

# GAYVOTE

THE HARVEY MILK LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

## **General Membership Meeting**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**August 21, 2012**

**7:00 – 9:00pm**

**Location: San Francisco Women's Building**

- 1) General Membership (GM) Meeting was called to order by President Anna Conda at 7:19pm.
- 2) President's Report (Anna Conda)
  - I. D5 Debate was a huge success. Thanks to all who attended.
  - II. On Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a joint meeting with Alice Toklas at the LGBT Center. It is their regularly scheduled general membership. We are going to talk about elder issues. We need to come together on issues of importance.
  - III. A couple of candidates from the East Bay have asked for endorsements. If they were to come to pitch with everyone else, does anyone see a reason why we wouldn't endorse candidates from the East Bay?
  - IV. Medical cannabis: the Club needs to be more pro-active in its support. It would be great to see a subcommittee take action. Anyone interested in getting involved in demos, should contact Anna.
  - V. Anna has been attending Alliance to Save Lives meetings on safe use sites, but will no longer be able to attend due to scheduling conflict. Is anyone interested in going on behalf of the Club?
- 3) Finance Report (Max)
  - I. General Fund \$2100
  - II. PAC \$2500
  - III. We're about to gear up on our fundraising. Next month the numbers will be completely different.
- 4) PAC Report (Laura Thomas)
  - I. D5 debate was a success.

- II. The Club endorsed the Prop A Parcel Tax at the PAC meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>, which was also a special meeting of the General Membership.
  - III. D7 candidate debate is next on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Same location and time: 7pm at 518 Valencia Eric Quesada Hall.
  - IV. Added an additional PAC meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the LGBT Center.
  - V. Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> is the ALL day candidate interview day. Candidates should e-mail President Anna Conda to schedule pitches by September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Fundraising (Nate Albee)
- I. Fundraising and event planning is a stressful process.
  - II. Current process is to vote in all new Board members in January. However, this leaves only 4 months to put an event together (in May).
  - III. Events & Fundraising Board Member needs to start earlier. The idea is to have a pre-appointment of a new E&F Board member by the President to start working on the May event/dinner much earlier.
  - IV. Not possible to vote on this tonight, but this conversation should be continued at a future GM meeting.
- 6) Presentation on Sit/Lie Report (Peter Gallotta)
- I. Since being implemented in March 2011, San Francisco's Sit/Lie Ordinance has resulted in a cycle of citations being issued to handful of individuals who are chronically homeless. The Haight community has seen the greatest number of citations issued, and a majority of merchants on the Haight street corridor do not believe the law has been effective at abating aggressive panhandling or public loitering.
  - II. A report by City Hall Fellows includes all of the data and research on implementation, enforcement, and impact of the law since 2011. The report offers recommendations for improvements, of which, one is to start a Task Force that would look at the issue of Sidewalk Accessibility. Goal would be to move away from a punitive, police led response to the issue and instead look at community solutions. A similar Task Force has been piloted in Portland, Oregon with much success.
  - III. The Club may choose, at a later date, to take action on the Sit/Lie situation. For more details or a copy of the report, please contact Peter Gallotta at [pgallotta@cityhallfellows.org](mailto:pgallotta@cityhallfellows.org)
- 7) Visit from Ross Mirkarimi, Eleana Lopez and Theo.
- 8) Peter Warfield, Library User's Association
- I. Bernal Heights Branch Library Mural

- a. 30 year old mural
- b. Created through community process
- c. The mural is in imminent danger of being painted over and replaced by bland material, which is not what the community expected.
- d. The mural is now scheduled to be painted over on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Very urgent and needs action and individuals who might be interested in working on this.

*Not enough members present to take action, but the Club may take a vote to save the mural at the next PAC meeting. Due to time sensitivity, it may need to be voted on by the Board.*

9) 8 Washington (Aaron Peskin)

- I. A referendum has not qualified in San Francisco for 21 years. 31,300 signatures gathered in less than 30 days. It is really remarkable.
- II. 8-3 vote to approve upzoning of waterfront. Only Avalos, Chiu, and Campos voted against 8 Washington.
- III. Thank the Club for its support. This goes to the voters in 2013. Here's the big deal: This referendum actually goes before the Board of Supervisors before the voters.
- IV. Eric Mar has a chance to reconsider. Jane Kim has a chance to reconsider. Christina Olague has a chance to reconsider.
- V. If we can approve the referendum before Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, it would be ideal.
- VI. Club supported going on the ballot. Let's review the language so we can take action.

10) Proposition B (Aaron Peskin)

- I. Rec & Park bond
- II. Co-authored of the 2008 Rec & Park bond
- III. Rec & Park has been reckless for the last several years. They are renting out and leasing out our parks. We're not going to reward bad behavior.
- IV. Action will need to be taken on whether or not the Club will support Prop B at the next GM meeting.

11) Proposition F (Chris Ricco)

- I. Authorize a 3 year planning process to examine recycling water and mitigating damage from the City's water system while improving flows.
- II. Initiative would require the SFPUC to sit down with the Restore Hetch Hetchy team.
- III. Ultimate goal: restore the Hetch Hetchy valley.

IV. Chris will be attending future Milk Club meetings to talk more about the Restore Hetch-Hetchy campaign and Prop F.

12) Announcements

- I. Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a fundraiser for the Club and a celebration of Anna Conda's 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Edge.
- II. Gladys Soto is running for School Board. She will bring Latino representation to the Board. The Latino community has been without representation for 4 years.
- III. A reception for Phil Ting will be held at the home of Jane Morrison (44 Woodland Avenue) on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. For more information contact Alex Walker at alexw@philting.com

13) Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm