easily inform the public.

Motivate: representative Paolo Schwartz informed the meeting about the “blue bike” rentals in SF and their expansion from 700 bikes in the Bay Area to 7,000. He showed a map and asked for suggestions on North Beach locations. The Company is sponsored by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and is partnered with the City. The City provides the location and shares a percentage of revenue . The maintenance of the bikes are the responsibility of the Company to ensure safe bikes and all parts are custom made and cannot be integrated into a regular bike which prevents thefts.

The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held on March 13.

Ted Camesano, acting secretary