



North of Panhandle Neighborhood Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 17th, 2011

General Neighborhood Meeting (2011 Campaign edition!)

Location: Oasis Cafe , 901 Divisadero St

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

AGENDA

Meet and Greet (7:00pm – 7:30pm)

Introductions (7:30pm to 7:40pm)

1. Board Member/Volunteer Introductions
2. Host Thank You

Speakers (7:40pm to 8:45pm)

Informational

1. Block Party – May 21st
 - Overview of the day including new feature: Lindy in the Park!
 - Looking for volunteers
2. Sewer Repair update via Jignesh
 - Trenching should be finished in March and repaving in April
 - Please get in touch with NOPNA if you want more information or have concerns
 - More notes at the end of these minutes
3. Meals for Neighbors in Need SF Day School: March 26th
4. Rock the Vote for the Wigg Party! – thegreenawards.com

Featured

1. Supervisors Update – Ross Mirkarimi / Vallie Brown
 - Clarified the efforts that his office made to keep the Country Cheese Shop on Divis and work out a win-win solution. Reminded of survey responses indicating community preference for a bank.
 - You can see the results for yourself on our blog (www.nopna.org).
 - [2007 Divisadero Corridor Survey](#)
 - [2010 Divisadero Corridor Survey](#)
 - Review of both 2007 and 2010 did not show that respondents wanted a bank.
 - Commends the B2B efforts
 - Discussed his efforts to alleviate the traffic mess at the Arco station. Has pursued several angles and is now trying to work on BP who own the brand.
 - Persian New Year celebration 3/31 @ City Hall
 - 18-hour telethon in Japantown to celebrate 50-year anniversary
2. Lindsey Chow – DA's office

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- Making herself and the DA available to the neighborhood
- Introduced some changes implemented by new DA Gascon –
 - Flatter management structure at top
 - Collaborative court unit to include behavioral court and community court with a mediator for low-level crimes. To be implemented over next 90 days
 - New Chief of Staff to help with legislative and policy issues
- 3. Joaquin Torres – Director of Neighborhood Services
 - Introduction to new director
- 4. Discussion: Bay to Breakers
 - Jarie provided a background about what happened in 2010 that precipitated the neighborhood task force that included 9 surrounding neighborhood associations and several individual neighbors in Nopa.
 - Planning a Neighborhood Ambassador Program
 - Angela & George (AEG) – thanks the neighborhood for efforts to make 2011 a great experience. Looking forward to a fun event. Sold out the registration today and considering
 - Race will start an hour earlier, 7a
 - Distributed packet describing plan for street closures, tow away zones, plan for bathrooms, timeline for 5/11-5/15
 - Installing fencing to preserve the race course, esp a 6-foot fence with screen at Divisadero and Hayes
 - Clean-up efforts will continue until sundown or the job is done. Last year the clean-up carried over to Monday. They hope to avoid that this year, but are prepared to do whatever it takes to leave the neighborhoods as they found them.
 - Discussed the increase in restrooms
 - Plans to inform local merchants, ask them to not sell alcohol until 12p. Inform neighbors along the course of the plans, closures, barricades and penalty for parties.

Questions

- Rationale behind restroom locations? They are for spectators, not runners. The porta-johns will be behind the barriers, not really accessible to runners.
- Is alcohol banned, and how will that be enforced? Yes, they are setting up checkpoints to catch people who bring large quantities and they have banned floats and wheels
- How much is a sellout? 50,000. They have been messaging on FB and other social media. That limit is based on the physical space available at the start and finish lines. In years past the influx of unregistered participants has been along the course, not at the start. Staggered start will allow them to accommodate more runners. Start line will be very structured, corals will be fenced in and people will not be allowed in without a bib.
- Two marketing campaigns – one to advertise the fun race and a second to indicate the seriousness of the rules. Reaching out to colleges to target students.
- Footstock will be located at Speedway Meadow, hoping to catch stragglers



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- PD has set up a command post and will provide a direct contact number that avoids 911.
 - Are there any lessons from the SF Giants parade that you are using?
Barricades along the parade route and no alcohol
 - Described the Neighborhood Ambassadors program – will be very visible with shirts that say “Ask Me” and training to approach people and offer help. They will have direct line to race organizers to identify problem spots. Hoping for 150 people between Nopa and Alamo Square.
 - Will Northern Station also be involved? Concerned about impact in Lower Haight. Capt. O’Leary will find out if they can join the effort.
 - Leela suggests that 4-hour shifts are too long
 - Volunteer sign-ups will be online. Training provided – observe and report.
5. Captain O’Leary
- Foot patrols on Divis have restarted
 - Residential burglaries have dropped in Nopa. Most common incidents are females walking and talking on a cell phone at night.
 - Flying car burglary hot spots to make people aware, looking for cars with valuables displayed (~6 pockets in the precinct)
 - SFPD will send letters to stores carrying alcohol asking them not to sell until 12p on B2B day
6. NERT – Fiona Raymond-Cox
- March 30, 6:30-8:30p @ Page St. Library – free first class
 - Upcoming sessions at the Urban School on Page St.
 - Importance of first 72-hours
7. Sewer
- Sewer R&R work in the NOPA area - with Harty Pipelines doing sewer main work at Grove between Baker & Lyon - Contract reference No..(1227J, WW-481) Baker/Grove/Cole/Clayton/Waller/Henry/Duboce Sewer Replacement.
 - This is a part of a multiple locations sewer project that includes sewer trenching, replacement and asphalt repaving. Harty Pipelines is finishing up work this week on Grove. Although it didn’t look like they would be finished by the end of the week, that is the information the contractor reported. They should be done by next week on trenching etc. They will come back in about a month to complete the paving. It will definitely be done before block party.

Events & Announcements (8:45pm to 9:00pm)

1. Newsletter Advertisers Thank You