



Tuesday February 3rd 2009 Meeting Minutes: Special Guest Speaker: Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi

1. After many members renewed their memberships, Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. The agenda and January minutes were approved.
3. **Announcement:** Jean Cosby from the Nabe spoke about the BB&B event Sat, Feb 28th 4-9PM. Blues, Beer, and BBQ includes live music, dancing, and dinner. Our club has donated \$100 to support this neighborhood event.
4. **Reports:**
 - Treasurer - Barbera Schrader
Current Balance 2/3/09 \$35.21
 - **Peaceful Safe Neighborhoods**
Ted Miller relayed that not much has gone on this month with the committee. He has been out of town for much of the month and unable to get the group together. He mentioned that he recognizes the Club's interest to focus on positive solutions for the neighborhood, and will try to get the committee together this month.
5. **Featured Speaker : Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi**

Supervisor Mirkarimi spoke to the Club for over 45 minutes. He started with a recognition of the kinship he feels between the district he represents, District 5, and our District 10. Both districts face similar challenges with mixed income demographics and issues of new development displacement of residents. Ross emphasised the value of community policing, and highlighted his work in 2006 to get police officers out of their cars to walk a beat and understand the pulse of the neighborhoods. To Ross, abating community fear is a civil rights issue. The young and the elderly have **a right** to walk around their community without fear. Ross wants to get community policing into the culture of the city and the Police department so the effects survive into the future. For example, the Police department rotates Police Captains every 2 to 3 years which breaks the continuity of community policing and Ross is trying to stop the practice with reforms. Ross graduated from the Police Academy and worked with the rank and file.

Ross wants the city to focus more on reentry programs that help offenders avoid landing back into the prison system. Currently 70% of offenders re-offend. There are many existing reentry programs with the Sheriff's Dept., the DA, and the Public

Defenders Office, but they are not coordinated. A centralized system would be much more effective and we need to create a Department of Reentry for the city.

What can we do to help? Setup neighborhood watches. They work, they get the community involved. Keep asking the Board of Supervisors about reentry programs. Support Workforce Reform. The hedge in a bad economy is jobs. Currently we have City Build - but that's just construction projects. We need to expand that to Police, Nursing, and Park & Rec. We need to recruit from **within the city**. Population displacement will happen with redevelopment, the remedy is job development.

Supervisor Mirkarimi took several questions from the audience after speaking. The full audio recording including the Q&A portion is available on the [PHDC website](#).

6. **New Business**

- no new business was raised

7. **Election of candidates for Executive Committee 2009**

Candidates for each office:

- President: Joni Eisen
- First VP (Membership & Program) : Rachel Schapira
- 2nd VP (Political Action) : Ted Miller, Dewitt Lacy
- Secretary (Website): Quint King
- Treasurer: Barbera Schrader

All offices except 2nd VP were by acclamation, but 2nd VP had 2 candidates. Dewitt Lacy won the position of 2nd VP, Political Action.

8. **Next meeting March 3rd** - Topic TBA. Possible: Bridge, nonprofit low-income housing developer, presentation on rebuilding Potrero Terrace and Annex.

Quint King, Secretary