



NANCY KATZ BRINGS US UP TO DATE ON FREEWAY CRISIS

Since the last bulletin, the freeway fight has gone into high gear. The THD made a forceful presentation before the Board of Supervisors on April 22. President Morton Rader gave our objections to the proposed freeway, accompanied by a complete photographic documentation as seen from Telegraph Hill. Through the use of clear plastic overlays with the freeway designated in red, we were able to graphically demonstrate its devastating effect. (Many thanks to Gene Wright, who worked so hard, compensated only for his costs, in producing these magnificent photographs. Thanks also to Morton and Betty Rader for their hard work on the overlays). We also presented a film made by Robert and Nancy Katz and Philip Greene, of autos and deafening roar of Diesel trucks on the James Lick Freeway. This was the first time the supervisors and the press were confronted with the visual and audible effect such a freeway would leave on our city's residential areas.

Frieda Klussman was invited to Washington to attend Mrs. Johnson's conference on beautifying America. Mary O'Gara, Mildred Schroeder, and Nancy Katz prepared a handsome presentation with photographs of our freeway problems for Frieda to take to Secretary of the Interior Udall.

On May 5th Mrs. Marriner Eccles gave a magnificent cocktail party for the Supervisors, radio, TV, and newspaper representatives, and a number of other dignitaries. Mary O'Gara, Morton Rader, George Raad, Bob and Nancy Katz, and Anne Davis had prepared a carefully documented fact sheet on the effects of the freeway which was given to all the guests. Morton Rader made a short address, allowing Mr. Green of the State Department of Highways only to ask questions. Supervisor Blake stated that we cannot trust the Highway Department's promises! We received wonderful press coverage on both the Supervisors' hearing and this party.

On Sunday, May 23, Morton Rader appeared on KRON-TV's Speak Out, and presented a very effective case against the freeway; Allen Hart and Fred Martin of the Chamber of Commerce were his adversaries. On May 14, the THD joined with other neighborhood groups to form the Freeway Crisis Committee. Here is

a partial list of their many activities:

1. Contacting neighborhood groups and providing speakers for their meetings. Persuaded these groups to join us in opposing the freeway, write a group letter to the Board of Supervisors stating their opposition, and send a speaker to the May 27 hearing of the Board.
2. Mailings of fact sheets to organizations and thousands of citizens.
3. Photo displays in store windows.
4. Newspaper advertising--three half-page ads.
5. Received excellent newspaper, radio, and TV coverage.
6. Brought out Charles Blessing, Director of City Planning of Detroit and nationally recognized planning consultant to address the Board of Supervisors; also met with Planning Department and had press conference.

You have all read in the newspapers of our great success at the Board of Supervisors joint committee meeting. Frieda Klussman, who had just returned from President Johnson's conference on beautification of America, reported that all participants felt that the freeway is the most blighting influence in urban America today.

We want to thank the many volunteers who worked on THD projects or for the the Freeway Crisis Committee. We still have a long, hard fight ahead and need your help desperately even if you can only give an hour a week. Call Anne Davis at EX 2-2423 or SU 1-9132. Our special thanks to Helen deWit for soliciting funds, and thanks to those who gave so generously. More contributions are urgently needed. Send your check today to the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, Nancy Katz, Treasurer, 2 Whiting Place.

Supervisor Blake, chairman of the joint Transportation and Planning and Development committees recessed the Freeway hearing to 2 p.m on JULY 22.

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■ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ■

■ June 24 -- 8:00 P.M. ■

■ Old Spaghetti Factory ■

■ (Private room) ■

■ IMPORTANT ■

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ZONING PROBLEMS --WE STILL HAVE 'EM.

The long fought and much discussed request for vacating an 11' x 64' strip of Union Street at the northeast corner of Montgomery Street is still in dispute. The abandonment of this sidewalk area has been vigorously opposed by the Telegraph Hill Dwellers.

On April 30, the Governmental Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors decided to make a site inspection before coming to a final decision. To date this inspection has not been made. The granting of this request would be precedent setting. We can only hope that the abandonment will not be allowed.

Mr. Angelo Sangiacomo's request for a variance of the 40' height limit on the old Rudy Schaeffer property (Union St. between Kearny and Montgomery) was denied by Zoning Administrator Clyde O. Fisher Jr. Mr. Sangiacomo has had his architect redraw the plans to conform with the 40' height limit, and his plans are now in the hands of the Board of Public Works, Bureau of Building Inspection, being processed for permit. The new plans will conform to the height limitation and other code requirements.

We are now confronted with a request by Mr. Lucien Sabella to construct a three-storey restaurant on property formerly occupied by Sabella's Restaurant, which was destroyed by fire. He wants to go to a height of 46'.

On Wednesday May 5, your chairman attended a hearing before the

Zoning Administrator, Mr. Fisher. I spoke in protest on behalf of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, and Mrs. Walter of the Russian Hill Improvement Association also spoke in protest. Mr. Fisher denied the request.

Mr. Nate Cohn, attorney for Mr. Sabella is taking the matter to the Board of Permit Appeals. The hearing is scheduled for June 14 at 2 p.m., Room 228, City Hall.

The matter is also being taken to the Planning Commission with a request to establish a 46' height limit in a four-block area surrounding the Sabella property. This hearing is presently scheduled for July 1, 3 p.m., Room 282. However, this may be changed to a later date.

He is also going to take the matter to the Board of Supervisors who would be asked to bring about the necessary legislation.

Any change in the height limit in any part of the limited area should be vigorously opposed. This could readily be the opening wedge which would ultimately bring about a complete breakdown in the height limit ordinance.

Kenneth Evers

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES SINCE JANUARY THEY ARE OVERDUE. PLEASE SEND \$2.00 PER PERSON TO NANCY KATZ, TREASURER, 2 WHITING PLACE. WE NEED ALL YOUR DOLLARS TO PAY FOR OUR MANY WORTHY PROJECTS.

LIVELY TURNOUT

The 11th anniversary general membership meeting April 20 at the Montclair restaurant drew lively turnout of Telegraph Hill Dwellers, including many new members. Morton Rader was reelected president, other officers named, and new THD boundaries adopted to extend area to land bounded by Powell, Columbus, Broadway, Sansome, Bay Streets. Overwhelming success of fall birthday party to attract new members prompted vote of thanks to party chairman Mary O'Gara and suggestion that costume affair at Old Spaghetti Factory become an annual event on social schedule.

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