

BATEMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of BIENNIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7:00 pm, 24 September 2017
Espresso Roma Cafe

Meeting Noticed via: Electronic Transmission to all Board Members, and to all Block Captains' Email lists, as well as via electronic postings on NextDoor.com.

Directors in Attendance: Bob Hamilton, Savlan Hauser, Andy Johnson, Fumi Knox, Steve Medbery, Lucy Smallsreed, and Joshua Sperry

Directors Absent: Ron Choy

Members in Attendance: A total of 21 members attended. (The sign-in sheet is attached.)

Guests: Jacquelyn McCormick, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

1. Welcome & Introductions

Lucy Smallsreed, BNA President, welcomed attendees, and expressed thanks to Espresso Roma for allowing us to hold our meeting in their cafe. In deference to our guest speaker's time, self-introductions by all attendees occurred later in the meeting.

2. Report on BNA Activities

Before getting into the three most important projects, Lucy enumerated other activities the board has been involved with over the past two years. They included: working with the City and Starbucks to enforce Starbucks' use permit which limits operating hours and other operational impacts on the neighborhood; similarly, working with the City and Alta Bates to enforce the hospital's use permit provisions regarding noise, parking, and other impacts; developing a BNA brochure; establishing the Bateman Neighborhood on NextDoor in order to reach more of our residents by posting BNA events and news on their website; working with our Councilperson regarding traffic problems and the need for more stop signs along the Hillegass/Woolsey "shortcut" through our neighborhood; co-sponsoring a candidates' night for the 2016 mayoral election; and meeting with our new mayor to educate him about issues in our neighborhood, and to discuss the planned hospital closure and future use of the Alta Bates campus.

a. Status of Alta Bates Hospital

Lucy briefly reviewed the board's work to date regarding Sutter's plans to move all of Alta Bates' emergency and inpatient care to Sutter's Oakland campus, now named the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center (ABSMC). She also summarized the information¹ that Chuck Prosper, ABSMC CEO, had provided to the board at our January 2017 board meeting.

Lucy then introduced Jacquelyn McCormick, Senior Advisor to the Mayor. Jacquie reported on three items from the Alta Bates Regional Task Force. 1, there will be a large forum for public participation and comment soon, date of February 3rd, 2018, at Ed Roberts Campus. She spoke on possibility of other organizations coming in to operate the ABMC site as a hospital. And she informed us of progress on Nancy Skinner's bill in the State Senate (which was unfortunately vetoed by Governor Jerry Brown, who used hospital industry language in his veto message). Skinner's bill would have made it harder to shutter hospitals in the state.

¹ Minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting detail the information provided by Mr. Prosper, and can be accessed on the Board page of the BNA website: www.batemanneighborhood.org

b. Disaster Preparedness

Debbie Leveen, BNA member and a co-leader of the Disaster Preparedness Planning Committee, reported on the progress that has been made in organizing interested blocks in the Bateman neighborhood to plan and prepare for potential disasters, especially major earthquakes and fires. She reiterated the process and criteria for obtaining additional disaster supply caches, which primarily consist of a critical mass of residents having completed a series of free training classes sponsored by the City of Berkeley.

c. Survey of Bateman Residents

BNA board member, Savlan Hauser, reported on the results to-date (attached) of an online neighborhood survey that she and others on the board developed. The purpose of the survey, which is still available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMX96XM> is to reach out to as many Bateman residents as possible to find out what things about the Bateman neighborhood they particularly like (and therefore should be supported), and what things about the neighborhood they would particularly like to see improved (and therefore should be worked on).

3. BNA Treasurer's Report

Fumi Knox, our BNA Treasurer, provided a quick report on the BNA's financial status. We have only one financial account, a checking account with Mechanic's Bank. The balance in that account is \$5,590.14. Currently, the funds are tapped each year primarily to pay the small annual cost of maintaining our BNA website & domain, and every two years to pay a small fee to the State to maintain our incorporated status as a nonprofit.

4. Election of Board Members

Lucy explained that the terms of office for members of the BNA board are now every four years, staggered so that half the board's terms expire every two years. Previously, all terms expired every year, which was too little time for board members to become fully effective. It also did not provide for any continuity of service on the board.

A handout (attached) was provided to those attending the meeting, showing which board members' terms were expiring, which of those board members, as well as one new nominee, were running for re-election or new election. Attendees were invited to nominate additional candidates, but none were offered. With a quorum present, Lucy asked for the vote to approve all five candidates running for election or re-election. The 21 attendees unanimously approved all candidates. The vote included three attendees who had to leave shortly before the election, but had left their votes of approval of all candidates in writing on the attendance sheet.

5. Member Comments/Open Forum

The attendees were invited to offer any further comments or questions. Lucy, who had chosen not to run for re-election, was thanked by several attendees for her service as president.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, those present were thanked for their attendance, and the meeting was adjourned.