

**Summary of CHN Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 13, 2020**

The meeting, held by Zoom video conference and telephonically, was called to order at 7:00 pm. All directors were present. Jodi Schwartz, Executive Director of Lyric, was present for the first part of the meeting.

1. Jodi Schwartz, Executive Director of Lyric attended the first part of the meeting at her request. A neighbor of CHN at 127 Collingwood in the Castro, Lyric is one of the first and is the largest LGBTQQ youth centers in the country, founded in 1988. ([lyric.org](http://lyric.org)) Lyric provides support and services to several hundred youth, almost all of whom are low income, and most of whom have past histories of violence or mental health/substance abuse issues. Lyric receives financial support from foundations, individual donors, and government grants. Ms. Schwartz described Lyric's plan for a substantial physical addition to the Castro property and is seeking CHN's support for it. She reported that the Castro Merchants Association and the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association have endorsed it. Subject to CHN due diligence confirming this as well as resolution of any outstanding issues with Lyric's immediate neighbor, the Board would support this project.
2. The Board approved the minutes of April 8, 2020.
3. Leslie Koelsch provided the report of the Treasurer, noting a number of membership renewals in the last month. A substantial number of current members have joined only in the last year. The minimal expenses in the last month were for the post office box renewal and costs associated with the web site.
4. Jim Packard has resigned from the Board for personal reasons.
5. Neighborhood Developments and Plans. Bill Holtzman reported on the status of 253 States Street: CHN has not received a reply to Patrick O'Riordan on the failure of the property developer to secure the proper city permits before demolishing much of the building. Another letter will be sent, with a copy to our Supervisor and the Mayor.
6. SFPA requested CHN's opinion on a proposal by two Supervisors to permit homeless tents and encampments in city parks. The Board voted 6-1 to oppose this and to so notify SFPA.
7. The website has been updated thanks to Josh Baskin.
8. CHN is close to a final settlement agreement with Gary Weiss.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Approved June 10, 2020