

Tuesday February 2nd Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- 2. The agenda and minutes from the Jan '10 meeting were approved.

Officer Reports:

 Membership, Rachel Schapira: We have 82 members now! Many members have not paid 2010 dues, you can renew online with the email we send out this week.

DeWitt Lacy: We're starting a new program to have Club Ambassadors; so people in the club can take initiative and get more involved.

• Treasurer, Pat Cleveland : Since last meeting:

In: \$500

Spent: \$172 (Including \$135 for annual email and \$48 for t-shirts)

Balance: \$1598

3. **Proposed amendment** to the bylaws

The current Bylaws:

ARTICLE VI Officers...

4. Secretary...In cooperation with the Treasurer, the Secretary shall maintain a record of the current members of the Club and their addresses, telephone numbers, and emails and shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Club's website.

The proposed amendment:

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4. Secretary...In cooperation with the Treasurer, the Secretary shall maintain a record of the current members of the Club and their addresses, telephone numbers, and emails.

5. Webmaster. The Webmaster shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Club's website.

The Club voted 19 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining. Meeting 60% present voting members requirement to amend, the amendment passed.

- 4. Nominations taken for 2010 officers: President: Joni Eisen; VP/Membership Chair: DeWitt Lacy; VP/Political Action Chair: Bill Barnes; Secretary: Rachel Schapira; Webmaster: Quint King; Treasurer: Pat Cleveland. More nominations were called for, but none were made.
- 5. **Program: Repair California:** Special guest **John DeCastro** from the campaign to call a state Constitutional Convention.

78% of the California State budget is locked, that is, non-discretionary due in part to the initiative process. There are 59 initiatives circulating right now. Cities and counties are essentially "wards of the State". Repair California is proposing 2 ballot measures:

Prop 1: "Allows voters to place question of calling a constitutional convention on the ballot."

Prop 2:"Calls a limited convention to propose changes to state constitution."

The convention will be to matters of governance (like the 2/3 budget rule) and will not get involved in social issues (like Prop 8).

For more info on Repair California, visit their website:

http://www.repaircalifornia.org

Complete audio and photos of the talk are available here:

http://www.phdemclub.org/?p=1285

UPDATE Feb. 13th: Due to lack of funds, the Repair California campaign has withdrawn their two initiatives and shut down.

6. **Starr King Openspace:** Caroline Bird and Andie Grace from the Starr King Openspace Board spoke to the Club about the 3.5 acre openspace on the SW side of Potrero Hill. Their Board has recently reformed after dwindling down to a single member that had not been properly managing the non-profit that takes care of the land at Starr King. The new board is made up of nine people and has had several recent accomplishments: #1: got a new condo garage driveway easement that was going to bisect the Openspace eliminated; #2: got a functional board up and running; the old one member board is under investigation for absconding funds from the non-profit; #3: have held successful community planting and cleanup days for the Openspace.

Andie Grace spoke about how they want to increase their public profile - reminding residents of Potrero Hill that this space belongs TO THEM.

SKOS is looking for a Webmaster and a Photographer. For more info visit their website: http://starrkingopenspace.org/

7. **Open Mic:** Introducing candidates running for

Supervisor of District 10: Lynette Sweet Espanola Jackson Tony Kelly

Audio and photos are available here: http://www.phdemclub.org/?p=1285

8. **Election of officers for 2010**: Since there was only one nomination per office, the officers for 2010 were elected by acclamation. They are:

President: Joni Eisen; VP/Membership Chair: DeWitt Lacy; VP/Political Action Chair: Bill Barnes; Secretary: Rachel Schapira; Webmaster: Quint King; Treasurer: Pat Cleveland.

 New Business: The Club discussed co-sponsorship of the Tikkun/Network of Spiritual Progressives Conference: "Support Obama to BE the Obama Americans Voted For.", a motion to co-sponsor was seconded and voted upon. The motion failed.

10. Announcements

Ron Miguel: on joining a Civil Grand Jury this year.

Malini Singh, ER Physician, holding **public health workshops** at the Nabe. Carlo De La Cruz: Prop 11 redistricting - they need women and minorities to apply for the new commission.

Joni Eisen: California Fair Elections Act (Prop 15 on the June ballot!) - campaign kickoff Feb 21 1-3PM at the Main Library.

Restore Majority Rule campaign needs you to take petitions for signatures from family and friends. Call Chandra Friese at 563-1177 or 722-6914.

Statewide Candidates Forum Feb 6 1-4PM at SEIU Local 87, 240 Golden Gate. Presented by the Bay Area Young Democrats.

Beer Blues & BBQ celebration Sat February 27th 4-9pm at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House; \$25 includes a BBQ dinner. PHDC is sponsoring.

11. Next Meeting Tues March 2nd - India Basin shoreline; other topics TBA.

Quint King, Secretary