

Meeting Minutes – November 17 2010

This email has 3 purposes:

1. To report on the MUNA meeting held November 17 at Robin Talmadge's house and welcome 11 new members!!
2. To thank Carol for her multiple years of serving as MUNA chair/SAFE block captain and for offering to help me in the transition and to thank Frank Broz for volunteering help as Co-Captain and David Adams for volunteering to be Co-Captain of Emergency Preparedness (this involves NERT!).
3. To let you know that I'll represent MUNA at the Dec 7 meeting called by Mark Alvarado. Though we have not had an official vote, based on emails, the recent meeting and conversations, I feel comfortable representing the opinion that we should be taking steps to improve the safety of the mini-park and bridge, but that bridge gates should not be included in those steps. Please email me any additional input.

The agenda items covered at MUNA meeting:

1. Introduction of SAFE (Safety-Awareness for Everyone) representatives Troy Sanders (Public Safety Coordinator) and Rob McKenzie (Security Specialist). Troy spoke about the services the SAFE program offers and encouraged each block to organize a SAFE group. Rob offered his services to walk areas of the neighborhood and identify areas that could be made safer. Troy also brought NERT pamphlets. The next NERT 2 day intensive class session is January 8 and 23, 2011. It would be good to have a couple of folks from each block trained to help in emergencies.
2. Phone tree was passed around. We have new members from the 400 block of Utah Street, 18th Street and from San Bruno Street.
3. U-verse: Carol recommended that we look into supporting AT&T in adding our neighborhood to the U-verse available areas. This will involve supporting the installation of housing for data signal repeaters.
4. Pedestrian Bridge: As a result of the October 19 meeting about the bridges, Mark Alvarado, Downtown High School Principal, set up a meeting for Dec 7 inviting a representative from each of a number of Potrero Hill neighborhood groups (including MUNA), District 10 and 9 supervisors, representatives from Bayview and Mission police stations, representative from SAFE and members of SFUSD staff. That meeting of representatives will discuss options to improve safety around the pedestrian overcrosses on 18th street and 22nd Street.
After some discussion about areas of concern, three small committees were formed to gather facts and data for a meeting scheduled for Dec 7. The 3 MUNA committees are 1) statistics on the use to the 18th street bridge (JD Beltran), 2) statistics on crimes committed within .5 mile radius of the bridge (Jean Bogiages) and 3) recommendations for improved lighting in the park and around the bridge (Juan Jayo). Rob McKenzie offered to help with these tasks.
5. Jean reported that although we were turned down by SFCCG for our latest grant application, we will continue to search for funding for phase 2 of the park project.

If you would like to help JD, Jean or Juan, please contact either them or Jean.