

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Aug 17, 2009
Metropolitan Conference Room 6 – 7:30 pm

Board Members Present: Jenn Davis, Phil Hwee, Katy Liddell, Gary Pegueros, Katherine Webster

Board Members Absent: Jeffrey Leibovitz

Others Present: Marc Crayton, Anne Marie Engel

Discussion Item	Actions / Notes
www.sbmb.com/ / NING Demo	<p>Katherine demo'd her website and how the neighborhood association might tie in with links to the Yahoo Group and the NING Social web site.</p> <p>Marc demo'd NING and how it has been working with the core Social Committee. NING is moderated (by Marc) just as the Yahoo Group is to assure that no undesirable content is uploaded. One of the many benefits of NING is that it can monitor interest in events, enabling the group to take advantage of group rates, if available. Anybody can post event info. We would most likely restrict membership to people who live within the SBRMB boundaries, but not to only those who belong to the NA.</p> <p>Action: Katherine to submit proposal to include scope and cost of initial startup to link NING and the Yahoo Group and to post objectives and info re SBRMB NA. Ongoing / Updating scope and costs will also be included for vote by board at October 5th meeting.</p>
Circulation of Petitions during regular meetings	<p>A petition was circulated during a regular SBRMB Association meeting a couple of months back for signature, sending the message to some members that the NA was endorsing the candidate. We agreed that we would not allow this in the future. We will allow members to announce that they have a petition for signature so that interested members can contact them.</p>
Funds/Checking Account	<p>Our current checking account with BofA is costing us \$14/month, and funds are down to \$100. We write very few checks and do not necessarily need that functionality at the present time.</p> <p>We do need to consider fund-raising opportunities in order to bolster our funds.</p> <p>Action: Jen will look into more cost-effective alternatives such as a savings account or money market account where we can deposit checks.</p>
Possible Bylaw Changes	<p>Article V, Section 3 -- Bylaws currently allow for one-year terms by officers and two-year terms by board members. They also say that no member of the board except the secretary or treasurer can serve for more than two successive terms in the same office. (Change or eliminate restrictions for continuity?)</p> <p>Article VIII, Section 1 -- The annual meeting of the general membership shall be held on, or within a reasonable time after, the first (1st) day of March of each year. (Change to coincide with our fiscal year of Jan through Dec?)</p> <p>Article VIII, Section 2 – Bylaws currently call for eight Board of Directors meetings during a fiscal year. (Change to 4 times per year?)</p>

	<p>Article IX, Section 1 -- Bylaws currently call for a nominating committee of five members in good standing, two to be appointed by the president, three to be elected by the board of directors with its chairperson elected from among its members. (Change to eliminate this wording to allow for a more casual formation of nominating committee?)</p> <p>Action: Katy to articulate options for voting at October 5th meeting.</p>
Board Vacancy	<p>Rob Black officially resigned as he has moved out of the district.</p> <p>Action: All NA members should think of an appropriate replacement for discussion at October board and general membership meetings.</p>
Political Action Committee	<p>We emphasized the fact that SBRMB NA's primary objectives are not political.</p> <p>The organization does reserve the right to organize a Political Action Committee (PAC) for purposes of sending out slate cards, endorsing candidates and ballot propositions, etcetera. Guest speakers at meetings must be specifically authorized by the president and approved by the board of directors. The name of the Association or its membership mailing list shall not be used to further any political candidacy or the aims of any political party identified as such, nor shall name or mailing list be used for any purpose other than official business of the Association, unless specifically authorized by the board of directors (Article X, Section 2 of Bylaws).</p>
2010 District 6 Candidate Forum	<p>Keeping in mind that we do not endorse candidates, we would like to sponsor / host a forum of the most prominent District 6 candidates in August or September of 2010 so that members and other neighborhood / district members can familiarize themselves with their choices. We would invite other neighborhood /district organizations and possibly find a larger venue than the community room. We agreed that this type of forum would give us good name recognition in the City and the District.</p> <p>Action: Katy to explore larger venues.</p>
Possible Future Guest Speakers	<p>We agreed that not everybody is interested in the same thing and that speakers / subjects will draw various audiences, depending on interest. We discussed the possibility of a Vertical Response or Survey Monkey survey to gauge interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion Pricing – Zabi Bent, Jose Luis Moskovitch - Katy • City Treasurer – Jose Cisneros (What would he talk about?) - Alice • Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods Rep – We have opted not to join at this point because they get political. But, we agreed that we would like to hear what they do and what membership means to the various organizations. - Katy • Ken Garcia, Examiner (Talk about our neighborhood and pertinent issues.) - Katy • Melissa Griffin, Examiner (City Hall Goings On) - Katy • Brian Hackney, Channel 5 (Talk about our neighborhood and pertinent issues.) - Katy • Planning Commission Member (Talk about our neighborhood and pertinent issues.) - Katy • Mike Sugerman, Channel 5 (Talk about our neighborhood and pertinent issues.) – Anne Marie • Egon Terplan, SPUR (Talk about November ballot issues.) - Katy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Oshima, Port – Pier 70 Tour - Katy • Al Gore, Current TV (Recent Current reporter rescue) - Katy • Alfonso Felder, San Francisco Giants - Katherine <p>Action: Katherine to ask Alfie if he can come to our October meeting to update us on Giants activities.</p>
<p>What's New in the Neighborhood?</p>	<p>We talked about having an informal discussion at the end of each general meeting to let people share info re new restaurants, stores, parks, whatever might be new and informative. We would facilitate closely to keep under control.</p> <p>Action: Katy to add to October meeting agenda.</p>
<p>Next Board Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, October 5th, 6 – 7:30 pm, Crossroads Café Jenn and Jeffrey will need to assign proxies for voting as we will need to vote on several issues.</p> <p>Action: Jenn and Jeffrey assign proxies for vote at Oct 5th meeting.</p>