

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting Potrero Hill Democratic Club Held April 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club (the “Club”) was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on April 7, 2015.

Joni Eisen, president of the Club, called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm local time.

Ms. Eisen noted that a quorum of members was not yet present for the conduct of business. As a result, she postponed votes regarding the approval of the agenda and the prior meeting’s minutes.

Ms. Eisen then turned to the nominations for an open Executive Committee Officer-at-Large position. Audrey Cortes was nominated; no additional nominations were made. Ms. Eisen postponed the election of Ms. Cortes, noting the continuing absence of a quorum.

Sue Vaughan then gave a presentation on Assembly Bill 61: legislation sponsored by Travis Allen (R–Huntington Beach) to legalize the use of public bus stops by private shuttles.

Ms. Vaughan next gave a presentation on Senate Bill 47: legislation sponsored by Jerry Hill (D–San Mateo) to place a two-year moratorium on the installation of tire-crumb artificial turf so that possible health effects of tire crumb could be studied.

Ms. Eisen noted the presence of a quorum of Club members. After discussion between the Club and Ms. Vaughan, and upon a motion duly made, seconded and accepted, the Club adopted the resolution accompanying the agenda supporting Senate Bill 47 by a vote of nine members in favor, none in opposition, and five abstaining.

Ms. Eisen returned to the topic of electing a new member of the Executive Committee. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and accepted, the Club elected Audrey Cortes as an Executive Committee Officer-at-Large by acclamation.

After additional discussion between Ms. Vaughan and the Club, and upon a motion duly made, seconded and accepted, the Club voted to write a letter in opposition of Assembly Bill 61 consistent with the written materials accompanying the agenda, by vote of ten members in favor, none in opposition, and five abstaining.

Land-use attorney Sue Hestor gave a presentation on the Academy of Art University and their history of flouting land-use laws and policies. Ron Miguel, Club member and former President of the San Francisco Planning Commission, also spoke on the status of the Academy’s master plan and environmental impact report. Club members were encouraged to attend the Planning Commission hearing on April 16 where the commissioners would comment on the environmental impact report.

Tom Gallagher then spoke in favor of a resolution against a proposed authorization of the use of military force in and over Iraq. The Club engaged in a robust discussion on the resolution, with Bob Boileau, an Executive Committee Officer-at-Large, presenting an argument against the resolution. A motion to adopt the resolution was made and seconded. Following additional discussion, a motion to table the resolution, pending additional developments for the authorization for the use of military force in Congress. The motion to table was seconded, and approved by a vote of ten members in favor, no members in opposition and five members abstaining.

Ms. Eisen then presented the amendments to the Bylaws proposed at the Club’s March meeting. The amendments would change the name of the Webmaster to Tech Officer, update language in the Bylaws to reflect the composition of the Executive Committee, and update the language on standing committees to reflect the Club’s practices. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved, the Bylaws were amended by acclamation.

Mr. Boileau updated the Club on potential Republican attacks on Social Security and the letter writing campaign the Club had engaged in regarding the attacks.

Ms. Eisen asked for volunteers to attend a Club table at the Sunday Streets event in Dogpatch on April 12.

Ms. Eisen announced that the Club's next meeting would be on May 5, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

There being no further business before the Club, Ms. Eisen adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J.R. Eppler, Secretary