

## **Summary of CHN Board of Directors Meeting** **August 17, 2020**

The meeting, held by Zoom conference, was called to order by vice president Maryann Dresner at 7:00 pm. All directors were present.

1. The Board unanimously approved the Minutes and the Summary of Minutes from the meeting of July 8.
2. Leslie Koelsch provided the Treasurer's Report. There were no material changes to the general account, although there are two new paid members and two renewals CHN now has more than 100 paid household members.
3. Proposed Periodic Closure of 18th St. Leslie notified the Board that the Castro Merchants Association has applied to close a four block section of 18th street from Hartford to Collingwood from 1-10 pm every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Bill will contact Castro Merchants to obtain more information.
4. Monday, September 14 Virtual Membership Meeting. Josh reported that three new candidates have submitted their names for election to the Board at the September 14 virtual Membership Meeting. A ballot will be emailed to members approximately September 4, along with any other matters requiring membership approval.
5. Conflicts of Interest Policy. The Board considered and unanimously passed a resolution adopting a Conflicts of Interest Policy for Board members. The resolution and policy will be posted on the web site. In brief, the policy defines a conflict of interest as a material financial or other benefit in the matter under discussion; calls for a director with any such conflict to disclose it to the Board before the matter is discussed; mandatory recusal from voting on such a matter; and the option for the non-conflicted board members to have the conflicted member retire from the room before the matter is discussed.
6. Homelessness. Following up a discussion at the July Board meeting, the Board considered two resolutions, one a resolution that would explicitly have supported the articulated goals of RescueSF (see the July Summary for more information); and the second a more general resolution that calls upon the city to do more to alleviate the pain and suffering on the street. The Board adopted this latter resolution by a vote of 5-2, and that resolution is included at the end of this Summary. Following the adoption of this resolution, the Board discussed and passed a second resolution that, in brief, calls for the solicitation of additional information including specific remedies; input from CHN members; and an attempt to formulate more specific policies and positions if that is the will of the membership.
7. Edgehill District. The Board considered a request to oppose a development in the Edgehill District but declined to get involved, principally because the development is far outside CHN's boundaries.

8. September 14 General Membership Meeting. The Board agreed that the meeting will proceed as a virtual, Zoom meeting. Supervisor Mandelman has agreed to participate. CHN will seek Supervisor Mandelman's support to add a representative from the Health Department (to discuss Covid) and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Services.
  9. Neighborhood Parks. CHN will obtain an estimate to trim the damaged tress on Corbett Slope and for the addition of mulch to Ord Triangle and Merritt.
  10. All outstanding matters with CHN's former president appear to have been resolved.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

### **Homelessness and Street Behavior Resolution of Corbett Heights Neighbors**

WHEREAS, the persistent and pervasive crises of homelessness and unacceptable street behavior have worsened as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, these related crises have many causes, most of which have become more acute as a consequence of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the City is making good faith efforts to address these crises albeit without adequate financial and human resources; and

WHEREAS, there are myriad potential solutions to these crises with respect to which we as a Board on behalf of CHN disclaim expertise and opinion; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that the City will be under great financial strain in the months and perhaps years ahead as a consequence of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the crises of homelessness and unacceptable street behavior imperil the livability of the City for all of its inhabitants notwithstanding the City's financial and human resource constraints;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of Corbett Heights Neighbors urges the city to mobilize in order to address these worsening crises; to engage and enlist the support of civic organizations, businesses, state and local governments, philanthropies, and the superb academic communities in the Bay Area; to enlist the best minds from the city, the state, the nation, and internationally in order to identify the range of potential solutions and resources; and to act with the urgency, coherence, logic, and community support that the crises demand.

Status: Passed and Adopted by the Board, August 17, 2020

