

TELEGRAPH HILL SEMAPHORE

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THE 40'S

Thursday, September 21, 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.
At the Old Spaghetti Factory, 478 Green Street
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT I. D. BLUME

As the new president of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, I would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with some of my goals for the coming year and ask for your help to reach them. First of all, I hope to increase the membership of the organization and widen the base of representation. Second, I hope for wider participation in decision-making, so the organization will truly represent the neighborhood. Third, I want active committee participation so we can tackle problems like the deteriorating park around Coit Tower and speed up putting utilities underground on the hill and try for more beautification of the area through a treeplanting program. Fourth, I want us to regain the spirit of fun through more social gatherings, for which the club used to be famous.

You can help in any, or all, of the following ways. Tell your neighbors about the activities of the club and encourage them to join. Join a committee by checking the listings in this bulletin and calling the chairman. Attend our meetings and social functions. By the way, I have instituted a policy of open, monthly Board of Directors meetings. Any member may attend and speak to any item on the agenda or introduce new business, although he will not be able to vote. If there is any business you wish brought before the club, or would like to attend a board meeting, call me for the date and location of the next meeting. Let me emphasize again that the Telegraph Hill Dwellers can only be effective if the individual members will take on responsibility and be active in the affairs of the organization.

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HELP ! !

The party committee needs your help in selling tickets for both advance sales and shifts at the door.

We are looking for decorating items to re-create the atmosphere of the 40's, as well as volunteers to install them the day of the party.

If you would like to volunteer your services, or loan decorations, call 781-1374 or 398-2760.

DUES - HAVE YOU PAID THEM ?

You have recently received a notice that current dues are again payable. In order to carry on our activities effectively we must have some financial resources.

Please pay your dues promptly.

Our Financial Secretary, Joan Naughten, requests your cooperation in revising and updating our mailing list.

- (1) Please notify her of address changes.
- (2) Contact her if you know of any members who have moved.
- (3) Let's bring our membership up to date. Remember dues are only \$2.00 per person.

Let each member try to bring in a new member.


Any member over 2 years in arrears shall be dropped from our mailing list. If you are more than two years in arrears, payment of current dues will reinstate you as a member in good standing.

Send all information and monies to:-

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* Our speaker is scheduled to speak promptly at 7 P.M. so please be seated.

THE PORT AND THE NORTHERN WATERFRONT

In March, the Mayor appointed a citizens committee to develop plans for general waterfront improvements and increased water view space, and to draft proposals for the commercial use of Port lands no longer needed for maritime operations. The MAYOR'S COMMITTEE is chaired by Gwin Follis, retired chairman of Standard Oil of California and includes business, labor, government and one conservationist representative.


The Committee has heard extensive testimony.

Of particular interest was a study by a research firm called MANALYTICS. This study revealed that the present rush into container facilities will lead to a 570% excess in container lift capacity on the West Coast by 1975! This shows that present San Francisco Port planning is far from realistic by overestimating future demands on our Port. The use of those portions of the waterfront no longer needed for shipping must be geared to the needs of all citizens for open space--not just to the desires of big developers. Finally, it is most desirable to retain some of the existing finger-piers between the Ferry Building and Pier 35 for passenger and "break-bulk" operations--a maritime activity which adds great interest to the waterfront. By retaining these piers and eliminating the view-blocking connections between pier fronts, public access to the water and to the exciting maritime activities could be vastly improved.

It would be most useful if many citizens would write the committee, recommending that serious consideration be given to public access to the water and open space along the waterfront. Write to:
MAYOR'S PORT COMMITTEE, R. Gwin Follis, Chairman, 555 Market Street, Suite 1824, San Francisco 94120.

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The committee chairmen are courageous neighbors who have stepped forward (or have been pushed) to accept some very important responsibilities.

Check the list to see which committee interests you. Then volunteer your services and ideas by calling the committee chairmen at the numbers listed.

PLANNING AND NORTHERN WATERFRONT - Bob Katz, #2 Whiting, YU 6-1890

ZONING - Carol Swartzbach, 350 Union St., 397-7994

MEMBERSHIP - David Broadbear, 490 Greenwich, 391-8304

FUND RAISING - Bob Warren, 301 Chestnut, 981-4582

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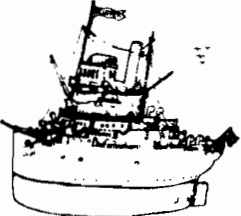
LITTER - Bob Ransom, 24 Alta, YU 6-6033

SOCIAL - Joan Corrigan, 90 Alta, 398-2760

TREE PLANTING - Kevin Wallace, 103 Alta, 398-2004

SAVE COIT TOWER PARK - Bruno Morelli, 100 Varennes St., YU 2-3585

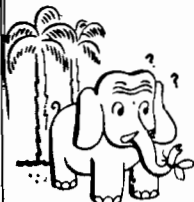
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NEW HEIGHT AND BULK LIMITS FOR SAN FRANCISCO

After extensive public hearings, the city has adopted an entire new set of height and bulk regulations.

On the whole, the new ordinance is a significant step forward. Ten years ago, the 40 ft. height limit was adopted for Telegraph Hill, Fisherman's Wharf, the Marina and parts of Pacific Heights. Today, the 40 ft limit extends to approximately 90% of the city.

Of particular interest to Telegraph Hill is the repeal of Sec. 120.4 of the former Code, dealing with the area east of Telegraph Hill. It allowed developers with more than 3 acres (such as the defunct International Market Center) to exceed the 40 and 65 ft. limits under certain conditions.

The new ordinance still contains a few regulations which we oppose. For instance, it still allows massive buildings of 84 ft. with additional 10% bonuses up to 125 and 175 ft over the water on either side of the Ferry Building. It allows excessive heights in the Washington Street corridor between Battery and Kearny (Transamerica Pyramid territory!), and on top of Nob Hill.

Supervisor Boas, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, has authored a number of additional amendments to reduce heights still further in some sections of the city.

BROADWAY RAMPS AND THE "MARITIME PARKWAY"

Concerned citizens and organizations won a major victory when the Board of Supervisors eliminated study funds for the so-called "Maritime Parkway" and tabled the disastrous proposal to extend the elevated Embarcadero Freeway by two 1000 ft. ramps at its Broadway stub.

THE 1972 GRANT AVENUE FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

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In his booklet entitled "Trees Make Good Neighbors, he lists nearly 50 varieties of trees suitable for planting in San Francisco.

If 10 trees or more are planted in one block, the Department of Public Works will saw-cut and open the sidewalk, if necessary, without charge.

For information write to Planting Division, 2323 Army Street, San Francisco 94124 or phone 558-4057.

Your Visual Improvement Committee is endeavoring to speed up the removal of poles and wires from the hill. For every pole that comes down, let's plant a tree.



Coming in October!

The whole history of Telegraph Hill with hundreds of pictures, written by David F. Myrick, long-time "Dweller." The perfect, thoughtful gift.

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