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DEDICATION OF DENNIS FLYNN MEMORIAL

On Wednesday, July 17th, occurred the dedication of a small park to the memory of Dennis Flynn, a charter member and former president of our Organization. There were approximately 75 friends of Dennis present including his cousin Mrs. Harry Foley of Freeport, Illinois. Bernard Bour presided over the ceremonies and spoke of the many years of dedicated service Dennis gave for the urban improvement of the City and particularly for the North Beach and Telegraph Hill areas.

The Memorial is located at the crest of Vallejo Street east of Kearny and consists of a redwood bench similar to those in Washington Square, three evergreen pear trees and plantings of trumpet vines and Carmel creeper. It was developed in cooperation with Trees for the City and the San Francisco Department of Public Works. From the Memorial is a sweeping view of the Bay overlooking the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, Treasure Island and the East Bay Cities.

S. Myron Tartarian, Director of the Department of Public Works accepted the Memorial on behalf of the City. Peggy O'Brien of Trees for the City was coordinator of the project. The Committee for the Dwellers consisted of Mrs. Morse Erskine and Tom K. Hounsley.

The project was financed by contributions of members of the Dwellers with whom Dennis worked for many years and other friends. Particular acknowledgment should be made to Landscape Architect Douglas Baylis the designer of the project and to DeMartini Brothers who contributed the bench.

NOTE: Peter Macchiarini took some photographs of the dedication. Anyone interested in seeing them or having copies made should contact him at 1422 Grant Avenue.

Bernard Bour presided.



S. Myron Tartarian with plaque.

INTERNATIONAL MARKET CENTER

Last July 15th, in spite of vigorous opposition from the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, supported by a number of other civic and neighborhood organizations, the Board of Supervisors voted to vacate certain streets to allow construction of the International Market Center by the North Waterfront Associates. The vacation of these streets is the key to the entire project. Without the use of these streets the complex could not be built.

All the Supervisors were present, and all voted in favor of the North Waterfront Associates request except Supervisor Morrison. Supervisor Morrison deserves our gratitude and future support, not only for his vote, but for the courageous way in which he called attention to the weaknesses of the project by tenacious cross examination of city officials and the developers. We are also deeply grateful to the many civic organizations who supported us, particularly the organization known as POW (Preserve Our Waterfront). Under the leadership of the Kortums, POW has vigorously fought the building of the International Market Center as planned by the North Waterfront Associates.

However, as a result of our strong and vigorous opposition, the developers have shown their willingness to improve the project.

1. The 18-story hotel has been reduced to conform to height limitations.
2. The tunnel along Montgomery Street has been reduced in length.
3. Some retail activity has been added to the original plans.
4. Public access to large portions of the roof area and of the interior complex are to be guaranteed.
5. Adequate landscaping is to be maintained over much of the roof area.
6. The funicular is to be eliminated (so we are told).
7. The monolithic nature of phase 2 and phase 3 is to be broken up.

These controls are to be exercised by constant review of construction plans by our City Planning Department and by legal covenants imposed by the supervisors.

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RANDOM NOTES

Some of our well known and esteemed residents are moving away from Telegraph Hill.

The Waalands and the Bedollas have sold the Garfield Market and all are moving to Santa Rosa. They will be greatly missed by their many friends and neighbors, and we sincerely hope they will find happiness in their new home.

The Market has been taken over by Totah and Son, who promise to carry on in the tradition established by the former owners.

We extend our best wishes for their success.

S U P E R V I S O R - H O W C O U L D Y O U ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Supervisor Blake has revived the Washington Square Garage plan asking that it be studied again. However Myron Tatarian, Director of Public Works, again rejected a proposal for building a garage beneath Washington Square. In a letter to the Board of Supervisors he said "Traffic studies show that the 163 car garage under construction at 770 Vallejo Street will satisfy traffic needs in the immediate vicinity." The Planning Commission and the Parking Authority have also recommended against the proposal.

Let's conclude this matter has been finally laid to rest.

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CONFUSION REIGNS

Because of two organizations which have the name "Telegraph Hill" as their dominant designation, confusion reigns.

Remember we are the "Telegraph Hill Dwellers."

The object of this organization shall be to beautify and improve Telegraph Hill; to encourage a friendly association among the Hill residents; to perpetuate the historical traditions of the Hill's place in San Francisco history; to insure Telegraph Hill's constructive participation in the development of our city; and to represent the property owners and residents in community problems which may arise. Our President is Mr. Gerald Cauthen- 1321B Montgomery Street. Phone 362- 7954.

The Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Association was organized "to help raise the standard of living for all those in the Northeast section of San Francisco."

They offer the following services-

Child development -Nursery school, Pre-School Compensatory Program, Parent Education.

Social casework - Individual family counseling, Contacts with schools, courts, probation officers, other agencies

Neighborhood Development- Work with tenants in housing projects, Community work with Economic Opportunity Council. District council Board of Education, Dept. of Health and other City and State Departments.

Group Service Club groups-camping, dances, trips and special activities, interest groups- sports, crafts, cooking etc.

Education English and Citizenship classes for adults, Ceramics, Tutorial services for elementary and secondary school children.

Medical Clinic Open 9:00 A.M. 9:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday- 660 Lombard St.

94133, Phone 421-6442

This organization needs your help -see back page.

BILL BOARDS

New and unsightly bill boards are appearing along the Embarcadero from Broadway to Fishermen's Wharf. These are not ordinary bill boards but are constructed on top of steel posts and attain a height of about 25 feet. A list of advertisers are Wells Fargo, Union Oil, Dewars White Label Scotch, Volkswagen, American Air Lines, Air California, Bank of America, Cluny Scotch, Delta, Lucky Lager, Zees, Carlsberg Beer and Ripleys Believe it or not. Others appear from time to time. Your Board of Directors urge you to write these advertisers and protest this unsightly display.

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VISUAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Your Visual Improvement Committee under the chairmanship of Allen Lathrop, has decided that definite action must be taken to keep the Hill litter free, and to take steps to beautify the Telegraph Hill Area.

Specific proposals are -

- 1- To furnish litter containers supplementary to City supplied baskets.
- 2- To try to persuade owners of vacant land to enhance the appearance of their premises.
- 3- To write letters to the various publications that are distributed on the Hill to see that wrappings and miscellaneous papers are not strewn about the streets.
- 4- To encourage tree planting and establish small parks where appropriate.
- 6- To attempt to improve schedule for underground wiring in selected areas.

EMBARCADERO FREEWAY

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers have sent a letter to Mayor Alioto, with copies to local and state officials, strongly endorsing his efforts to have the structure removed. We have distributed a position paper reiterating our very strong doubts about the wisdom of urban freeways in general. Any of you who have strong feelings about the Embarcadero Freeway, or about the plan nearing the construction stage to extend it southward to the Southern Freeway (now in a state of arrested development at Potrero Hill) should write the Mayor and the Supervisors.

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AN IMPORTANT MEETING

On September 17th in Room 228, City Hall, at 2 P. M. a hearing by the Planning and Development Committee of the Board of Supervisors will be held to discuss further extension of the Northern Border of the Down Town District in a Northerly direction. This is a vital issue, as the extension of this downtown section would permit more high rise buildings to be erected right up to the border of Telegraph Hill.



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