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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CAUTHEN

Recently I overheard a city official refer to the Telegraph Hill Dwellers as a "powerful political group", and in the context of our own sphere, we are! You and I are members of an organization which traditionally has been outstandingly successful in achieving its' goals.

Among the reasons for our success is that through a number of fortunate circumstances (not the least of which is the drawing power of a spectacular downtown hill in one of the worlds great cities) several hundred people of dedication and talent have been brought together as neighbors. The members of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers possess both a formidable array of useful talents and a singularly uniform approach to the problems engendered by the mindless rush to dehumanize the American city.

On occasion we are accused of opposing progress. The truth of the matter is that we have been strong advocates of any development which would help the economic climate in San Francisco, provided that it did not result in the wholesale destruction of existing amenities in the process.

In order to continue to be successful in achieving the kind of programs which we all believe in, we must do the following:

1- Organize ourselves so as to effectively employ the talents and energy of the membership.

2- Seek out and work with allies in other neighborhood and civic organizations.

3- Refuse to join those certain civic groups and public bodies and individuals who abjectly surrender their principles to the sources of "progress" at the first hint of controversy, no matter how unpalatable the particular project might be !

Presently, San Francisco and other cities are in a crucial period as far as future development is concerned. Some of the matters before us at the present time, if resolved unfavorably, would do immediate damage to Telegraph Hill and its' environs (examples being the International Market center proposal, questions of zoning and variances, the future of Washington Square). Other key issues such as transportation planning, the rehabilitation of Market Street and the future development of the Northern Water Front area, while perhaps having less impact on the Hill itself, will profoundly affect the future desireability of San Francisco as a place in which to live and work.

Therefore it behooves us all, as Hill Dwellers and as San Franciscans, to follow these matters very closely and to assert our position vigourously whenever it becomes necessary to do so.

As an individual voter, your influence on these and other issues is unfortunately quite small. The Telegraph Hill Dwellers offers you the oportunity to dramatically amplify your political voice on local issues!

We need new participants at this time, particularly people who will assume the responsibility for a given job and then follow through on it! We need organizers, typists, writers, architects, economists and "doers" of all kinds.

If you wish to participate actively in a given program, please contact the appropriate chairman (see list published in this bulletin).

Don't wait for us to reach you, jump into the act now ! It is quite important to San Francisco that you do so, and I can assure you it won't be dull if you participate actively.

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* George Raad (becomes a director for as long as the succeeding President shall remain in office-one or two years)

* * Sally Eccles (nominated as director to succeed Jerry Cauthen who had another year to serve as director)

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POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY WINS ROUND TWO OF WATERFRONT FIGHT

On April 11, the Planning Commission heard our application for a 40-ft. height limit below Telegraph Hill and a well documented case against the International Market Center. Unfortunately, the hearing was a mere pro-forma affair. Disapproval of the 40-ft. height limit and approval of the Market Center were railroaded through on schedule. Only Commissioner Kearney made an impassioned plea to save the waterfront. It fell on deaf ears.

On May 23 and 29, the Market Center issue was heard before the Board of Supervisors Streets and Transportation Committee. The array of opposing organizations and citizens was impressive: THD, POW, CPC, ILWU, TWIN PEAKS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, WESTERN FURNITURE MART, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT THOMAS CHURCH, ARCHITECTS OLIVER AND GATELY, ATTORNEYS ROGER KENT AND JOHN HARMAN AND NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS PRESENTED AN OVERWHELMING CASE AGAINST THE MART. Our case was so irrefutable that the developers didn't dare to offer a rebuttal. They didn't need to: we had the evidence, but they had the votes! Even the shocking evidence that the Mart may acquire city streets at a discount of roughly $ 5,000,000 (the City Real Estate Dept. is asking $ 4.80 per square foot for land conservatively extimated at $ 30) did not stop the politically motivated steamroller. Supervisors Blake and Maillard voted for street vacation for the benefit of the developers, only Supervisor Morrison opposed the decision.

The next step will be action by the full Board of Supervisors. Should it also approve the street vacation, a second hearing before the full Board of Supervisors would follow one month later. This would be our major chance to present our case to the full Board.

Supervisor Blake acknowledged the flood of mail and telephone calls received against the Mart. CONTINUE YOUR LETTERS, TELEGRAMS AND PHONE CALLS TO THE MAYOR AND ALL SUPERVISORS. BE SURE TO EXPRESS YOUR SHOCK AT THE GIVEAWAY PRICES FOR OUR CITY STREETS! BE SURE TO ATTEND THE HEARINGS - WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE DATES.

CITY OWNERSHIP OF PORT

Assemblyman John L. Burton is the sponsor of legislation to transfer the Port of San Francisco to the city.

San Francisco has sought to get control of the state owned and operated port for about 40 years.

Elaborate and highly imaginative plans are contained in the Bolles Report for the improvement of this all important area. In order to carry out these plans, and to keep proper planning control of this area, it is essential that San Francisco obtains jurisdiction of the port. Letters in support of this legislation may be addressed to Assemblyman John L. Burton, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco-94102, - State Senators Milton Marks,350 McAllister Street Rm 2045, San Francisco 94102, and State Senator George R. Moscone, 343 Sansome Street, San Francisco-94104.

IN MEMORIUM

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers have lost a real friend with the passing of Morse Erskine.

Mr. Erskine managed to find time from his very active law practice to champion controversial stands in the area of Urban renewal. He was a former president of the City's Planning and Housing Association, predecessor to Spur.

He was particularly helpful to the Telegraph Hill Dwellers when they decided to incorporate, giving freely of his time and legal knowledge to help in this endeavor.

As attorney for the California Heritage Council, he led an unrelenting but unsuccessful fight against the construction of the Portsmouth Square Garage.

To his wife Dorothy and his family we extend our deepest sympathy.

BULLETIN BOARD

LOST MEMBER - - - - - - - - - WHERE ARE YOU ????????

We have received dues from a member who gave no name on the envelope. Our only clue is a handwritten note saying " There is only one person now". Will this member please contact Nancy Katz,(Yu 6- 1890) so that he or she can be sent a membership card.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All members have been billed for dues, both 1968 and delinquent. Please respond promptly and do fill out the questionnaire - our hard-working membership crew needs your cooperation.

PETULIA PREMIERE

Mark the night of Tuesday June 25 as a time for fun and fund raising. In conjunction with the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Association Auxiliary, the Hill Dwellers will sponsor the western premier of "Petulia", the movie that we watched being filmed on our hill last year. It will open at 9 P. M. at the North Point Theatre . . . with searchlights, sparkle and,we hope, stars.

Remember Julie Christie lugging a tuba aboard a muni bus on Montgomery Street below the shadows ? and George Scott's bachelor pad on Filbert Street (Pat Carson's apartment building ?)

All these scenes and many more beautiful San Francisco settings are in the film. It costs only $5.00 to be the first to see "Petulia" scheduled to be the American entry at the Cannes Film Festival.

Rosemary Jones is chairman for the Hill Dwellers, assisted by Betty Rader. ticket chairman, Leah Schick, Jane Dillon, Lassie Benton and Mary O'Gara.
For tickets call 392-0227, Ex 2-9028 or 221-7561. Why not get a group together and plan parties before the opening. No-host dinners are being arranged at Veneto's, Mason and Bay, 986-4553 and Caesar's, 2299 Powell Street 989-6000. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT THESE RESTAURANTS.

Several hundred free parking spaces are available at the theater: First come, first served.

PAD NEEDED

Malcolm and Christine Smith, who have been working very hard in behalf of P O W, are looking for an apartment on Telegraph Hill which reflects the character of the area.Pertinant data could be given to them at 776-4884 and would be much appreciated.

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