

PHAMB – General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Members Attending (24): Bruce, Jean (Guardian), Keith (Everest), Barbara (UCSF), Jerry (Podesta Construction), Dick, 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), Brad (Allpointe Insurance), Jerry Meyer (consultant), Michelle, Chad (Baraka), Emily (Soulflower), Akiko (International Fire), Frank (Potrero Chiro), Dan (Lipman, D.C.), Joni Eisen (Cake Portraits), Philip (Goat Hill Pizza), Kayren (Good Life)

Guests/Visitors (3): Josh Smith (Walden development), Emma, Amy (Pawsitive Tails)

- I. Introductions – during introductions, I learned that Emma and Amy are opening a dog training business on 22nd Street – Pawsitive Tails. Baraka has been purchased by Chad Newton and Michelle Hughes. They have rejoined PHAMB and for now, are planning to keep the Baraka name and menu. On 10/12, St. Teresa's is holding a blessing of animals. Peter Linenthal and the Archives project were interviewed in a local segment on ABC – and, we're so tech-savvy, that you can view it from the www.potrerohill.biz site, via YouTube! The Pet Parade begins at 1pm on 10/27, starts in front of Chat's, awards ceremony at Farley's. History Night is that evening, 5:30pm at the Enola Maxwell campus.
- II. Police Report – Captain Pardini of Bayview Station gave a quick introduction, then opened the floor to questions. Some notes of interest:
 - a. Crime in the district is down 14% in the first 6 months of 2007, while SFPD response to “suspicious activity calls,” i.e., “Can you come check this out?” are up 10%. The lesson? If you see something that doesn't look right, call it in. If urgent, use 911. Otherwise 553-0123 for non-emergency police contact. When calling, report as specific information as possible and convey the level of urgency.
 - b. Be careful of walking and talking on your cellphone – it can make you a target.
 - c. Don't leave anything of value visible in your parked car. Even CD's, a jacket, etc. can make your vehicle the target of a break-in for the small amount of cash those items might bring.
 - d. Kayren of the Good Life Grocery voiced her appreciation for SFPD patrol car drive-bys, especially at business closing times. Captain Pardini recommended that merchants make sure they communicate with other merchants on the same block if they notice any individuals who look suspicious or as though they may act out.
- III. Membership – our organization continues to grow, and every month, we reach a new all-time high. We now count 139 active members, including approximately 25 new ones in the last year.

IV. Event Dates

- a. Potrero Hill Festival: Saturday, 10/13 at the Nabe (all day)
- b. Farley's Pet Parade: Saturday, 10/27 1pm (starts at Chat's)
- c. History Night: Saturday, 10/27 (pre-program catering by Thinkers and Lingba, starts at 5:30pm, in front of Enola Maxwell Campus).
- d. Check out www.planpotrerohillsf.org for next community planning meetings.
- e. The Potrero Hill Democratic Club maintains a calendar at www.phdemclub.org – contact Joni Eisen if you would like your event posted there.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 9th, 10am, Goat Hill Pizza.