

**Alamo Square Neighborhood Association Board Agenda MINUTES**  
**June 20, 2005, 7:00pm**  
**Location: The Archbishop's Mansion**

Number of Board Members Attending – 8

Emmett Gilman	Eric Smith
Joe Pecora	Matt Magana
Dean Preston	Celia Dubose
J Leggett	Lisa Bastick

Emmett Gilman welcomed the June Board meeting and offered thanks to John Spear of the Archbishop's Mansion for offering to host the meeting. John was welcomed to sit in on the board meeting.

1. Approval of April & May Board Meeting Minutes – Eric Smith motioned we accept the April and May Board Meeting Minutes with no amendments. Jo Leggett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

It was agreed highlights of the board MINUTES will be published immediately following the board meetings. The full board meeting MINUTES would be published on the ASNA web page, following board approval.

2. Review of June Treasurer's Report – Celia Dubose motioned we accept the June Treasurer's report and Eric Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. ASNA Park Committee – A letter was sent to Park's & Recreation, and a letter was also sent to District 5 Supervisor, Ross Mirkarimi. Park & Rec responded and will meet with Emmett Gilman on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00AM in Café Abir. They will walk to Alamo Square Park and conduct a walk through to determine the support the park needs from Park & Rec. Interested parties are welcome to join. Matt Magana is unable to meet on Wednesday, but will conduct a Park Scan on Tuesday and deliver the results to Emmett Gilman. Matt Magana and Dean Preston also agreed to look into the feasibility of a bulletin board in the park.

The July 16<sup>th</sup> D5 Dog Sponsored dog licensing and registration will be combined with a park clean-up day. The event start time is 10:30AM in Alamo Square Park.

4. Flea Market – Celia Dubose discussed the flea market booths, manning of membership booth, volunteers needed, and raffle donations. John Spear, of the Archbishop's Mansion, volunteered a room at the mansion as one of the raffle donations. Much appreciation was expressed.

It was agreed the flea market flyers to vendors will be sent by next week. Eric Smith volunteered to manage both the donation's and membership booth. Lisa

Bastick agreed to review the renewal insurance policy.

5. Fulton Street Fair – Both Emmett Gilman and Celia Dubose met with the Third Baptist Church who are interested in hosting a neighborhood fair on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-6:00PM. The planned fair would be held on Fulton Street, between Steiner and Scott, and will include the streets falling in the radius of Fulton Street to McAllister Street. ASNA Board members and ASNA community members are invited to become a part of the planning process. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday at 6pm at the Third Baptist Church in Room 1A. Upcoming meeting dates are June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12 and July 26<sup>th</sup>.

6. ASNA Newsletter and Bulletins – Joe Pecora will retire from his newsletter post at the end of 2005. The board expressed a strong interest in replacing Joe and discussed whether it should run as a committee with membership and board members providing articles. The style of the newsletter will most likely change as it will be near to impossible to replicate Joe's style.

Jo Leggett discussed alternative approaches to distributing the bulletin and Emmett Gilman agreed to look into legal voting requirements required if the board seeks to change the distribution method. A discussion will be set for the July board meeting agenda.

7. Merchant Association on Divisidero – The Board discussed hosting a forum to initiate a merchant association on Divisidero. The board and forum would include neighborhood associations, merchant associations and stakeholders neighboring to or part of Divisidero.

Whilst the forum is in it's initial stages, Emmett Gilman proposed ASNA move forward in pushing for street-scaping for the Divisidero medians as part of the beautification of Divisidero.

Lisa Bastick  
Alamo Square Neighborhood Association  
General Membership Meeting

## **Alamo Square Neighborhood Association General Membership Minutes, June 2005**

The ASNA General Meeting was held Monday, June 27, 2005 at the home of Richard Zillman at 280 Divisadero. Food and beverages were catered by upcoming restaurant NOPA – opening in December on Divisadero and Hayes.

ASNA President Emmett Gilman opened the meeting thanking the Zillman's for opening their home to the neighborhood and hosting the meeting. Thanks and appreciation were given to NOPA for a great job catering the event.

Richard Zillman gave a brief overview of the history of 280 Divisadero. The home was built in 1885 and is landmark registered building No. 190.

**San Francisco Heritage** - Emmett Gilman introduced the Executive Director of San Francisco Heritage, Charles Chase.

Charles shared a few success and not so successful stories. The New Mission Theatre was briefly owned by City College who planned to demolish the building. SF Heritage worked with City College who ultimately decided they were unable to rehabilitate the building, and more recently, sold the building to a developer who plans to rehabilitate the building.

The SF Heritage attempted to work with the Jewish Community Center (JCC). The result was a failure in that the original architecturally significant building was demolished and a new commercial type building now stands in its place with no exterior reminder of the old building. SF Heritage believes the JCC lost the quality of character in the neighborhood.

A project in the works is the UC Extension campus which Charles noted is the largest of the historic challenges to date. The SF Heritage believes the preservation plan is close to being a great project, but the Board of Regent's keen interest in generating large revenues will prevent the success of the plan. The UC plan is to develop 450-500 rental housing units and includes tearing down Richardson Hall. SF Heritage believes Richardson Hall is an architecturally significant building and should not be torn down. The Board of Regent's believe leaving Richardson Hall in place will not provide a large enough return on the number of units they plan to build. A meeting was held by Supervisor's Mirkarimi and Peskin on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at 1800 Market to obtain neighborhood feedback.

**ASNA Annual Flea Market** - Emmett Gilman introduced board members, Celia Dubose and Eric Smith, who discussed the 23rd annual ASNA Flea Market scheduled for August 13, 2005. This ASNA fundraiser is a combination yard sale and antique dealer sale. Booths are available for individuals and/or entities wishing to participate. ASNA will host its own booth and sell raffle tickets.

Donations for the raffle tickets prizes are needed. ASNA's first donation this year came from the Archbishop's Mansion who graciously pledged a night at the Archbishop's Mansion.

ASNA is seeking storage space prior to the event and volunteers to help with the donations booth and the food booth. For more information please visit the ASNA website at [www.Alamosquare.Org](http://www.Alamosquare.Org)

**Neighborhood Street Fair** - Celia Dubose discussed the planned September 10, 2005 Street Fair sponsored by the Third Baptist Church. Members of the Third Baptist Church were in attendance and invited the neighborhood to participate in the planning process. The Third Baptist Church wishes to reach out to the neighborhood and bring the neighborhood closer together. Karaoke, salsa, poetry readings (Ida B. Well Award winning students), and bands will participate. The meetings are held every other Tuesday (7/12, 7/26, 9/9, 8/23) at the Third Baptist Church. The meeting start at 6:00pm and are held in the room off the Church parking lot.

**Announcements:**

- ASNA will lose its editor at the end of 2005. Please contact ASNA President, Emmett Gilman, if interested in the editor position
- July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM – Board of Supervisor hearing at City Hall, Room 263, regarding Conditional Use legislation on Divisidero Street .
- June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM – Supervisor Mirkarimi and Supervisor Peskin will hold a meeting regarding the UC Extension project at 1800 Market Street
- July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM – Meeting at First Baptist Church at 720 Octavia.

The General membership meeting was adjourned. Appreciation and thanks given to the Zillman's for providing a wonderful and architecturally significant home to meet, and to NOPA for providing absolutely delicious food – doggy bags were loaded up by the membership. The Secretary particularly enjoyed the chocolate biscotti.

Lisa Bastick