

**VALLEJO HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2008**

Call to Order: David Cates called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

Welcome and Introductions: All present introduced themselves. Kathleen O'Sullivan mentioned the Saturday show at the MIRA. Bob Weir handed out a picture of Chabot terrace circa 1942 that showed the housing development to provide apartments for Mare Island workers.

Minutes: Katy Miessner made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2008 General Meeting. Bob Weir seconded the Motion. Unanimous approval. The Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Val Duda reported there was a bank account of \$1,208.

Action Committees

MIRA: David Cates reported on the MIRAcle Workers efforts on MIRA building. A monthly meeting is scheduled to discuss and plan for improvements on the theater, to develop a business plan and to address code enforcement issues. The building will soon be painted. Memberships are only \$18 for the MIRA theater guild. The Code Enforcement Office will issue a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Walk the Hill/Picnic: Pictures of last year's picnic were passed around David Cates explained that the May 10th Walk The Hill activity was to pass out the newsletter and invite residents to the annual picnic on May 17th.

Speakers: Binding Arbitration

Jim Libien and Allen Wildermuth explained that negotiations with all unions go through collective bargaining first then through mediation then binding arbitration. The major issue that causes the current problem is that the arbitrator doesn't consider the taxpayer. They want to take binding arbitration out of the City Charter. Signatures are needed by June 2nd to certify measure to remove binding arbitration out of the City Charter.

Open Forum

River Park: There was a general discussion about River Park issues and possible development. GVRD is doing some maintenance at the park. Tom Bartee suggested trying to get the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to highlight an area of concern as a way to address River Park Issues. Since Hal Boex is selling his properties, there was a discussion of how to get the GVRD to buy the two parcels that have access to the Napa River. **MOTION:** Sandy Ross made a Motion that the Board should address the issue of what to do with the Boex Property. Anita Yaffe seconded the Motion. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Upcoming events:

Picnic May 17

Walk the Hill May 10

Meeting adjourned: 12:10 PM

Patricia Gatz, Secretary