

GGTA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, Saturday, February 25, 2017

The annual membership meeting started shortly after 10 a.m. in the main dining room of L'Oliver Restaurant, 465 Davis Court. Several dozen members attended.

President Bill Hannan introduced the meeting by explaining the group was founded to protect rent control at the Gateway. He said 35 years ago, there was some confusion as to whether it applied to the Gateway, and it went to court, resulted in a settlement, and "ever since, we have benefited from rent control and the organization continues to flourish today."

He mentioned recent rent control battles in other cities, and added. "There are organizations that want to abolish or restrict the scope of rent control in San Francisco."

Bill then thanked several board members and volunteers for contributions to GGTA.

Next up to the podium was board member Desa Belyea, who asked if anyone has suggestions for socials to contact her, Kim Breeden or any board member.

Bill then introduced Tom Gilligan to speak about recent interest in fire safety following a fire in Vista South in January. Tom posted a notice on Nextdoor asking for residents' input, and also contacted the San Francisco Fire Department. Tom said GGTA is in the process of trying to organize a presentation by SFFD and has been working with management on questions such as finding a place for people to assemble out of the cold and rain in case of a fire alarm.

Next, Bill reiterated that now that Sue Rokaw is gone, GGTA needs someone to deal with SFPD, management and the Safeway store. After that, Bill introduced Lee Radner of Friends of Golden Gateway (FOGG) to talk about the status of the lawsuit on our waterfront height limit.

Lee gave an update on the State Lands Commission lawsuit, the possibility of an activity center on Seawall Lot 351, and the Bay Club kids camp program that FOGG spearheads.

Following Lee's talk, Bill gave updates on three real estate developments in our area: affordable housing at 88 Broadway, The return of a permanent Teatro ZinZanni and a hotel/condo building at 447 Battery St.

District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin then took the podium to deliver information on a wide range of information and to answer questions. He mentioned efforts to preserve low-income housing, the supply of which has been eroded for conversions to tourist hotels and student housing. He said there is an effort to close a loophole regarding owner move-ins for evictions. He mentioned how the national political tenor is affecting the city and region, including the cancellation of \$647 million to electrify Caltrain. He spoke about the city budget, the possibility of trimming payroll, and the effect on our local health system if the Affordable Care Act is repealed.

Several questions were asked in regards to immigration and sanctuary city laws, affordable housing for teachers, homelessness and sex trafficking, among others.

Geri Koeppel took the podium next to discuss communication outreach efforts via the website, email newsletters and Nextdoor. She also presented Bill with a gift certificate to Book Passage

and a certificate of honor for his many years of service in GGTA and the past six as president, and she announced he and his partner Lorraine O'Hara are now lifetime members of GGTA.

In closing, Desa read the slate of board members and officers for 2017, and Bill called for votes to elect officers and directors. They were approved unanimously.

Finally, attendees asked a few more questions of the board. One person raised concerns about the appearance of the carpet in the lobby of Vista East and another suggested GGTA should do more to promote diversity, among other issues. The meeting was adjourned shortly before noon.

2017 GGTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Geri Koeppel

First vice president: Tom Gilligan

Second vice president: Bill Hannan

Secretary: Michele McLaughlin

Treasurer: Bob Demchick

Membership chair: Kim Breeden

Member at large: Natalie Jones

New board members: Ron Fisher, Irene Glassgold, Martin Hardee, Tatjana Eggert-Reich, Cristina Riboni and Benay von Husen