

MUNA Report December 12 2010

Report on Dec 7 Meeting at Downtown High School

The meeting began at 6:30. Meeting format/protocol had been planned out by Mark Alvarado and the SAFE organization staff. The plan was to have a representative of each community organization at the table, and chairs surrounding the table available for others who could speak if they traded places with the organization rep for the time they spoke. It was obvious that a lot of thought had gone into how to structure the meeting so that everyone would have equal opportunity to speak and no one would dominate the conversation. The topic of the meeting was safety and the object was to have the group come up with safety recommendations on which everyone could agree. Frank and I represented MUNA and brought to the table a) a report on bridge usage from 11pm-1am on a recent Sat and Mon. night and b) crime statistics from data available from police internet sites. Joe Treinen represented the San Bruno Neighborhood Watch group and reported that though that neighborhood poll had favored partial bridge closing, after discussions a number of his group had changed their opinion. The other groups represented were the McKinley Square Foundation and the McKinley Park Community Association. Without going in to further detail regarding the meeting discussions, at the end of the meeting Mark Alvarado said that he would pass on to the new supervisor a recommendation from the group to investigate lighting, cameras and landscaping that focused on safety to address safety in the neighborhood. The idea of bridge closure for the 18th street bridge would be looked at in another 6 months. For the beginning part of the meeting, our newly elected District 10 supervisor, Malia Cohen was present.

MUNA and the San Bruno Neighborhood Association

Joe Treinen, San Bruno SAFE captain, and I feel that our two neighborhoods would be best served by working together to develop and execute a plan to improve the safety and beauty of the 18th Street POC and neighboring parks. We would like to have a small group of folks from both groups form a committee which will come up with a plan, bring it back to the larger groups for approval and then work to execute the plan. This work may involve fundraising if the city cannot be engaged. It will also involve bringing our concerns to our new District 10 Supervisor, Malia Cohen.

NERT and you

David Adams, MUNA SAFE co-captain for Emergency Response, and I have signed up for two weekends of NERT training in January. It would be great if we could get a couple of folks from San Bruno, Mariposa and the 400 Block of Utah to sign up also. The SF Fire Department provides this training free so that we will be better prepared to help each other if an emergency arises.

MUNA going forward

In order to make MUNA a more effective organization, I think we need an executive committee and bylaws. At this point I'd love to have volunteers for an executive committee. Once bylaws

are in place, I assume that an executive committee will need to be an elected group. In order to determine where MUNA should focus its efforts, I think we need to survey our community. From the results of a survey, we can determine the organizations priorities.

Why put energy into MUNA?

We have the same issues as the other Potrero Hill neighborhoods and we need to have our interests heard in an organized and representative fashion.

Submitted by Jean Bogiages, chair