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TELEGRAPH HILL DWELLERS - SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DINNER MEETING - April 23 MONTCLAIR RESTAURANT 550 GREEN STREET

NO HOST COCKTAILS 6:45 DINNER 7:30 PRICE \$4.50

FOR TICKETS CALL MARY CARA, 392-9167, or BETTY RADER, 392-0227 (price of dinner includes tax and tip)

SPECIAL EVENT - SUPERVISOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER

NOMINATIONS APRIL 1970 - APRIL 1971

A vote of thanks is due to your Nominating Committee consisting of Ann Davis, George Raad, Bernard Bour, John Schick and John Harman. They have worked diligently to name a slate of officers for the coming fiscal year and have been successful in nominating representatives who have shown their interest and dedication to the affairs of The T. H. D.

FOR OFFICERS

President	Curtis Baldwin	370 Chestnut St.	781-8534
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Historian	Marion F. Evers	255 Chestnut St.	421-2671

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2 fiscal years)

Marvin Levin	228 Filbert St.	362-8514
Allen Lathrop	291 Union St.	781-4751
Edmund de Martini	1306 Montgomery St.	781-6164
Dr. William S. Hunter	356 Greenwich St.	392-7736
Adolph M. Kovan	Pent House - Julius Castle	362-3042
Gerald Cauthen **	1321-B Montgomery St.	362-7954

* Jane Schubert is an incumbent.

** Gerald Cauthen becomes an ex-officio board member as retiring president.

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS REMAIN ON THE BOARD

Carol Schwartzback	1255 Montgomery St.	397-7994
Tobey Bloxum	3 Montague Pl.	392-0675
John Coyle	479 Vallejo St.	781-3579
George Atashkarian	218 Union St.	989-5286

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NORTHERN WATERFRONT

We regret that the Planning Commission continues to set aside the carefully prepared planning concepts of its own staff, considering it more feasible to coordinate with the desires of land developers, than to recognize the need to preserve the rare and exciting Maritime flavor of the Northern Waterfront.

The Port Commission continues to call for huge developments and no height restrictions south of the Ferry Building in order to "finance additional shipping facilities".

We have no idea of the validity of the Port Commission's proposals, and no economic reports have been published, or, as far as we know, even exist.

Dreams of Embarcadero Cities would seem to take the place of hard facts.

Recently there has been mention made of placing the total development of the Northern Waterfront area under the sole jurisdiction of the Redevelopment Agency under Director Justin Herman, in order to create a comprehensive plan. We believe this bears watching as his ideas and ours concerning the waterfront may be in conflict.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO SCHEDULE HEARINGS ON
THIS MATTER - - - WATCH FOR DATES ! ! !

THE SAN FRANCISCO PROGRESS AND THE BAY GUARDIAN have each published a series of fine, hard-hitting articles on the continuing process whereby the famous character and quality of San Francisco is about to lose out to high-rise development interests. San Franciscans have reason to be grateful for the courage and competence of those associated with these publications. It is obvious that the editors of the Progress and the Guardian are hoping that through their efforts the people of San Francisco will suddenly come to life and put a stop to this unnecessary and tragic sacrifice of the City's heritage and promise of greatness before it is too late. We join in this hope.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GAUTHEN

I would estimate over the past two years, close to 150 members of the T. H. Ds have actively participated in at least one, and often more than one T. H. D. project. It is this active participation which has made us a very strong organization and which has kept me going on more than one occasion, I can tell you! I could begin to list the individuals who have made really outstanding contributions of time and talent, but even this list is a long one. Any way -- MANY THANKS!

There are many unresolved problems so the next President of the T. H. Ds will need that same participation.

We particularly need people who are willing to act as the chairman of a committee or action group and to "see the problem through". So if the next President asks you, please find the time and the will to say "YES".

SAN FRANCISCO TOMORROW

On March 18, at a press conference at the Ferry Building, the formation of a new city-wide conservationist organization was announced. The new group is called "San Francisco Tomorrow". Strictly non-partisan, the new group's objective is to preserve and enhance the physical environment of San Francisco, and will be particularly concerned with the improvement of transportation, preservation of open space through controlled use of land, and control of air pollution. The group organizers include representatives from many neighborhood and civic organizations, including many members of the T. H. D's.

The success of this group depends in part upon its developing a large membership. It needs and deserves our support. Regular yearly dues are \$5.00 and may be sent to San Francisco Tomorrow, 693 Mission St., S.F. 94105.

CRIME

At the urging of the North Beach Merchants and Boosters Association, in conjunction with the T. H. D's and numerous concerned individual merchants and residents, the Police Department placed two foot patrolmen in the Grant Avenue area. The improvement in the Grant Avenue scene was immediate and dramatic. We have been assured that patrolmen will be kept on as long as needed. We are indebted to Mayor Alioto, former Chief Cahill, Chief Nelder and Captain Scott for their cooperation.

COIT TOWER - - - - WHERE ARE YOU ???

With the aid of Supervisor Pelosi and Director of Works Myron Tatarian, we have been promised additional directional signs to Coit Tower. Perhaps before this bulletin goes to press they will be erected.



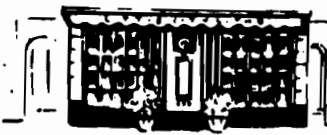
TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Your Board of Directors recommends that we support the change of Castle Street to one-way North, and the two blocks of Kearny Street between Union and Vallejo Streets should be left one-way South. Due to the steepness of the hill on the one block of Kearny Street between Filbert and Union, it should be returned to a two-way street.

LITTER


Litter continues to be a desperate problem in this neighborhood, particularly on the south and west slopes of the Hill. Any ideas for solving it ?? Talk to Allen Lathrop, 781-4751

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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

A Citizens Advisory Panel has been formed to solve problems connected with the bridge and its effect on the Marin corridor and on the affairs of San Francisco. Approximately 91 members are on the panel.

Your President, Gerald Cauthen, has been appointed chairman of the all important Transportation Committee. This is a great honor, and assures us that we will be informed of decisions which may affect the Hill and San Francisco at large.

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE TELEGRAPH HILL DWELLERS - WHAT WERE THEY LIKE?

BY HISTORIAN BERNARD BOUR

CAMPAIGNS OF THE 60s

Another serious challenge to the 40 foot height limit on the Hill broke out in 1960. The challenge was lead by something called the "Telegraph Hill Property Owners Council", represented by Ian Hoeffler and Jay Walsh, publicist. The Dwellers debated this through the usual committees and even the Chamber of Commerce. On March 17, 1961 they were finally successful in killing the proposal in the Public Buildings, Lands and City Planning Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Both the Chronicle and the News Call Bulletin supported the T. H. D. position editorially.

WALK FOR MANKIND

This event, scheduled for Saturday May 2nd, is a fund raising event to benefit Project Concern's Medical Clinics, Training Programs etc. in Hong Kong, Tijuana, Indonesia and Appalachia. Joye Henning is Publicity Chairman and may be contacted at 986-1492.

Your Bulletin Editor wishes to extend thanks to Marie Burkhardt, Melba Bloise and Vera Ransom for their assistance in producing the Semaphores.

Kenneth Evers.



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