

Ocean Avenue Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 6:30 PM
Ingleside Library
1298 Ocean Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112

Board Members present: Howard Chung, Christine Godinez, Walee Gon , Rev Roland Gordon, Henry Kevane, Shirley Lima, Alexander Mullaney

Others present: Dan Weaver

1. Henry Kevane called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.
2. General Public Comment for Items not on this agenda
 - None
3. Ocean Avenue Corridor Planning Public Workshop #2
 - DPW will present some plans at this Public Workshop Meeting so community members are encouraged to attend.
4. Nomination of Election of Ron Gerhard, Vice Chancellor, City College of SF, to the OAA Board of Directors to serve a one year term expiring on June 30, 2014
 - Reverend Gordon makes above motion.
 - Howard Chung seconds the motion.
 - Motion passes unanimously.
5. Ocean Avenue Marijuana Cannabis Dispensaries (MCD's)
 - Anti-clustering legislation for Ocean Avenue has been adopted.
 - On 5/1, Bay Area Compassionate Health (BACH) met with SF Planning Commission. The commission expressed interest in hearing from neighborhood groups, but since they did not receive the letters from OMI or OAA, a decision was postponed to 5/22. This effectively removed BACH from the SF Health Department Hearing Calendar. On 5/2, the Planning Commission sent an email blast which resulted in letters from other neighborhood organizations supporting Ocean Avenue's maximum number of MCD's being limited to 2.
 - Howard Chung: Is the Planning Commission asking for OAA's position?
 - Dan Weaver: Yes, they have indicated they would give more weight on OAA's position over other neighborhood organizations.
 - Reverend Gordon: Believes there are merits to having 3 MCD's in the corridor. They can bring in a lot of revenue and community service.
 - Alex Mullaney: Didn't support voting on limiting number of MCD's to 2 because this is an arbitrary number. Agrees that these businesses can bring in good traffic that can support other businesses in the corridor.
 - Dan Weaver: In principle, he agrees with all of the above, but Waterfall Wellness has not been the most well run business. Has noticed a lot of kids hanging around outside

Waterfall Wellness, re-selling the marijuana that they just bought. There are complaints from neighbors about double parked cars and they do not re-enforce rules about smoking right outside their business.

- Reverend Gordon: Can we help Waterfall Wellness improve their business practices?
 - Dan Weaver: Has tried to get Waterfall Wellness to be more active, do outreach to other community organizations and formulate neighborhood plans, but they have not been very organized. Surrounding merchants are not happy with the Waterfall Wellness.
- Public Comment: Jennifer Low: The Health Department Staff cannot dictate which MCD to support. For the Health Department Hearing on 5/14, the real question is whether or not OAA will support Waterfall Wellness.
- Alex Mullaney: Why were they granted a temporary permit?
 - Public Comment: Jennifer Low: Permit was issued to both Gregg Schoepp and Tiara Mitchell. When Gregg decided to leave the business, the temporary permit was granted to Waterfall Wellness based on precedence. Waterfall Wellness is allowed to keep their temporary permit instead of forcing a transfer to Gregg. Since this temporary permit was granted in January or February, it's unlikely that the Health Department can extend it beyond tomorrow's hearing.
- Walee Gon: As a business owner, the weight of multiple merchants having issues with one neighboring business needs to be addressed.
- Reverend Gordon: Has had good interaction with Waterfall Wellness. They came down to help with church operations, brought Easter baskets for kids.
- Dan Weaver: When Waterfall Wellness was operating as Norcal, the staff doctor indicated to Daniel Mendez that the organization needs to be better run operationally. Gregg Schoepp was brought in and there was improvement, however due to disagreements with the Waterfall Wellness board, Gregg had to separate and that is when he started BACH.
 - Public Comment: Shona Gochenaur: Declaratory statement about the staff doctor's opinion regarding Waterfall Wellness being poorly run will be presented at the 5/14 hearing.
- Howard Chung: It seems that the decision point that needs to be made prior to the 5/14 meeting is whether OAA supports Waterfall Wellness as a good business for the corridor. Or do we even want to vote on this?
 - Public Comment: Jennifer Low: Two choices: Weigh in today or don't show up at the 5/14 meeting. Doesn't recommend a position that says OAA supports all 3.
- Henry Kevane: Should OAA Board articulate a preference for Waterfall Wellness or BACH?
 - Alex Mullaney seconds the motion.
 - Public Comment: None
 - In favor: Howard Chung, Christine Godinez, Walee Gon, Henry Kevane, Shirley Lima, Alex Mullaney
 - Oppose: Rev. Roland Gordon
 - Abstain: Ron Gerhard
 - Motion passes 6 – 1

- Henry Kevane: Shall OAA Board instruct Dan Weaver as Executive Director to attend the 5/14 meeting to express the OAA's serious reservations about Waterfall Wellness' historical and current business operations?
 - Howard Chung: Seconds the motion.
 - Howard Gerhardt: When did the Norcal fire happen?
 - Alex Mullaney: 2010
 - Public Comment: Gochenaour: The owner of Norcal, Daniel Mendez, is the current owner of the Waterfall Wellness so the fire is directly tied to Waterfall Wellness operations. In addition, when the permit was granted to Waterfall Wellness, there was a stipulation that growing medicine could not happen in the attic and evidence shows that the cause of the fire was in direct violation of this stipulation.
 - In favor: Howard Chung, Christy Godinez, Walee Gon, Ron Gerhard, Henry Kevane, Alex Mullaney
 - Oppose: Rev. Gordon
 - Abstain: Shirley Lima
 - Motion passes 6 – 1
 - Alex Mullaney: Shall OAA Board, which supports strong small businesses, support BACH as potential new business with a request that they participate in the community at large?
 - Howard Chung seconds the motion.
 - Dan Weaver: Has had a good experience with BACH. They have gone to a number of organizations and made presentations about the look of the dispensary, handling of double parking, restrictions on reselling of medicine, etc. Voting for this motion will help Dan at the 5/14 meeting if he is asked directly about OAA's position on BACH.
 - Public Comment: None
 - In favor: Walee Gon, Shirley Lima, Alex Mullaney
 - Abstain: Howard Chung, Christy Godinez, Henry Kevane, Ron Gerhard, Rev. Roland Gordon
 - Motion passes 3 – 0.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM. Next Meeting: May 21, 2014. Location TBD.