

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Thursday, April 21, 1966
OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY, 478 Green Street

Social Hour - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dinner - 7:30 p.m.

\$2.60 per person includes tax and tip -- Wine and beer Dutch Treat

To facilitate planning the dinner please telephone your reservations as soon as possible to: Carol Hewitt, Douglas 2-5773; Nancy Katz, Yu 6-1890

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The nominating committee presents the following candidates. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

President.....George Raad
Vice President.....Frieda Klussmann
Secretary.....Mildred Schroeder
Treasurer.....Nancy Katz

Directors -- two years
Morton Rader, Robert Katz, Anne Davis, Thomas Creighton, John Schick

Directors Remaining
Mary O'Gara, Emily Heron, Patricia Major, Curtis Baldwin

If your 1966 dues are paid, please bring your membership card!

MARDI GRAS BIG SUCCESS

The February 17 Mardi Gras Party at the Old Spaghetti Factory was a huge success thanks to Jane McCartin and her many helpers. Many new members added to the fun and gaiety of the evening. The costumes seemed even better than last year.

The setting itself, and Fred Kuh, owner of the Spaghetti Factory, contributed greatly to the success of the occasion.

WELCOME
new members

1966 DUES PLEASE

It's time to pay your '66 dues --\$2.00 per person-- to Nancy Katz, treasurer, 2 Whiting Street, S.F. 33. Because of the high costs of printing and mailing, we will be forced to drop your name from the mailing list if you do not keep your membership up-to-date. So get those checks in the mail today, please. If you have paid but have not received your membership card, don't worry. They are on their way!

THE FREEWAY VICTORY

Like a many-headed Hydra, the freeway threat to our neighborhood kept reappearing each time it seemed defeated. On March 28, it was officially buried.

Our fight was never based on opposition to freeways "in principle." Our opposition was against the destructive character of the proposed freeways, the piecemeal approach to their conception; against ill-considered haste and unacceptable pressure tactics.

Victory was won against tremendous odds. We cannot mention all our friends who helped so much, but a few special thanks are in order.

THANKS to all the Telegraph Hill Dwellers who spent so many hours, days, and weeks on this fight, often at the expense of their jobs and family life.

THANKS to all our friends who sent contributions, large and small. A letter from Mrs. Jerome of 1402 Kearny Street illustrates the spirit in which these contributions were given: "I love San Francisco and don't want to see it disfigured just for folks that's anxious to get thru the city fast and leave their dust for us who love the city as it is now."

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THANKS to all the other civic organizations who fought along with us. The freeway lobby had hoped to defeat us by playing one freeway against the other. By standing united, we were able to defeat them both.

THANKS to Supervisors Blake, Boas, Ertola, Francois, McCarthy, and Moscone who stood fast in the face of enormous pressures.

THANKS to Assemblymen Willie Brown, and John Burton for their unstinting support.

THANKS to all reporters, feature writers, television producers, speakers, and letter writers who kept the real issues in the public eye. And special thanks to KQED for performing a unique public service in televising the historical Supervisors meeting of March 21.

San Francisco's problem was never one of moving cars alone, but of moving people without detriment to our uniquely beautiful city. Future transportation studies must be made on the widest possible basis, without any artificial restrictions. They must tackle the problem on a city-wide basis, and in context with the whole Bay region. These principles have now been endorsed by Mayor Shelley, Supervisor Morrison, and the Chamber of Commerce. We welcome their change of heart and offer full cooperation.

After the defeat of the freeways, Mayor Shelley remarked that the power in San Francisco is moving from downtown, from big business and big labor to the neighborhoods (S.F. Chronicle, 3/23/66). And in a television interview, Supervisor Francois expressed the hope that confidence would be reestablished between the citizens and their officials by abandoning pressure tactics and dealing aboveboard. We agree with these sentiments and stand ready to cooperate with any constructive proposal in which consultation with the citizens of San Francisco is given more than lip service. If this is done, a true consensus among all San Franciscans can be achieved.

NEW PARKING COMMITTEE

Morton Rader, Dr. Stanley Burton, and Dr. Rudolph Dresel have started a new program, not only to improve parking on the hill, but to develop additional parking in North Beach and other areas which can serve the hill. Four public garages have ample facilities for either monthly or transient parkers and offer several advantages to Telegraph Hill residents.

Lee' Garage at 1636 Powell (just around the corner from the 39 bus stop) charges \$20.00 a month. This includes key service which allows the parker to come or go at any hour, day or night.

The Powell Auto Works at 1625 Powell offers monthly parking for \$15.00 with a key service.

The Grant Avenue Garage at 501 Filbert Street charges \$15.00 a month, or will provide valet-pickup and delivery service for \$25.00. Their present closing hour is 12 Midnight, but Mr. Picetti tells us that with additional business they could hire another man to keep the garage open later.

The North Beach Garage at 735 Vallejo charges \$16.00 per month and is open weeknights until 2 A.M., Saturday nights until 2:30 A.M. We want to encourage Hill Dwellers to patronize these garages.

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SOME GARDEN BENEFACTORS

Fortunately for the hill, there are people with a gift and knowledge of gardening who quietly are caring for planted areas, not their own, which many of us enjoy daily.

Fred and Sally Wilt of Telegraph Hill Boulevard are responsible for the beauty of two of these delightful garden spots. When the Street Department was cutting the planted oval at the end of Greenwich to almost nothing, the Wilts protested. Consequently, a strip was saved and planted by the Landscape Department. Sally and Fred who had been watering this oval all along, continue to look after this little garden. Sally created another garden with bricks and plants on Greenwich; this space was formerly destined to be cemented over. With permission from the owners, Mr. Henry Lopera Sr. and Fred Wilt cleared the space of high weeds and barbed wire intertwined. To quote Carol Hewitt,

"I do wish we could have had a before and after snapshot."

Ever since the city planted trees and bushes by the Filbert steps above the Garfield School sixteen years ago, Jim Jackman has been their benefactor. Originally the water came through a hose attached in Maybelle Kelly's bathroom. Jim often can be seen in action, cutting back weeds, watering, and planting with the same magic touch he uses on his own beautiful garden.

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To Morton Rader for doing an outstanding job as President, ably assisted by George Raad, Vice-president, go our heartfelt thanks. We all appreciate so much also the hard work of our outgoing directors -- Bernie Bour, Dr. Rudolph Dresel, Sally Eccles, and Frieda Klussmann.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

Our efforts to preserve Washington Square Park continue. The disagreement between opponents and proponents of the garage under the park has never obscured our common concern for the preservation and development of North Beach. We disagree about the location of the garage, but sympathize with our North Beach neighbors in their efforts to solve their parking problems. It would be a serious mistake to locate a 535 car garage, with all of its resulting traffic problems, in the heart of a primarily residential neighborhood. But we stand ready to cooperate in finding an appropriate location in the heart of the business district.

We have been joined by the Bay Area Chapter of the Sierra Club (10,000 members), Citizens for Parks and Recreation, San Francisco Beautiful, the North Beach Place Improvement Association, and many individuals in our efforts to preserve Washington Square Park. So far, the Parking Authority and the Park and Recreation Commission have ruled against us. The next step will be a hearing before the Planning Commission, and later on, before the Board of Supervisors. Only a large turnout at these hearings can preserve Washington Park for everyone's benefit. We appeal to all Telegraph Hill Dwellers to support our efforts. Call Nancy Katz, YU 6-1890.

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