

**Minutes of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club
June 7, 2011**

1. The meeting of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club (the “PHDC”) was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on June 7, 2011.
2. Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
3. Ms. Eisen thanked Kayren Hudiburgh, of Good Life Grocery, for providing locally sourced refreshments for the meeting. In addition, Ms. Eisen provided refreshments grown in her backyard and Ms. Eppler provided Bay Area sourced refreshments from Rainbow Grocery.
4. Monisha Mustapha proposed an amendment to the agenda calling for a moment of silence to honor San Francisco’s fallen firefighters. The moment of silence was observed.
5. The amended agenda for the current meeting and the minutes of the May 3, 2011 meeting were approved by acclamation.
6. Ms. Mustapha gave the Political Action report. She reported PHDC will have two tables for the upcoming “Sunday Streets” event on June 12. Ms. Mustapha reported that there would be no traditional club meeting in July, 2011 – instead, volunteers will register voters prior to the SF Mime Troupe performance in Dolores Park. Sign-up sheets for volunteering at both events were circulated.
7. Ms. Eisen thanked Hilary Cohen for taking the minutes at the May 3 meeting.
8. Bill Barnes gave the Membership update. Mr. Barnes thanked 4 new members present at the meeting, and reported that details for the annual members’ party would be finalized and announced soon.
9. Adam Scow, California Campaigns Director for Food and Water Watch, gave a presentation entitled “Food and the Farm Bill.” He explained current problems caused by consolidation in agriculture, and outlined potential beneficial changes to the federal Farm Bill for 2012. Mr. Scow answered questions from the audience. A petition was circulated.
10. Monica Ferrey, David Globber, Kayren Hudiburgh and Adam Scow presented a panel discussion entitled “Making it Local,” regarding growing or buying food locally. Ms. Ferry discussed barrel gardening and the Potrero Hill Branch Library’s Seed Lending Library. Mr. Globber discussed gardening at Community Gardens for Rebuild Potrero, and the permaculture garden at 18th and Rhode Island. Ms. Hudiburgh related how Good Life Grocery, founded in 1974 as one of a slate of local markets in San Francisco, receives daily shipments of produce from Veritable Vegetable and Earl’s Organic. The panelists took questions from

the audience. Mr. Globler announced that the permaculture garden at 18th and Rhode Island has volunteer opportunities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays, and the Family Resource Garden in Potrero Terrace takes volunteers from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or noon on Mondays.

11. Ron Davis presented a scrolling “movie” entitled The Workings of Organic Farming. He discussed the process of composting, planting compatible crops, feeding the beasties in the soil, and the representation of organic farmers at various farmers markets. Mr. Davis took questions from the audience.

12. Announcements:

- Ms. Eisen called attention to upcoming events listed on the meeting agenda, including a June 16th Rally for Single-Payer Health Care, from 9-11 a.m., at Moscone Center West.
- The first draft of the California redistricting map will be released June 10th. Check wedrawthelines.ca.gov

13. There being no further business, Ms. Eisen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Eppler, Acting Secretary