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Baker West Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes 4/2/08

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Attendance: 27 residents

Prizes awarded by Kurt Schumacher:

- First person to answer question was given a prize (Peet's coffee donation, Jungle admission passes)
 - Winners: Carol Carter, Janice Bates, Barbara Gaylord

Message from Sponsor given by Carol Carter:

- Resident of Colusa Way for 20+ years
- Realtor for 29 years
- Specialties - residential, real estate for seniors.
- Area - San Jose to Peninsula
- Market Update: prices holding well in our area; multiple offers in nicer and remodeled homes; financing available at great rates; buyer's market
- Handouts - contact information, list of Farmer's Markets, tips for choosing a good realtor

Bylaws Adoption Vote presented by Kurt Schumacher:

- Need 10% of interim members registered in order to ratify bylaws. We currently have 18%.
- 1 vote per residential address
- A vote to abstain is to refrain from voting.
- Katie Taylor read present addresses for vote
 - Vote: 18 yes, 1 abstain
 - Roll Call Voters: 1925 Ashland Way; 1982 Ashland Way; 1957 Colusa Way; 1969 Colusa Way; 2049 Colusa Way; 2058 Colusa Way; 5050 Elmgrove Ct.; 2026 Elmgrove Ln.; 2027 Elmgrove Ln.; 2033 Elmgrove Ln.; 2041 Elmgrove Ln.; 2042 Elmgrove Ln.; 5095 Elmwood Dr.; 5123 Elmwood Dr.; 1914 Mayfield Ave.; 1924 Mayfield Ave.; 1951 Mayfield Ave.; 5045 Paseo Olivos; 5093 Tiberan Way.

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- Bylaws passed

Members Emeritus:

- The following individuals (Founding Team) became 'Members Emeritus' upon Adoption of the Bylaws and are due the recognition and rights as specified in Article 6, Section 4c:
 - Kurt Schumacher
 - Julie Schumacher
 - Katie Taylor
 - Ronald Marfil
 - Michelle Mapes
 - Don Foldenauer

Amendments to Bylaws given by Kurt Schumacher:

- Discussion of proposed amendments:
 - "Core Meetings" replaced with "General Meetings"
 - Annexing two houses on Bucknall Rd. into BWNA boundaries
 - Removal of enrollment fee
 - Removal of requirement to be a member to participate in committees
 - Modification to method of proposing amendments to the Bylaws

Member Enrollment given by Kurt Schumacher:

- Membership types:
 - Associate - businesses, no voting privileges
 - Full Member - residents
 - Members Emeritus - members with recognition of distinguished service to the association, no annual dues. Founding Members became Members Emeritus.
- Charter Member is anyone who enrolls tonight or was an interim member and enrolls before elections in June.

Charter Member Enrollment Form given by Kurt Schumacher:

- Forms were distributed during meeting for residents to become a charter member.
- Preferred delivery method of communication included on form.
- Newsletters will always be delivered to everyone's door.

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Officer Nominations given by Kurt Schumacher:

- Member can only run for 1 office
- Member must accept or decline when nominated
- Nominee is allowed a 3 minute speech
 - President - Kurt Schumacher self-nominated
 - Vice-President - Pirouz Maghsoudnia nominated by Ron Marfil - Nomination accepted
 - Secretary - Katie Taylor self-nominated
 - Treasurer - Ron Marfil nominated by Kurt Schumacher - nomination accepted
 - Communications Secretary - Julie Schumacher nominated by Kurt Schumacher - nomination accepted
- If no other nominations come up over the next 2 months, no vote will be necessary.
- Open question period for nominees.

Participation Rates given by Kurt Schumacher:

- Meeting attendance: Oct. '07 - 41 attended; Dec. '07 - 37 attended; Feb. '08 - 28 attended.
- Some residents are part of Yahoo! Groups, but are unable to attend meetings for childcare or scheduling issues.
 - Meeting schedule will be voted on in the June meeting.
- Need 50% of charter members to vote on officer's. Important to come to general meetings.

Financial Activity given by Ron Marfil:

- Deposits from:
 - February 2008 sponsor - \$61
 - Pizza My Heart Fundraiser - \$148.22
- Payment for paper expenses - \$73.01
- Balance - \$816.76
- Request from John Dunse that the \$51 he paid directly to community center to secure a room rental for the special Bylaws meeting be noted in the financial records.
- Suggestion from resident to have a separate general fund and project fund, with detailed records that would be helpful to future committee members.

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- Initial BWNA balance came from \$50 donations from the founding members as well as over \$600 from the previous association.

Committee Updates given by Team Leaders:

Community Relations given by Kurt Schumacher, Ron Marfil, and Pirouz Maghsoudnia:

- CAP (Community Action and Pride) Grant - Ron Marfil provided details
 - Money is available from the Strong Neighborhood Initiative program and is run by the Neighborhood Development Association.
 - Grant includes a list of what BWNA will do during the year, what the budget is, and volunteer hours that will be used.
 - Must complete 25% of dollar amount in volunteer hours (works out to be \$18.05 per volunteer hour).
 - Grant submitted 3/26/08 with a request of over \$9000.
 - Should know results of application 5/18/08.
 - Once grant is received, a 6 month update report will need to be completed, explaining what BWNA has done, what has been spent, and how many volunteer hours have been used.
 - Must also attend 4 classes during year. Terry Hickman attended a Grant Application Workshop that counts as one. There are other workshops on how to run a Dumpster Day and how to complete the 6 month and year end reports.
 - Must spend the amount allocated in the grant. If you spend less on one category, you need special permission to move funds to another category.
 - CAP grant fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th
 - Look into Bylaw amendment to change BWNA's fiscal year to match the grant fiscal year.
- "Constant's Conduit" suggestion by Ron Marfil.
 - Gives a link to get information from the city to the neighborhood associations.
 - City is holding a Senior Walk at Valley Fair on 4/4/08.
- El Paseo Issues - Team led by Pirouz Maghsoudnia to help residents fix noise and safety issues.
 - 1st Meeting - 4/22/08 @ 8:00pm. Location: 5095 Elmwood Dr.
 - Agenda: Agree on priorities, discuss petition letter

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- Team will coordinate with mall, police, and Pete Constant's office.
- 3 residents on team from Elmwood. Would like to have as much feedback from residents affected by the El Paseo issues as possible.
- Pete Constant's office and the SJPD have been very supportive
 - Question: Should the El Paseo Team be part of the Safety Team rather than the Community Relations Team?

Event Planning given by Katie Taylor:

- 4/4/08 - 3rd Annual Senior Walk. Valley Fair @ 8:45am
- 4/7/08 - District 1 Neighborhood Summit. Mitty High School @ 7:00pm
- 4/8/08 - The Jungle Fundraiser. 10:00am-8:30pm
- 5/4/08 - Ladies Tea. Lisa's Tea Treasures, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Safety Committee given by Michelle Mapes:

- NEED PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS FOR SUCCESS!
- CERT training included in CAP grant
- Neighborhood Watch will begin soon. Initial meeting for Mayfield Ave. will be rescheduled due to conflict with next BWNA general meeting.
- Sheds for emergency supplies need to be looked into. Mt. View already has a program in place.
- City has been responsive to calls regarding potholes and uneven sidewalks.
- Residents feeling an increased ability to talk about things they are concerned about in the neighborhood.

Membership Committee given by Michelle Mapes:

- Thank you to all street leaders.
- Street Leaders still needed for: Mayfield Ct., Northlawn Ave. & Ct., Paseo Olivos Ct., Colusa Way, Quito Rd., Serge Ave.

Communications Committee given by Julie Schumacher:

- Taking input or feedback for newsletters

Next Meeting Agenda given by Kurt Schumacher:

- Elect Officers

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- Discuss & vote on proposed Bylaw amendments
- Committee summary reports
- Establish dues (if any) for rest of 2008
- Establish meeting schedule for rest of 2008

Open Forum:

- Future discussion on whether annexing two homes on Bucknall could cause any problems
- Compliments on Spring Party. Gave a feeling of being closer to your community.
- Lower attendance at meetings should not discourage participation or coming to future meetings.
- Encourage residents to come to general meetings through Yahoo! Groups

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm

Next BWNA General Meeting: Wed., 6/4/08, 7:00pm @ Moreland-West Community Center.