

SBRMBNA Board Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2014

Attendees:

Agid, Bruce  
Anthony, Mike  
Liddell, Katy  
Pegueros, Gary  
Rogers, Alice  
Springer, Matt  
Whitaker, Jamie

<b>Subject</b>
<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b> (Jamie) -- Cash on hand totals \$1137.04; member count: 49 (including spouses/partners)</p>
<p><b><u>Neighborhood Priorities</u></b> (Alice / Katy) - Transportation and Quality-of-Life issues continue to be our priorities. Alice &amp; Katy will contact Jane Kim's office to, hopefully, set up a meeting to discuss.</p>
<p><b><u>Retail Issues</u></b> (Alice / Mike) - The SB Merchants' Association/NA Task Force consists of Alice, Mike, Patrick Valentino, Kim Kobasic (Brick House Café) and Henry Karnilowicz. They are looking at interim controls to protect ground floor retail for the neighborhood while zoning revision proposals are developed. They met with Jane Kim's office and Planning, and have identified these blocks to concentrate neighborhood commercial corridors: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, Townsend, Brannan btw 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and possibly Ritch and Bluxome Alleys. The process was prompted by a number of retail stores being replaced by tech offices, and the threat that American Grilled Cheese Kitchen may lose their lease to a higher-paying tech business in the next couple of months.</p> <p>The end goal is to look for permanent zoning changes to encourage small scale, neighborhood-serving businesses on the ground floor. April in Jane Kim's office has been the liaison, and the group is waiting for her return in September to continue their efforts.</p> <p>Some in the community think that restricting ground floor space to only retail is too harsh. They cite the many vacancies currently in the neighborhood.</p>
<p><b><u>Transportation Report</u></b> (Bruce) -- Bruce continues to monitor our transportation issues. He will attend a meeting Thursday (Aug 28) with interested reps from southern neighborhoods to discuss BRITE issues and the T Line.</p>
<p><b><u>Vision Zero</u></b> (Katy) - Alice, Bruce, and Katy attended a Vision Zero meeting at the Walk SF offices last week. This effort was spearheaded by Walk SF and the SF Bike Coalition in Jan 2014 to demand zero pedestrian accidents / deaths by 2024. Katy will send info for possible future endorsement.</p>

**Airbnb / VBRO** -- David Chiu's proposed legislation related to regulating online platform rentals (eg, AirBnB, VBRO) has passed the Planning Commission and is up for hear at the BOS Sept 9, with possible approval 9/16. We will keep this item on our agendas to revisit. **Jamie will send us a link to David Chiu's legislation.**

**SBRMBNA Nominating / Elections Committee** -- Cathy **Akiyama will reconvene this group within the coming month.**

**Outreach to New Buildings** (Gary) -- Gary contacted a number of new buildings in the neighborhood to ask about interest in the NA, and he has received no responses. We will keep this on our agenda going forward to determine how to best reach out to new residents. An information packet was suggested.

**Website** (Katy / Jamie) -- The subscription for our site is due in September. We discussed moving to a cheaper site, but we decided that the \$50 or \$60/year in savings would not be worth the trouble.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Sept 8 Forrest City
- Sept 8 Mimi Silbert Event at the Port
- Oct 13 Car Share Panel
- Nov 10 Steve Wertheim Central SoMa Plan
- Dec 8 Holiday Dinner
- Neighborhood "Noshes"