



## **Tuesday May 5th 2009 Meeting Minutes:**

**Guest Speakers:** Leah Pimentel from GRID Alternatives, Saul Bloom from Arc Ecology and Arthur Feinstein from the Sierra Club, Quintin Mecke from Tom Ammiano's office and David Beaupre from the Port of San Francisco for AB 1176 (re: Pier 70)

1. Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. The agenda and April 2009 minutes were approved.
3. **Officer Reports:**
  - Treasurer - April 1st balance \$602.28, May 4th \$771.84. Joni spoke with the bank manager and got them to waive the account fee for the Club bank account for 2 years. In 2 years from now, when we start getting charged fees again, it's up to us to ask again for a fee waiver. The waiver is at the discretion of the bank manager.
  - Membership - 61 members paid-up for 2009
4. **Featured Speakers:**

### **Leah Pimentel from GRID Alternatives**

GRID Alternatives administers the Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) program. Details of who qualifies for this program can be found on the GRID website at <http://www.gridalternatives.org/sash/whoqualifies>. The whole approval process takes one to one and a half months to get an installation date. Non-homeowners ( renters ) can participate but the building owner needs to be involved. Also, if someone doesn't qualify for the assistance program for any reason, GRID works with its partners to help people get solar for their home.

### **Saul Bloom from Arc Ecology**

Arc Ecology has worked on several cleanups for military base contaminations in the former Bay Area bases as well as in other countries. They asked Lennar Corporation, "What alternatives have you looked at ( to your existing plans ) to decide what's best for the region?" Arc Ecology looked at four basic criteria for alternatives: 1) what's best for the Bayview 2) jobs 3) affordable housing 4) transportation issues. Arc Ecology created "Alternatives for Study" so the best possible plan for the Bayview can happen. ( Download the PDF from <http://www.arcecolgy.org/afs/> ) The existing undeveloped area is considered "blighted" mostly because the parking areas are in bad condition, but there are

many diverse species living in the area. Saul spoke about the importance of the toxic cleanup for the area. About 90,000 new residents will be moving into the Bayview from this new development presenting transportation issues.

Saul showed several different configurations of the space with the stadium in various locations, and how that impacted the plan. The details of the various proposals can be found in the PDF from the Arc Ecology website.

### **Arthur Feinstein from the Sierra Club**

We need Candlestick Point that is easy to access as a Potrero Hill resident. Right now you can experience the Bay and a broad expanse of critters. Lennar wants to remove 25% of a State park. If you expect to still be able to experience nature, you won't be able to. While the total redevelopment is 700 acres, 40 acres of park is being removed from the park's open space. Leno's SB 792 allows the city to do exchanges that would remove 40 acres of open space. The Sierra Club is in opposition to the bill because it is flawed. It shouldn't allow losing 25% of park. The bill gives complete discretion to the city to make decisions on the final layout of the project map. The bill should allow no net loss of open space. The bill should also require proof that there is no feasible alternative to the bridge over the inlet. SB 792 is out of the 1st committee allowing a 25% loss of the national park. Senator Leno is open to input on the bill - they would like us to contact him to influence the bill so it protects open space.

### **Quintin Mecke and David Beaupre for AB 1176**

Quintin Mecke, Communications Director for Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, spoke about supporting AB 1176, to enable financing for Pier 70 restoration and development. SF Prop D was endorsed by our Club and approved by voters, but there is a \$110 million gap - AB 1176 tries to help with that gap. It allows the Port of SF to capture 90% (instead of the 75% mandated by Prop D) of growth in property taxes from the State's share of the tax increment provided the Port expends at least 20% of these revenues on waterfront parks, environmental remediation of contaminated shoreline, and removal of Bay fill.

The Club voted to support AB 1176 with a letter to Assemblyman Tom Ammiano. ( note: That letter has been sent )

### **5. Announcements**

Special Election, Tues May 19th. Club endorsements are **NO on 1A 1C 1D 1E and no position for 1B and 1F**

Corinne Woods announced this month's Sunday Streets, May 10th from ATT Park to the Bayview Opera House. It is also the 20th anniversary of the Bay Trial project.

Tony Kelly announced the Potrero Boosters Dinner May 26th 5:30pm at the California Culinary Academy's <http://potreroboosters.org/>

Tony also mentioned the Star King Open Space board election May 12th 7pm at the Nabe <http://www.starrkingopenspace.org/>

Mission Creek cleanups will continue, and volunteer opportunities will be posted along with all the other events mentioned, on our web site calendar.

### **6. Next meeting June 2nd - Topic: TBD**

Quint King, Secretary

