



## **Tuesday March 3rd 2009 Meeting Minutes:**

Special Guest Speakers: Laura Hahn from the Sierra Club and Ben Golvin from Equity Community Builders

1. One new member joined and another renewed before the meeting. Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. The agenda and February 2009 minutes were approved.
3. **Officer Reports:**
  - Treasurer - Joni for Barbera Schrader  
**Current Balance 3/3/09 \$772.83** (unreconciled)  
\$1200 in renewals and new memberships  
paying \$855.99 in outstanding checks
  - **Membership** - 48 people are paid-up members for 2009
  - **Safe Neighborhoods**  
Ted Miller spoke again about getting the committee together this coming month.
4. **Vote on supporting CA Fair Elections Act**
  - Club sign on to resolution being submitted at CA Democratic State Convention in April: Club voted 14 for, 0 opposed, and 0 abstain **PASSED**
  - Endorse bill itself for 2010 ballot: Club voted 13 for, 0 opposed, and 0 abstain **PASSED**
5. **New Business**
  - Community service opportunity - early Earth Day, Mission Creek cleanup. Sat April 11th 9-noon. 10 openings - 11 people signed up at the meeting!
  - Special statewide election for budget props May 19th, possible topic for next meeting
6. **Announcements**
  - **SFDCCC** : PHDC has been re-chartered
  - **DCCC Unity Luncheon** \$600 for 10 tickets available to the Club

### 1. **Featured Speakers:**

#### **Laura Hahn from the Sierra Club**

Laura spoke to the club giving us the background on an innovative energy policy available to California cities since 2002, now called "Clean Power SF" here, and what

we can do as individuals to help the plan succeed. 41% of all greenhouse gases come from energy production, as does mercury pollution in San Francisco Bay. PG&E is a profit driven company that delivers only about 11% clean energy and most of that is from hydroelectric that cannot be increased. In 2007 San Francisco passed a measure to achieve 51% clean energy by 2016. "Clean Power SF" will get 15,000 solar rooftops in San Francisco alone. PG&E is against moving to clean energy - they want to keep the \$1.34 billion they collected in 2008. PG&E has gotten \$19 billion in bailouts ( from the Enron era ). We need to fight to keep the "Clean Power SF" program moving forward. We need to hold our elected officials accountable and have them support it.

PG&E will continue to provide the delivery of power, the consumer billing; this plan just supports changes to the power generation part of the equation. It allows us, the people of San Francisco, to form our own nonprofit cooperative for buying and generating electricity.

There is a hearing Friday March 6th at City Hall for LAFCO to get the PUC to get this program moving forward. Ross Mirkarimi is the chair of LAFCO - let him know about your support. PUC has had 8 years to move on "Clean Power SF" but they have not.

### **Ben Golvin about Rebuilding Potrero Terrace & Annex**

Basic principles of Hope SF are to ensure no loss of public housing while improving the living conditions. Rebuilding Potrero Terrace and Annex will involve replacing 606 housing units but possibly creating up to 1000 or more units that are better integrated into the community. Right now 80% of households in the community have one or more people working and 20% don't work. The income range of the community is very small - a broader income range is helpful for the community to be more successful. At a similar project in North Beach, all rents are affordable. Some households earn \$8000/year and some get up to \$50,000/year income.

Bridge is a private property management company that is not-for-profit. But since they are private, serious problem tenants CAN get evicted as a means of last resort. This actually leads to better tenants overall.

Rebuilding will be done in phases in a way in which residents will not be displaced during the rebuilding process. This phase-based rebuilding process means that existing communities will not need to be completely broken up during the construction which is an important thing. Ben went over the 14 month planning schedule starting from Nov '08. The next Town Hall meeting is **Monday March 23rd** to recap what was learned in all the focus group meetings. The goal is to have a final site plan by Nov 2009.

The website for the project is <http://www.rebuildpotrero.com/>

The full audio recording including Q&A is available on the [PHDC website](#).

2. **Next meeting April 7th** - Topic: Endorsement meeting for the state budget Special Election scheduled for May 19th.