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EDITORS NOTE Due to the fact that this Editor was out of the country while most of the events printed in this bulletin occurred, most of the material for articles was submitted by others, who modestly declined a by-line.

GOLDEN GATEWAY PHASE III

As this article is being written, only the law suit brought by the Citizens for Responsible City Development, stands in the way of the construction of Golden Gateway Phase III.

Messrs. James Jamieson and Gary Fontana from Heller, Herman, White and McAuliffe filed suit for our side on April 30 in California Superior Court. On May 18 the defendants filed for Summary Judgement, a maneuver that had been anticipated. This was answered with a memorandum filed June 7, and the matter was heard before Judge Ira Brown June 12. We are still awaiting Judge Brown's decision. If the Judge rules in our favor, as we think he will in this matter, it will mean that the defendants will definitely have to litigate the matter, and according to the defendants, this litigation is blocking any further progress toward construction. Modification of the planned project in conformance with California State law and the needs of San Francisco, rather than obstruction, is the purpose of the present suit. Additional suits at other judicial levels are a possibility.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on May 7 to delay consideration until July 9 of the conveyance by the City to the developer of an underground utilities easement. Consequently the Board voted (6 to 5) to delay a sidewalk construction usage permit until the same date at which time some of the current litigation would be visible. Supervisors Feinstein, Kopp, Mendelsohn, Molinari, Pelosi and von Beroldingen supported our request for the delay. Supervisors Barbagaleta, Chinn, Francois, Gonzales and Tamaras voted for the developers.

Television and radio free speech message time has been used extensively to alert the public. Printed matter is being prepared.

AN "EMBARCADERO GARDENS" INSTEAD OF FERRY PORT PLAZA AND U.S. STEEL

There is concrete hope that the defeat of the Ferry Port Plaza and the U. S. Steel projects by San Francisco citizens will lead to an exciting civic project on either side of the Ferry Building.

In April the Citizens Waterfront Committee received a \$40,000.00 grant from the National Endowment Of The Arts. Local matching funds in the amount of \$16,000.00 have also been raised.

The funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study for a major recreational development from Pier 7 (north of the Ferry Building) to Pier 24 (south of the Ferry Building) the study will investigate the economic, social and political feasibility of a community complex, tentatively named EMBARCADERO GARDENS, inspired by Copenhagen's famous "Tivoli Gardens".

The study is being undertaken by a team of planners, architects and engineers, including the following:

Toby Rosenblatt for Citizens Waterfront Committee; George Rockrise and Richard Gryziac, architects; Michael Marseden, economic consultant.

The public is encouraged to submit ideas in writing to Richard Gryziac, c/o Roma, 405 Sansome Street, S. F. 94111.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Your Social Chairman, Joan Corrigan, has plans for a party in September and and possibly a picnic in August. Time and place will be announced.

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GENERAL MEETING JULY 10 - GOLDEN GATE FREEWAY PHASE 111

At a General meeting of the THD, held at the Spaghetti Factory, the main topic of discussion was the Golden Gateway Phase 111.

Although the THD is not a plaintiff in the suit being brought by the Citizens for Responsible City Development, individual members are intensely interested in bringing about a modification of the height and bulk of the development.

Ann Fogelberg, a resident of Russian Hill, is chairman of the Ad Hoc committee and spoke on what has been done to date.

Towards the end of the meeting a recess was called to collect funds and pledges for legal expenses. As this bulletin goes to press this editor is uninformed as to the amount contributed or pledged. (\$1,000.00 has been pledged from the legal fund of the THD).

It is anticipated that court costs and attorneys fees will amount to \$10,000.00 if the litigation proceeds to higher court level.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is being written because I want to be heard on a number of questions concerning the Dwellers and I believe the Semaphore is a proper and legitimate medium to use especially since general membership meetings haven't seemed to work out as successful forums lately for unpopular positions.

I feel that a community organization may be one of the purest and most beautiful forms of democracy around where the mixed process of being with neighbors, listening and being heard and coming together to majority opinions can be a most joyful occasion. But I think that recently nearly the opposite has been true. First of all we haven't met in general membership too often in the last few years. This combined with a recent tendency to end the meetings in the shortest possible time, has resulted in conditions where it has become impossible for all opinions to be heard, or at best, ordinary members with either spontaneous or prepared presentations are not given adequate time or basic courtesy. And lastly the spirit of the meetings, in my opinion and some others, has come to resemble a dramatic presentation during which little deviation from the script is tolerated. Debate and dissent are discouraged or put down with scorn. Those who are shy or have light voices cannot be heard. Rules of order are manipulated. In short, general meetings have become unproductive and largely unhappy events for many who attend them regularly.

For the reasons given above I feel that more and more of the rightful concerns of the interested membership has gradually been transferred to small groups speaking for the Dwellers. In my view this burdens them with more responsibility than they should carry in key decision making policies and often results in positions expressed which either don't necessarily reflect the wishes of the majority or simply haven't been sufficiently discussed.

The spirit of the last meeting on July 10th, brought out many of my growing concerns about the organization. An individual of long membership left early saying "this has been disgusting." I assume the person was referring to the expressions of dissent which had surfaced. As one step toward countering autocratic attitudes, which I feel have developed, I recommend that General Meetings be held at least six times a year - crisis or not - in order to involve the interested membership, to the greatest possible degree, in decision making - regardless of the procedural difficulties. I think that discussion among the members would be healthy on questions concerning a different framework for general meeting and on greater participation.

MORTON RADER

July 13, 1973

EDITORS NOTE: Morton Rader was President of the THD - 1964-1966 and Director 1966-1967 and 1968.

Early in June the MTC presented its plans for transportation in the 9 Bay Counties. The MTC will have the final say on practically any transportation problem in the region through its control over the allocation of Federal and State Funds.

On March 31 a group of San Francisco neighborhood organizations chartered a bus, appeared before the commission in Berkeley and presented our position:

1. MTC shall not consider or plan any more freeways in or entering San Francisco.
2. MTC shall not consider or plan any more trans-bay auto crossings.
3. MTC shall drop the following specifics from consideration:
Southern Crossing; Golden Gate Freeway; Widening of Doyle Drive to 8 lanes.
4. MTC shall give the highest priority in planning and funding to transit.
5. Within the commuter periphery of San Francisco, MTC shall give the highest priority to reducing the use of the private automobile.
6. MTC should not allow Bart-type regional rapid Transit systems to divert needed funds and attention from surface feeded systems: Equal priority should be given to light rail, bus, people mover, bicycle, and pedestrian modes.
7. MTC shall actively seek Federal and State legislation, as necessary, to permit Federal and State Highway Trust Funds to be used for transit purposes.

This position was prepared by the following individuals: John Stark, Virginia Fusco, Sue Bierman, Jim Hillegas, Jean Kortum, John Holmes and Charles Rozema.

Thus far the MTC has taken a far weaker position than we had hoped for. Their emphasis on coordination of transportation is long overdue and yet to be implemented. Unfortunately there is still too much weight given to freeways and roads.

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The City of San Francisco has had an anti-noise ordinance since October 1972: Is it being enforced? Betty Rader, our environmental chairman, says no!

She has written letters to the Board of Supervisors pleading that they do something about the enforcement of the ordinance, but so far no tangible results are evident.

The City has finally appropriated money for sound level meters, Noise levels should be measured on all parts of the Hill.

Anyone who has a sound meter or has training in acoustics, please get in touch with Betty Rader, or if you are simply bothered by excessive noise please fill in the following coupon, and send it to Betty Rader.

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THE GOLDEN GATE CORRIDOR STUDY

Under a contract with a Board of Control of the Golden Gate Bridge and transportation District, and Kaiser Engineers, a Citizens' Advisory Panel was set up early in 1973 with Bill Liskamm as Citizens' Liason Consultant to study the District's and Kaiser Engineers' plans to provide rapid Transit service to Marin County commuters into downtown San Francisco. John Holmes of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers is a member of the panel and has attended most of its meetings.

The citizens were dubious at the outset of the desirability of running the District's buses underground through San Francisco's neighborhoods. (A condition of the study is that the initial service must be provided by the existing buses!) Enormous ventilators would be required, not to mention the disruption that would be caused by the construction of a system that offers no rapid transit service within the city to San Francisco residents. To quote one city official: "The idea of putting buses underground stinks." Literally, I may add.

Hard working citizens have put in hours of their time on the many complicated aspects of this study. Some 30-odd routes have been presented. (most of them rejected). One, and only one route seems to be acceptable to most of the citizens on the panel- a transbay tube from Marin County to the Embarcadero, terminating in a loop around the East Bay Terminal. Even this solution presents serious ventilation problems. Other solutions are preferred by the District's technical advisors. Many of the citizens feel that it would be better to not build anything. - Simply use exclusive bus lanes on existing streets until a system acceptable to San Francisco can be built.

This is the present state of the study. Somewhat of an impasse. Eventually there will be public hearings on whatever solution the District selects. One thing is certain. San Franciscans do not want an underground bus system.

GRANT AVE. STREET FAIR- A GRAND SUCCESS

On Sunday, June 17, more than 200 artists and craftsmen displayed their work along Grant Ave. Hailed as the greatest Fair yet, it is hoped that this event will become an annual event and become a permanent part of the color and interest that is characteristic of the North Beach-Telegraph Hill area.

DUES ARE DUE

Have you forgotten to send in your dues to the Telegraph Hill Dwellers for the current year? Dues are only \$2.00 per person and that's the biggest bargain I know of. Send dues to Joan Naughten, 304 Chestnut St. S.F. 94133

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GOOD NEIGHBOR - FOILS HOLD-UP

Recently an attempt to rob Fong's Grocery Store at Grant Ave. and Chestnut St., was foiled by an alert neighbor.

Aroused by the screams of Lan Fong, who screamed that the store was being robbed and her husband Kwock Fong was lying on the floor, possibly dead. Frank W. Best, who lives just a few doors away, rushed into the store without regard for his personal safety.

Despite the fact that the bandits were both armed, Best tackled one of them and succeeded in disarming him. The other pointed his gun at Best, but then both would-be robbers decided to flee.

Best ended up with skinned knees and arms and a pair of torn trousers, but is in line for a police department Public Recognition award. He said " I'm crazy enough to probably do it again.

It has just been learned through the press, that Frank Best has received a commendation from the President of the United States Richard M. Nixon.

SAVE THE WHARF COMMITTEE or THE MAYOR REDISCOVERS THE WATERFRONT

Inspired by some beautiful waterfronts he saw during his recent European trip, Mayor Alioto recently advocated a public promenade along the waterfront from Fisherman's Wharf to the Ferry Building, strict enforcement of the 40 ft. height limit on the waterfront and the development of Piers 45 and 47. He expressed the desire to keep Fisherman's Wharf from becoming " a plastic Disneyland" and named a 21 member committee to "preserve the original spirit of Fisherman's Wharf". According to the Chronicle, the committee "includes representatives of environmental groups, but is heavily weighted with businessmen". Alessandro Baccari, P.R. representative for Fisherman's Wharf, is Secretary. The B.C.D.C. Committee and the Mayor's Committee decided to keep in close touch with each other in order to coordinate their recommendations as much as possible.

B C D C WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

In April, B C D C Chairman William Evers appointed a citizens Advisory Committee for the San Francisco Waterfront. The Committee will consider the entire waterfront, parcel by parcel, in an attempt to come up with concrete proposals for the best use of each parcel. Chairman Evers expressed the hope of finding a way to reconcile B C D C regulations, the Port's need for some development in locations no longer needed for shipping, an active and prosperous Port, and significant public access and open space along the Bay.

The Committee includes representatives from the Sierra Club, Save the Bay Association, Citizen's Waterfront Committee, Spur, San Francisco Tomorrow, Telegraph Hill Dwellers, Potrero Hill, the Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, Redevelopment and Labor. The THD are represented by Bob Katz who would be grateful for any suggestions our members wish to make.

The Committee hopes to come up with concrete results by the end of the year.

ATTACK ON FERRY BOAT FAILS

Supervisor Gonzales resolution to limit the Ferry Boat Fleet to one boat failed because of strong citizens opposition. At its meeting of July 9, the Gonzales resolution was rejected by a vote of 8 to 3.



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