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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

TELEGRAPH DWELLERS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - BUSINESS (NO DINNER)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 8:00 PM AT THE SAVOY TIVOLI, 1438 GRANT AVE.

GUEST SPEAKER: Alan Lubliner. SUBJECT: Demolition of the Embarcadero Freeway - A report by the SF Department of City Planning.

TWO ITEMS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA:

1. Evaluation of the THD Traffic and Parking Plan (See March, 1974 Bul.)
2. THD Position on proposed widening of Doyle Drive. (We have supported the official position that the present 6 ten foot lanes be widened to not more than 6 twelve foot lanes with a center divider and a lowered speed limit.) The need for safety improvements on Doyle Drive is obvious and the Supervisors are under pressure to do something about it. We want a safer Doyle Drive, but the danger exists that the issue of safety will be used to justify another foot-in-the-door freeway solution. We are firmly opposed to any such solution. We hope that the Supervisors will defer making a decision until the many constructive alternative solutions (other than those proposed by the State) have been evaluated.

NOTE: If any member wishes to add a specific item to the Agenda, please WRITE to John Holmes, 400 Union St 94133 before December, 7, 1974.


SAN FRANCISCO TWIN BICENTENNIAL

The San Francisco Twin Bicentennial Celebration Steering Committee is organizing. The Celebration offers a variety of community improvement projects, parades and neighborhood sports team competitions. The THD has an opportunity to help make San Francisco's Twin Bicentennial a rollicking success. The sooner we begin our projects, the better our chance to win the competition.

A well executed project is reward in itself however, a generous cash prize is available. Those THD who have had an eye open to potential neighborhood environmental improvements are urged to contact the PARKS, TREES, & OPEN SPACE chairperson, Anne Halsted, 398-5077. THD Twin Bicentennial liaison, Katherine Koelsch, 398-0572 or President John Holmes, 400 Union Street, S.F. 94133.

The S.F.T.B. Urban Affairs Steering Committee has asked the THD to appoint a Sports Advisor to help with the formation of a Neighborhood Sports Advisory Committee. Interested THD, phone Tom Karnes at 431-0254 between 10 AM and Noon or between 8 PM and 11 PM.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Greetings to all members and friends of the THD:

Here is a brief summary of actions taken by the THD since April 1, 1974:

4/3 GM-Dinner (Guest speakers: Quentin Kepp, Richard Gryziec)
Voted to endorse Prop 'C' (Open Space) for June Ballot.
Voted to withdraw THD support of EG and P (Electricity and Gas for People).
Voted to accept recommendations of Nominating Committee.

4/10 DIRS
Confirmed appointment of Katherine Koelsch to Board of Directors.
Voted to endorse Prop 'B' (Conflict of Interest) for June Ballot.

4/21 Open Space Picnic at China Basin.

5/29 GM-Business (Guest speaker: Allan Jacobs)
Voted to support BCDC Advisory Committee ground rules for the Waterfront. (See March, 1974 Bul.)

6/23 DIRS
Voted to raise 1975 Membership Dues from \$2.00 to \$3.00.
Voted to restrict speaking time of THD members at General membership meetings. This rule to be invoked by the request of a member or at the discretion of the chair.

6/23 Cocktail Party at the Rusty Scupper. (Enriched THD Treasury by \$123.00)

9/4 DIRS
Voted to endorse Prop 'J' (Open Space) for November Ballot.

9/15 THD Picnic at Angel Island.

9/25 GM-Dinner (Guest speaker: Robert Passmore)
Voted to reaffirm THD support of new completed BCDC Advisory Committee Guidelines for the waterfront. (See September, 1974 Bul.)
Voted to contribute \$150.00 to the coalition working in support of Prop 'J' (Open Space).
Voted to support Directors' decision to raise Dues to \$3.00.

11/13 DIRS
Voted to confirm the appointments of Anna Quillen and David Broadbear to the Executive Committee.
Agreed to postpone the Winter Cocktail Party until January.
Agreed to try to save the pre-1906 Italian-Swiss red brick warehouse building near the Waterfront by requesting the Landmarks Advisory Board to get it designated as a landmark. The Board is most interested in this building and also in the few others still remaining in the area below the Hill.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT TO THE THD,

John W. Holmes
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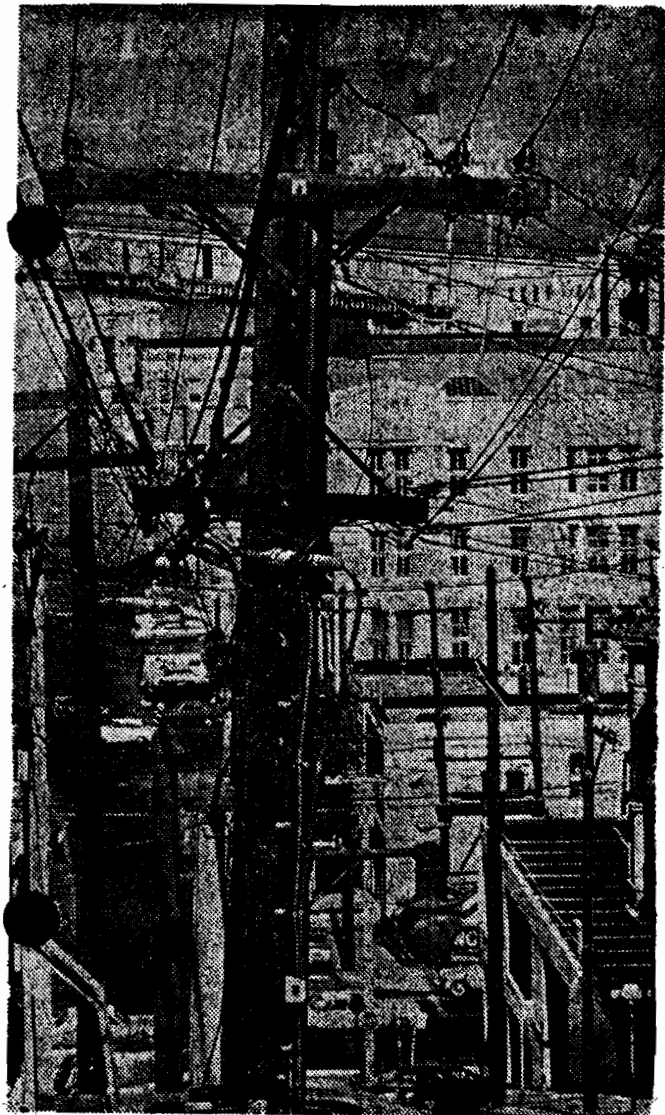
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"Vallejo Street Wires" by a man opposed to poles

Our retiring City Planner, Mr. Allan Jacobs recently had an exhibition of pictures of his impressions of San Francisco at the DeYoung museum. Among this very interesting exhibit was this picture of "Vallejo Street Wires." This picture was reproduced by the S.F. Chronicle of October 30th. and forcibly illustrates the ugliness of poles and wires.

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Jacobs who graciously consented to the reproduction thereof for the "Semaphore"

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VALLEJO STREET IMPROVEMENT

That ugly slab of concrete - namely Vallejo Street west of Montgomery, is about to become a thing of beauty. The present plans call for a series of three plazas, which will be enhanced with plantings. The present stairs are to be replaced with safer stairs with metal railings.

Your committee on poles and wires and some interested neighbors have been making a strenuous appeal to the Dept. of Public Works and the P. G. and E. to include undergrounding of poles and wires at the time this improvement is being made. This portion of Vallejo Street was included in the Underground District ordinance designated as Ordinance 1771.11 Telegraph Hill Underground District 1961-1966 program, which was completed in 1968. This work, however, was never completed, the reason being it would be more logical to wait until other street improvements were being made. This appears to be the time.

The City has scheduled the street improvements for early 1975.

RESIDENTIAL ZONING STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE

The Dept. of City Planning has prepared an extensive questionnaire regarding residents views on important neighborhood issues. This 15 page, 23 Question survey will be distributed by the Planning, Zoning and Development Committee to a broad cross section of the Telegraph Hill area, but anyone wishing to participate may obtain a copy from Bob Tibbits, 445-7504 at his office or 986-7227 at home.

Results of this study which is being conducted throughout the city will be used by the department to prepare recommendations to the City Planning Commission. Before any final revision of city-wide zoning is completed residents will have further opportunity to present their views at public hearings.

FUND FOR ANIMALS Tel - 986-0777

Too young to speak for themselves yet are seven Shepherd mix pups born in the mud under a house. They were vigorously protected by their parents (female purebreed Shepherd and male Collie Shepherd.) The whole family is now in a kennel waiting for a miracle in the form of nine homes. Call the fund office if you know of any possibilities.

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Most important: the BCDC WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE is completing its "SPECIAL S. F. WATERFRONT AREA PLAN" (details were published in the September issue of the SEMAPHORE). For the first time in the history of the Waterfront, such a broadly based Committee, including all concerned City agencies and a representative cross-section of civic organizations and labor, has reached consensus. The plan strikes a constructive balance between shipping, open space and appropriate development. It includes a number of innovative recommendations concerning traffic, the elimination of the Embarcadero Freeway and of Freeway extension 1-280 from the Waterfront, a renovated Passenger Terminal at moderate cost (long demanded by Labor, and now opposed by Mr. Orsi), State funds for open space development, and provides substantial non-maritime income to the Port.

Mr. Orsi (speaking no doubt for the Mayor) does not like this plan. He doesn't like the existing 40 ft. height limits on the Waterfront. It is necessary to remind the "temporary Port Director" and the Mayor that "BAY PLAN AMENDMENT 1/71" (which is State Law and binding on the City) states that there cannot be any development of non-maritime Port properties in San Francisco unless a SPECIAL AREA PLAN is adopted by BCDC. We urge him and the Mayor to reconsider their negative attitude which endangers the entire Waterfront: open space, development, and thereby shipping as well.

The citizens of San Francisco have beaten back many of the disastrous super-development proposals championed by City Hall in the past: the International Market Center, U.S. Steel, Ferry Port Plaza, Phase III of the Golden Gateway. Our opposition was not negative. We consider the Port's survival of vital importance to the entire City. This is why we have worked hard and constructively within the BCDC WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE whose only goal is to preserve and develop the Waterfront and its Port for the benefit of all citizens, and not for special interests. The necessary funds can be generated without destructive super-development.

We appeal to BCDC, the Mayor, the Supervisors, the Port Commission, the Planning Department, and all civic organizations and labor to support the SPECIAL AREA PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT which will make it possible to realize the vast potentials of our Waterfront constructively.

GOOD*BYE EMBARCADERO FREEWAY

During its deliberations for a SPECIAL S. F. WATERFRONT AREA PLAN, the BCDC ADVISORY COMMITTEE was struck by the negative impact of the Embarcadero Freeway, and the planned extension of Freeway 1-280 along the waterfront between Berry and Bryant Streets.


At the Committee's initiative, City Planners and the State Department of Transportation were brought together to explore alternatives. The Supervisors adopted a resolution calling again for the elimination of the Embarcadero Freeway and opposing the planned extension of I-280 along the waterfront.

The S. F. Planning Department, in consultation with other concerned agencies, has now come out with a concrete proposal for an alternative: The Embarcadero Freeway and the Clay/Washington Ramps would be eliminated. A 4-lane roadway (underground in front of the Ferry Building) would replace the elevated freeway, and the Clay/Washington ramps would be replaced, either by underground or depressed roadways. Any connection with the Golden Gate Bridge would be abandoned. I-280 would no longer run along the waterfront, but would directly connect with the Bay Bridge, along either of two possible alignments: a) along 6th Street, or b) along Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Street.

The proposal contains many interesting details which must be thoroughly evaluated and which cannot be spelled out here.

It is interesting to note that the total cost of this proposal would be no greater than the planned extension of I-280 along the waterfront, and that substantial Federal funds will be available.

Watch for future hearings before the Supervisors!



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