

CHN Board Minutes March 11, 2020

Present: Bill Holtzman, Josh Baskin (phone conference), Maryann Dresner, Leslie Koelsch, Mark Ryser, Jim Packer, Paul Allen,
Absent: Susan Detwiler

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Guest, President of EVNA

Alex Lemberg, President of EVNA, was invited to share with us the goals of EVNA and to provide additional information on a variety of topics of mutual interest. The EVNA boundary is Market Street on the north and west sides, 22nd Street on the south and Church Street on the east. Lemberg's priorities for the coming year are 1) retail vacancies, and 2) Eureka Valley Park improvement (Recreation Center on Collingwood). A third area of interest is maintaining a political influence, listening to the voice of those within the boundary and making positions known to city leaders. Alex talked about the issue of homelessness and how important it is to provide a suggested plan instead of the usual complaints about the issue. EVNA no longer has a Land Use Committee—it was disbanded. CHN and ENVA shares interests in common and how our organizations might benefit each other in serving the neighborhoods. Alex will attend our May 11, 2020 General Membership Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The 4th quarter 2019 report was received within a day of request of Terence Wu, our new SW Parks Coordinator. Upon review, a few discrepancies between the treasurer's records and the 4th quarter report were noted. The SFPA 3rd quarter ending balance general account was \$11,714.01. However, the beginning balance of the 4th quarter report was \$121,493.32, a discrepancy of ~~\$\$~~290.02. \$32.99 was charged to the general account instead of the Slope account. The treasurer recommended that we not asked this to be changed in order to focus on the other issues of reconciliation. The board agreed. The Slope account is unchanged at \$4620.75. The third account, the legal account, is not reported in 4th quarter as there was no activity during that period. The income for the 4th quarter (dues/books) was \$425, while SFPA recorded \$450. Expenses for 4th quarter (our records) were \$192.52, while SFPA has \$220.21. These discrepancies will be addressed.

For the 1st quarter of 2020, we have had 19 renewals. Of the master list of 145 households (before the split into two organizations), 60 members have either moved away, did not respond to the renewal appeal, or stated they were not interested in continuing. The remaining 85 are current. The PayPal account was cut off to the treasurer on April 25, 2019 and the US Bank account on May 16, 2020. As CHN

approaches the April 25, 2020 date, we should have a more accurate account of which members have remained with CHN. Until we approach the anniversary of these dates, it is not clear exactly how many members intentionally renewed with CHN and not CHNA. With the last renewal memo that was sent, CHN received 9 responses (and some renewals), several of which indicated continuing confusion between the two groups. The treasurer and president have responded to each inquiry, which as a result, brought in additional renewals.

Bylaws

The Board reviewed additional language presented by Mark Ryser. This language was approved (6-1) and it will be added to the existing update to the 2018 bylaws. It will be sent to all for final review, and approval. The next step is for Mark Ryser to work on the Procedures to which the bylaws refer. This will be presented to the Board at the April Board meeting.

SFPA Update

Bill Holtzman had good news to report. He has heard from Jonathan Goldberg, DPW, who will meet with neighbors and reviews options for rectifying the difficult situation on the Slope. Each Board member expressed their position on the Slope—what should/could be done to resolve the issue of trash, sleeping in the park, damaged fences, violence, etc. The Board as a group felt that fencing is something that it wants to look at as a solution to the problem. The Board is opposed to development. The exact description—materials, what area it would include, is yet to be decided. In addition, Paul Allen is attempting to get estimates for fencing as well.

There will be a walk-through of 3 or 4 the 11 parks with Terence Wu. The date is yet to be determined. A DPW clean-up is scheduled for March 23.

Litigation with Former President

It was agreed that letters going back and forth should pause while the attorneys for both sides discuss resolution. The Board agrees that the PayPal account must be closed, that the name of the organization must change to avoid confusion, that CHN receive all copies of any signed agreements, and that it receive statements from the PayPal access denial date forward (April 25) as well as the US Bank account beginning June 1, 2019 (CHN has the May 2019 statement) to the present.

Quarterly Meeting

Supervisor Mandelman has confirmed. There will be someone present to discuss city budgets. Alex Lemberg will attend. A representative from lyric.org has asked to speak.

Mark Ryser recommended that we have a longer-range plan for our quarterly meetings and will work with Bill Holtzman on that concept.

Board Membership 2020/2021

Bill Holtzman requests that each of us try to engage with a potential board member and encourage running for office.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. The next meeting is April 8, 2020.

Leslie Koelsch
Recording Secretary

Approved April 8, 2020