

Alamo Square Neighborhood Association Board Agenda
REDUCED MINUTES

August 15, 2005, 7:00pm

Location: Home of Joe Pecora

Number of Board Members Attending – 9

Emmett Gilman welcomed the August Board meeting at Joe Pecora's residence.

1. July Board Meeting Minutes approved
2. July/August Treasurer's Report approved – Carol Polk estimated ASNA made \$3,000 from the flea market fund-raising.
3. ASNA Park Committee – Parks & Recreation brought 10 gardeners to Alamo Square Park on a Saturday/Sunday to clean up the park. Thanks to D5 Supervisor, Ross Mirkarimi. The regular gardener is not on permanent disability and will return to the park. The monthly park clean-up and D5DOG park clean up will be combined and will meet every 3rd Saturday of the month, starting at 10:30am.
4. Flea Market – Eric Smith noted the Alamo Square Market, located on Scott Street between Hayes and Fell, graciously agreed to store the flea market items for the year.

Celia Dubose thanked the many board members and volunteers for all of their hard work in loaning trucks, offering homes for making coffee, volunteering to store flea market equipment, bringing vendors into the flea market, marketing the event, etc. Without all of these people we would not have a successful event.

5. Fulton Street Fair Costs – The Fulton Street Fair is scheduled for September 10th from 11:00am – 6:00pm. ASNA is working with the Third Baptist Church (located on the corner of McAllister and Pierce) and Kaiser to organize and host the event.

The theme is *Love Connection*. There will be children's activities on Pierce Street, music at Fulton and Steiner, and a Love Connection

tent on Fulton and Pierce. The programs offered in the tent are intended to bring together people with different backgrounds and to initiate conversations hoping to break down the socio and/or cultural barriers that exist in our neighborhood.

ASNA and the Church will need to both donate \$2,500 for Fair expenses. The board agreed to the \$2,500 payment. The financial success of the Fair will determine whether ASNA is reimbursed.

6. Crime Trends in Neighborhood – Emmett Gilman spoke on the crime wave hitting the Alamo Square Neighborhood and shared his research from the SFPD Crime Map for the past 90-days. In a one mile radius there were 72 burglaries, and in the boundaries of ASNA there were 51 burglaries. Neighborhood members should be urged to contact the mayor’s office. In the meantime, Emmett Gilman agreed to send an email to the membership providing the Northern Station Captain Kevin Dillon’s email address in order for individual members to sign up for crime bulletins sent by the Northern Police Station.

Lisa Bastick will forward information to the ASNA webmasters giving email and telephone contact information for members interested in securing their homes and building a neighborhood watch.

7. Divisidero Merchant Association – The first meeting was a huge success with merchants from Haight to California Street attending. All were in favor of graffiti abatement, street beautification, and suggested a street Fair on Divisidero would be a great idea.

8. Save our Sacred Heart Church – Emmett Gilman noted that “Fred Furth, a 71-year-old antitrust attorney and vintner who lives in Healdsburg, paid \$5 million to purchase the church on Fillmore Street and its rectory, convent and play yard, saving the buildings from demolition.” The complete article can be found on SFGATE.com, published on July 28, 2005

9. Cannabis Clubs – The Herbal Relief Center has generated numerous complaints. The center is creating problems for neighboring store owners in that cars are parking in no parking zones, tough looking dogs (primarily pit bulls) are hanging outside the club frightening customers, and individuals hanging around outside

the club smoking cannabis.

Lisa Bastick