

PHAMB – General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

Members Attending (25): Siobhan, Bruce, Jean (Guardian), Keith (Everest), Barbara (UCSF), Jerry (Podesta Construction), Deborah (Lardie Company), Steven (View / SF Power), Dick, Tony (Thick House), Emily (EP Photography), Amy (Delirious Shoes), Michele (SOMA Acupuncture), Roger (Farley's), Pat (Pat's Garage), Peter (Archives Project), Michelle (MacKenzie Warehouse), Lynn (Live Oak School), Michelle (Organic Agent / Ford / Zephyr), Masoud (Chat's), Brad (Allpointe Insurance), Greg (Design Within Reach), Roy (World Gym), Alan (Jay's Deli), Joe Boss.

Guests/Visitors (2): Marian (Potrero Baby Boomers), Tiffany (KGO/ABC), Josh Smith (Walden development)

- I. Introductions – light agenda today, so let us know what's happening with your business.
 - a. Everest Waterproofing is establishing green business practices, using environmentally-friendly materials and processes.
 - b. Steve Moss raised issue of establishing a community space / art project / Potrero entryway at the Kansas/Townsend circle. Group thinks it is worth looking into, but shouldn't Bill Poland, who owns much of the property there, be involved in funding?
 - c. Deborah Lardie is a CPA and specializes in QuickBooks for small businesses – contact her if you would like a consultation.
 - d. Brad (Allpointe) advises small businesses on their health and wellness benefit plans and has a new office in Dogpatch on 3rd/20th.
 - e. Siobhan has been working on the Directory, and hopes to go to print this week (15,000 copies)
 - f. Tiffany from KGO/ABC – consider contacting her for TV coverage of local events.
 - g. UCSF continues to hold community planning workshops re: the Mission Bay development, and Barbara is attending the Plan Potrero meetings.
 - h. Peter is interviewing artists and writers connected to the Hill for History Night (Saturday eve, 10/27). PHAMB sponsors and is the primary funding source for the event, including food.
 - i. 14th annual Pet Parade, starts at 1pm on Saturday 10/27 at Chat's on 18th/Arkansas, awards ceremony at Farley's, 18th/Texas. Dress up your pet, take photos, drink coffee and tea, hang with your neighbors, have fun!
 - j. Thick House theater is going into its 20th year! On behalf of the Potrero Boosters, Tony presented Roger with a Community Award, for "Keeping the community independently caffeinated." Congrats, Roger! Plan Potrero meetings are going strong, check out www.planpotrerohillsf.org for updates, meeting results, and upcoming meeting topics.
 - k. Tony and Bruce both alerted us to the "grassroots" campaign mailing against the closing of the Marant power plant (mailing was actually sent by PG&E). Check out articles in recent SFBG for more on this topic.

- I. Michelle MacKenzie is concerned about the bombardment of new laws and taxes that are hitting SF small biz particularly hard. Contact Michelle for info on the Small Business Advocates if you are interested in getting involved.
- II. Other Stuff
 - a. Bruce called for a follow up with the PUC/DPW re: coordination of street projects. Turns out there was another contractor in addition to Synergy involved in the water main project, which they neglected to mention at our prior meeting
 - b. The Trust for Public land completed the playground renovation on Arkansas street (below the Rec center) and it is open for public use. Come check it out.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 11