

Minutes

General Membership Meeting on March 20, 2008

San Francisco for Democracy PAC Meeting

This meeting was held at the Mission Police Station, 630 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

With 17 members in good standing in attendance, a quorum was obtained.

I. Welcome and Introductions

A. Call to Order

Tom Brown, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

II. Review and Approval of 11/27/07 Meeting Minutes

Tom Brown summarized the minutes from the last General Membership Meeting, held on November 27, 2007.

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The MOTION passed unanimously.

III. Speakers for candidates and ballot propositions (in the order they appeared)

A. Mark Leno for State Senate

Jennifer Longley, San Francisco Field Director for the Mark Leno for State Senate campaign spoke for the candidate.

Tom Brown asked Jennifer to differentiate Mark Leno from Carole Migden.

Jennifer's response was about Mark's ethics

Susan Pfeifer asked if Mark has a plan to fix the state budget deficit such as a vehicle tax.

There was a question about Prop F – the measure designed the “guarantee” market-rate housing in the Bay View – Hunters Point area around Candlestick Point.

B. Proposition G – Bay View Re-Development

Johnny Carter spoke FOR Prop G – Bay View Re-development measure

Tim Hsu asked if a vote for G is a vote for Lennar Corp.

Johnny Carter responded that Prop G is a vote on the cleanup project. While it's likely, there is no guarantee that Lennar Corp will be the developer.

Will Carsten asked how a developer will be chosen – if Lennar would have first-right-of-refusal

Johnny Carter responded that it still has to go through the Board of Supervisors & Planning Department.

Tom Brown asked if both Props F & G pass, what happens regarding the affordable housing element.

Johnny Carter responded that the 50% Affordable Housing measure (Prop F) would make it difficult for Lennar – or any developer – to achieve that goal. So, if Prop F passes – the 50% Affordable Housing demand would effectively kill Prop G.

C. Proposition F – Bay View Re-Development/Affordable Housing

Larry Lattimore spoke in favor of Prop F

Prop F was put on the ballot quickly because supporters felt there was a crisis in SF for affordable housing. Prop F defines what “affordable housing” means.

Alicia Schwartz spoke in favor of Prop F, representing the POWER Group Said the problem with Prop G is there is no “small print”. Any change in the economy may mean nothing happens. Prop F guarantees what will happen = 50% affordable housing. Claimed Lennar Corp. plans to take \$350 million off the top to build a new stadium.

Susan Pfeifer asked what happens if Prop F effectively kills Prop G?

Answer: Prop F supporters claim to have spoken to several developers who say they can proceed with the project but no specific names have been given.

Maxine Anderson asked if residents of the community attempted to get guarantees in Prop G.

Will Carsten said the language in Prop F goes beyond what Prop G says

Answer: No specific numbers are in Prop G

Tim Hsu asked if Prop F supporters have spoken to any specific alternate developers who can guarantee the project with 50% affordable housing.

Answer: A commercial developer would pay a not-for-profit developer to build affordable housing.

Rick Hauptman asked about the morality of Lennar Corp. not committing to building affordable housing.

Tom Brown asked if another developer came in, what the effect would be on Prop F & G.

Answer: No bidding has begun yet

D. Proposition B – Charter Amendment to help new City Workers save for retirement by contributing to a trust fund

Richard Rothman from SEIU spoke in favor:

Question: Who has endorsed Prop B

Answer: All members of SF Board of Supervisors

SF Chamber of Commerce

Broad support

E. Proposition E – Sets criteria for all seat appointments on SF PUC

Mary Jung spoke against Prop E

All 5 current PUC Commissioners would be turned out this year. SF Mayor and Board of Supervisors would have 3 months to agree on all 5 new commissioners.

Mary Jung warned if they are not able to come to agreement on new commissioners in that short amount of time, it's possible the work of the PUC might come to a halt and jeopardize our water system. This could cause the City to miss important deadlines and the State could take over our water system.

Jeff Whittington asked if the problem is with doing all of this at one time.

Answer: This proposition requires that all PUC member terms expire at the same time for the first time ever.

F. Proposition F – Bay View Redevelopment Project

Jesse Tekla – Bay View resident spoke of conditions in Bay View that are making people ill.

IV. Review of Coordinators' recommendations and further discussion

All coordinator recommendations for local and state initiatives were reviewed & when needed explained by Tom or one of the coordinators. Members were advised that they could complete their ballots at any time and turn them in, but that there would be further discussion.

- a) Local ballot initiatives
- b) State ballot initiatives
- c) AD 12 and AD 13 races
- d) State Senate District 3 race

V. PAC meeting adjourned

San Francisco for Democracy Federal Action Meeting

I. Approval of the agenda: it was moved and seconded to approve the agenda without modifications. All agreed.

II. Review and discussion of Coordinators' recommendation for federal races:

- a) Primary on June 3 for CD 8
--Nancy Pelosi recommended by coordinators
- b) Special open primary on April 8 in CD 12 only
--The coordinators were not able to reach a 60% threshold to

make an endorsement recommendation in this race.

III. Members were advised: they could complete their ballots at any time, but that there would be a subsequent general membership meeting to briefly give committee reports and that the ballots would be tabulated after the meeting ends.

IV. Federal Action meeting adjourned

General Membership Meeting

I. Committee Reports

Membership: Tim Hsu: 84 Members ; 41 Lapsed members have been billed

Meetup: April Meetup topic: How to bend media to our will

Outreach: Jeff Whittington update on Mission District voter registration project
Fliers posted in Mission district to solicit voter registrars
Tom Brown explained how our Grant to register voters in the Mission district works and reported on recent tabling: 4-5 new registrations
Tom Brown asked Will Carsten to assist in tabling and finding bi-lingual volunteers

11. Other Business

Susan Pfeifer announced that she is running in her congressional district caucus to be an Obama pledged delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Maxine Anderson spoke about her trip to New Orleans and reaction to lack of progress after Hurricane Katrina

III. General Membership Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:20 PM. The MOTION passed unanimously.
Vote counting followed adjournment.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Pfeifer, Fill-In Secretary, San Francisco for Democracy