

## **Minutes from SFBC Board Meeting of September 1, 2015**

### **Attendance:**

#### *Present:*

Amandeep Jawa (Secretary)  
Daniel Silverman  
Jenn Fox  
Lainie Motamedi (Treasurer)  
Lawrence Li (President)  
Lisa Fisher  
Mark Slavonia  
Rocky Beach  
Zack Stender  
Brienne Gagnon  
Andy Toebben  
Mo Devlin  
Carla McKay

#### *Staff:*

Noah Budnick

Chris Cassidy  
Brian Wiedenmeier  
Francisco Grajales  
Chema Hernández Gil

#### *Guests:*

Paul Spinrad  
Cynthia Crews  
Jeremy Pollack  
Shirley Johnson  
Fran Taylor  
Brian Haagsman  
Sam Murphy  
Eric Cohen  
Andy Thornly  
Gary Gregerson  
Gregor Rittinger  
Mark Dreger  
Robert Peters  
Lauren Sailor  
Ruth Radetsky  
Edward Hasbrouck  
Nico Stuhmann  
Mark Brandt

Chris Witt (spell check)

*Absent:*

Jean Fraser  
Paul Supawanich

**Quorum:**

**Meeting Time:** 6:30pm - 10pm

**Consent Calendar:**

- *Motion to approve Consent Calendar carried (Jenn moved / Daniel 2nded: Unanimous)*

**Executive Director Update & Program Report:** Noah

- Market Street successes - long time in the making
- 2nd St Just Approved by City Planning & MTA - headed to Board of Supes in Sept
- Masonic - pushing for implementation
- Bike Station at Civic Center - ribbon cutting
- Walk n Roll to School coming up in Oct
- Bike Build Program expanding, trying to institutionalize it
- Park Station Situation Review & Update
- Avalos/Idaho Stop Legislation Update
- Proposed Transportation Impact Fee discussion
- Office Space Update - move tomorrow

**Committee Updates:**

**Political:** 'Deep

- Endorsements Sub Comm has made ballot measure recommendations
- Member voting for Candidate endorsements just completed & recommendations have been made

**Board Dev:** Lisa

- Been Focused on Collecting Nominees
- Discussed nominations
- Also done mid year checkins (Brianne report)
  - reviewing feedback
  - board staff retreat coming
- *Motion to approve Board Elections Process\carried ('Deep moved / Rocky 2nded: Unanimous)*

**Finance:** Mark

- review tax return & discussing with staff, will be public document - inline with our expectations
- dues are logging behind our stretch goals
- Review of Bluegrass Ride

**Fundraising:** Brian in lieu of Rocky

- Catching up to do on individual contributions
- Grant awarded, needs to be publicly announced - so hush hush for now
- Jean Fraser's house party raised \$37,000
- More house parties are coming
- Summer online appeals are in process \$15K goal
- Member goal was a success - 50 new members
- New space costs are higher
- More major donor meetings with Board members on the way

**Audit:** Jenn

- Reviewed audit purpose
- Better segregation of duties was a primary recommendation
- *Motion to enter Approve 2014 Audit carried ('Deep moved / Daniel 2nded:) for discussion of Unanimous*
- Discussion of value of audit & should we do it again
- *Motion to approve enter a 2 Year Audit Contract with Cook carried (Lainie moved / Marck 2nded: 12-0-1)*

**Member Comments**

*NOTE: not direct quotes below, just my general sense of comments*

- Marc Brandt - riding since the 70s - please don't change the bylaws
- Alex Rosely - problems voting - would like to redo the vote
- Fran Taylor - would like to change the bylaws vote - struggling against voting right rollbacks nationwide, this seems backwards. badly explained. Note fair to membership
- Cynthia Crews - not sure if she is a member anymore. Thinks the vote was illegal, did not comply with state law. Original bylaws should stand. Opportunity to activate members by making two classes of members.
- Paul Spinrad - echo what has been said before. Legal constitution of an organization can form it's culture. Constitutions are important when people disagree. Have there been any new ideas about the privacy question.
- Gary Gregerson - Concerned about development groups stacking boards & thus would like to say to keep member voting
- Robert Peters - Goals of a non-profit to keep it's members. Concerned about term limits. Number of terms.
- Andy Thornley - gratified by turnout. Strong because of the membership, could not have happened without membership. Appalling, that the organization did the wrong thing in response to Ed Hasbrouck. Remember the heritage of the SFBC & change the law if we need to but undo vote.
- Shirley Johnson - Representing 100s of people who want to keep the SFBC whole - do not take voting rights.
- Jeremy Pollock - Good to see our professionalism, but feels not listened too. It has become divisive. Upset that we have had to get a lawyer. Beginning of a good discussion. Do not ram this through - this should be the start of a discussion. Mechanics of two classes of voters discussed. Let's do this in due time. More calm & rational
- Sam Murphy - Lots of organizations are dealing with privacy. Should talk about it some

more. Needs more talking about it.

- Ed Hasbrouck - Has comparison of notice. Specific section of state law. Here is how you could have sent out correspondence. You owe us an apology. Most important component, is why didn't you read the law. Didn't realize the seriousness of the law.
- Nicos Stuhmann - Bylaws vote doesn't feel right. Doesn't feel the members have had a chance to understand the issue
- Lauren Sailor - Saw initial email & learned more info later from savesfbike activism. Would appreciate two tier system
- Kathy Roberts - Did not like Board vote process historically. Wants more democracy. Like Hasbrouck email. Mortified by backlash. Member for a really long time.

### **Closed Sessions**

- *Motion to approve move Closed Session to discuss 'Endorsements & Bylaws Vote carried ("Deep moved / Brianne 2nded: Unanimous)*
- Board continued discussions in closed session
- *In closed session, Board voted on Endorsements for November 2015 election:*
  - *No position on all measures except Oppose Prop E*
  - *Candidates: Endorsed both Christiansen & Peskin on BoS District 3, No endorsement for Mayor, Endorsement of Gascon for DA*
- *In closed session, Board voted to rescind the certification of the July Bylaws election results, and the organization will revert to its prior bylaws.*
- *In closed session, Board authorized Board Development Committee Chair, Lisa Fisher, to update the 2015 Board Elections process*

### **Signature of Board Secretary:**



Amandeep Jawa