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EMERGENCY!

GENERAL MEETING * TELEGRAPH HILL DWELLERS

MONTCLAIR RESTAURANT 550 GREEN ST.

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FEBRUARY 20th.

COCKTAILS 6:30 DINNER 7:30

PRICE \$3.75 (includes tax and tip)

SAVE THIS DATE VERY IMPORTANT

THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

A huge International Market Center (the long expected Northern Waterfront Associates' project below the eastern side of Telegraph Hill) was unveiled Monday, January 30th. The total complex would cover more than 6 city blocks (including their connecting streets!), plus two existing warehouses, in the 84-foot height limit district, and extends roughly from Union to Chestnut and from Winthrop to Battery Streets.

THE THD IS ASKING THE CITY AND THE DEVELOPERS FOR RADICAL REVISIONS in the proposed project. We are particularly opposed to:

1. An 18-story hotel on the Embarcadero which violates existing height limits and rises virtually to the height of Telegraph Hill itself.
2. The excessive bulk, density and height of the Market Center box itself, stretching for 5 city blocks without a break. It would block a major portion of the waterfront views from Telegraph Hill and equally block the view of the Hill from the Waterfront.
3. The wholesale annexation and closing of city streets by the Mart (6 blocks of city streets, particularly Filbert, Greenwich, Lombard and Montgomery, would be covered by the monolithic box!)
4. Airrights over Sansome Street, creating a 2-block tunnel under the Mart.
5. The staggering traffic-bottleneck the monolithic complex will create at the Embarcadero's narrowest point.
6. Any city action before the current Northern Waterfront Studies (undertaken for more than 2 years at an expense of over \$200,000) are concluded and evaluated.

WE CANNOT AFFORD A 5-BLOCK CRATE AROUND TELEGRAPH HILL!
THE EMBARCADERO FREEWAY, CANDLESTICK POINT AND THE FONTANA TOWERS
ARE DAILY REMINDERS OF THE DANGERS OF EXPEDIENCY - THERE MUST BE NO MORE!

On January 29th, the THD filed a request with the City Planning Commission to re-zone the 84-foot Northeastern Embarcadero Height District to a 40-foot height limit. The 40-foot height limit from Van Ness Avenue to Pier 33, enacted in 1964, after the Fontana debacle, has been of spectacular benefit to the entire area, as evidenced by Ghirardelli Square, The Cannery, the North Point development, etc. The time is ripe to extend these benefits to all of the Northern Waterfront.

On February 9th, our Board of directors met with Mayor Alioto to voice our objections. The Mayor stated that he is opposed to the height of the hotel, the over-all density, and the tunnelling of Sansome Street, but "as long as the project meets the requirements of the law, it cannot be prevented". We reminded the Mayor that the project violates the law in many major respects. The Mayor then called for an early meeting between the developers and the THD plus other opponents. In the meantime, however, he requested that our application for a 40-foot height limit be heard before the Planning Commission on February 29th (an unreasonably short time). WE MUST RALLY OUR FORCES TO BE READY!

COME TO THE MEETING AT THE MONTCLAIR RESTAURANT, 550 Green Street, on February 20th at 6:30 PM. We will present photographs, drawings, maps, and a complete discussion of the proposed project.

EMERGENCY MEETING!!! EVERYBODY ATTEND!!! Bring your neighbors (members or not). Phone reservations to:

George Raad, President: SU 1-4141

Mary O'Gara: 392-9028

Betty Rader: EX2-0227



NORTHERN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our THD delegation to this committee continued its arduous task of developing guidelines for the development of the entire waterfront, from Van Ness Avenue to the Ferry Building.

Many constructive guidelines have been developed, particularly to:

"develop the full potential of the Northern Waterfront in accord with the unique opportunities presented by its relation to the Bay and to the Port and Downtown, and the unique aesthetic qualities offered by water, topography, views of the City and the Bay, and a maritime character."

In addition, the Study stresses as a prime objective the necessity

"to strengthen existing residential areas... , to preserve the area's topography, and to take best advantage of the waterfront location."

The Waterfront Study is scheduled for completion by the end of May. However the breakneck speed with which the promoters of the International Market Center are trying to ram through their project threatens to make a complete mockery of the valuable effort. Only strong citizens' support for the Study can now save it from being severely mutilated.

I N H O N O R O F D E N N I S F L Y N N

A memorial to Dennis Flynn, former President of the Hill Dwellers, in the form of a bench surrounded by suitable plantings, will be placed at the crest of Vallejo Street to the east of the wall, where one can rest and enjoy one of the most beautiful views from the Hill. A suitable plaque will be provided honoring the memory of one of the most dedicated Hill Dwellers, Dennis Flynn.

Arrangements are under the care of Tom Hounsley, his lifelong friend, assisted by Dorothy Erskine.

Friends of Dennis, who would like to participate in this memorial to him, may do so by sending contributions to our Treasurer, Curtis Baldwin, 1125 Kearny Street. Checks may be made out to Telegraph Hill Dwellers Memorial Fund.

N O M I N A T I N G C O M M I T T E E

A nominating committee has been appointed to nominate officers and directors for the fiscal year April 1968 to April 1969. Members serving on the committee are-

Morton Rader - - -Kenneth Evers - - -Bernard Bour - - -Mary O'Gara - Nancy Katz.

Our new by-laws call for greater member participation in the affairs of the Dwellers. Three new offices are created, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Historian. The outgoing President now automatically becomes a member of the Board of Directors.

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L E O N J . A R D Z R O O N I

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers lost a real friend with the passing of Leon J. Ardzrooni. Mr. Ardzrooni became a member of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers during the fight to preserve Washington Square Park, and our final victory was due in large measure to his painstaking research and hard work, which he carried on in spite of pressing professional commitments and his sickness. We extend our most sincere sympathies to his wife and family.

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