



General Membership

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

7:00 - 9:00pm

The Women's Building

3543 18th Street, 2nd Floor

- 1. General Membership Meeting was called to order by Co-President Peter Gallotta at 7:18.**
- 2. Upcoming Events (Peter Gallotta, Co-President)**
 - a. Endorsement Schedule
 - i. PAC Endorsement Meeting is on July 18th.
 1. To be qualified to vote, a member has to have attended at least 2 of the 6 qualifying meetings leading up to the endorsement meeting.
 - ii. Milk Club General Membership Endorsement Meeting is on July 21st.
 1. To be qualified to vote, a member has to have joined the Club by May 21st.
- 3. Tom Temprano Early Endorsement Vote (Peter Gallotta, Co-President)**
 - a. Milk Club passed unanimous motion to move toward early endorsement of Tom Temprano for City College Board in May General Membership Meeting.
 - b. Part of charter of the Club is to develop queer progressive leaders and support its own members who seek elective office.
 - c. Early endorsements are for special circumstances, such as a need to allocate resources early or to strongly get behind a queer progressive early.
 - d. All members in good standing are allowed to vote.
- 4. PAC Update (Adam Mehis, Eboard Political)**
 - a. Club heard from the Save Rincon Park Coalition led by Tim Hester:
 - i. Coalition is not opposed to the 75 Howard and 160 Folsom development projects but rather opposes the exception to the height limits.

A motion was made by Peter Gallotta for the Milk Club to sign on in support of the Save Rincon Park Coalition demands. The motion was seconded by Adam Mehis. The motion was approved with 17 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 abstentions.

- b. The PAC also heard from a representative of the Marijuana Control, Legalization and Revenue Act Campaign.

5. Legacy Business Preservation Fund (Hilary Ronan, Sup. Campos Chief of Staff; Nate Albee, Milk Club Board Member)

- a. SF historic businesses are facing affordability crisis just like housing affordability crisis.
 - i. According to the SF Small Business Office: 518 businesses closed in SF in 1992; 3,657 businesses closed in SF in 2011
 - ii. Phase One of the proposal: a registry created with 300 businesses nominated by supervisor or mayor annually; for context: around 3,000 businesses currently qualify for legacy status. Must meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Be 30 years or older
 - 2. Must have made significant impact on community or neighborhood
 - 3. Must commit to maintain business name and trade or craft
 - iii. Phase Two of the proposal: Ballot Initiative – Legacy Business Rent Stabilization Account; Grants for legacy businesses with up to 100 employees and up to 5,000 square feet; Grant for property owner of the business as incentive if they will provide 10-year lease to the business
 - iv. Proposal will be on the November ballot; Club will have opportunity to endorse in July.

6. Eviction Assistance Unit (San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi)

- a. Eviction Assistance Unit
 - i. Trying to help tenants as social workers, not sheriff deputies.
 - ii. Does not want to act as evicting agent if that causes another public safety issue by creating homelessness.
 - iii. SF Sherriff's Department Budget should include funding for eviction assistance unit; budget meeting this Friday and next Friday in Budget and Finance Committee.

7. SF Pride Board

- a. SF Pride Board voted to accept sponsorships from Facebook and Airbnb, despite progressive concerns about both companies.
 - i. #MyNameIs campaign has highlighted the “real name” policy’s adverse impact on individuals from the LGBT, drag, immigrant, and abuse survivor communities, in addition to teachers and doctors.
 - ii. Airbnb has contributed to affordability crisis and displacement in SF.

- b. Milk Club wrote open letter of disapproval for these actions to SF Pride Board that was released today.
 - c. John Caldera and Jose spoke about Pride Board's decision to accept sponsorships from Facebook and Airbnb.
 - i. SF Pride Board had to balance out concerns of fundraising and the urge to ally itself with LGBT progressive community.
 - d. Nate Albee spoke on behalf of #MyNameIs coalition.
 - i. Elect progressive supervisors
 - ii. March with Milk Club #MyNameIs contingent in Pride.
 - iii. White cisgendered engineers are the only people working on this from Facebook. FB does not seem to be trying to make meaningful change.
- 8. Mission Rock Initiative (Roscoe Mapps, Milk Club Board Member and Campaign Manager for Mission Rock Initiative)**
- a. The project will include 40% onsite affordable housing
 - b. Sup. Kim led affordable housing advocates, and much credit goes to Giants for negotiating with her.
- 9. Pilsner Inn with 48 Hills - next Wednesday Happy Hour**
- 10. Volunteers needed to help with Galeria de la Raza Mural - talk to Stephen Torres**
- 11. Meeting adjourned at 9:07.**