

**Meeting Minutes for Beresford Hillsdale Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting  
Held on May 5, 2011 at the Beresford Recreation Center**

**Present Board Members:** J.Najjar, B. Klafter, A.Schlossman, K. Herrel, M.Germano, S. Rowinski

**Absent Board Members:** M.Edwards, S. Shogren, S.Martin

**Minutes written by:** Susan Rowinski, Secretary

**Attachments:** Meeting Agenda, Monthly BHNA Financial Statement. Following the meeting David Lim (Current City Council Member) forwarded his presentation that was made during the March 7, 2011 City Leaf Blower Study Session. This presentation was not discussed during the May 5 BOD meeting and is being included as a follow-up item to that meeting.

**Meeting called to order at 7:30pm**

**Summary of BOD Decisions made during May meeting**

- Accepted the April 30 financial statement and the April board and general meeting minutes
- Susan Rowinski was elected to fill the office of the Secretary and vacated her board seat.
- Kitty Van Beckum accepted the nomination to fill S. Rowinski vacated board seat.
- July Social meeting food and entertainment selection was approved.
- BOD will consider later this year if it will formulate a position that would be presented to the membership on leaf blower use in San Mateo.

**Summary of Action Items identified during May meeting**

- BOD- Determine and approve gratuity for July social entertainment.
- Mike Germano- Status update on storing BOD meeting and the general meeting on the revised website.

**Routine business**

Accept Financial Report – Accepted the 4/30/2011 financial statement

Approve March Board minutes- Approved the April 2011 BOD minutes

Accept March General meeting minutes- Accepted the April General Meeting Minutes

San Mateo United Homeowners Association (SMUHA) Report- Sponsoring a new program ‘Adopt a Storm Drain Program’. Recently featured on the City’ cable station. No other items discussed.

**Upcoming BHNA General Meetings Featured Speakers**

The 2011 General Meeting speaker schedule has been filled. There currently are no speaker vacancies.

May – Rashmi Kashyap, Design Engineer for Cal Water to speak. Bruce Klafter is the meeting lead. SMPD officer anticipated to stop by and make a brief presentation.

June - Ken White, President, Peninsula Humane Society to speak. Susan Rowinski is the meeting lead.

July – Social- Food and entertainment selection approved by BOD. Food includes sheet cake and Romulo’s ice cream. Entertainment to be provided by the GoldenCordsman. They are expected to play for approximately 20 minutes. Mike Germano suggested that BHNA pay the GoldenCordsman \$100.00

August – no meeting

September – City Council candidate night – **Karen** will arrange but may not be able to attend

October – Assembly member Jerry Hill to speak. Former BHNA president Anne Arnold to lead the meeting

November – Mike Postal, San Mateo County Historical Society to speak. Former president Anne Arnold to lead meeting

December – no meeting

January 2012– open

## Old Business

**BHNA publicity table at the Saturday College of San Mateo Farmers Market-** To be held on June 18. BOD member Juliette Najjar to lead effort. Publicity table to include prior newsletters, Map of the City's neighborhood associations and name tags. To get the public's attention on the BHNA table, the sandwich BHNA board, balloons and red table cloth will be provided. S.Rowinski agreed to provide these items.

**New web design-** M. Germano stated new web design is 95% complete. S. Rowinski suggested adding a feature that would allow for the electronic storage of BOD and General meeting minutes to improve these documents accessibility and achieving functions. M. Germano stated he will look into this storage request. Currently the BOD and general meeting minutes are stored in a binder that is held by the current secretary.

**John Belforte memorial bench,** Leadership for future meetings (Board and General), "Keeping BHNA Going" (back up for critical and routine tasks), Music practice room noise during meetings while on the agenda were not discussed due to time overrun. These items will be discussed at future BOD meetings.

## New Business

**Filling the newly vacant Director position and vacant Secretary Officer position-**The board voted unanimously to have Susan Rowinski to fill the office of the secretary. Kitty Van Beckum accepted the nomination to fill S. Rowinski vacated board seat until election take place in January 2012.

**David Lim, current City Council Member, spoke to the board on three issues;** Leaf Blower ordinance, the Cal Train Hillsdale Station Plan and station itself, and High Speed Rail. Below is a brief summary of each issue.

Cal Train Hillsdale Station Plan- The Cal Train Joint Powers Board (JPB) voted not to currently close the Hayward Park station. The station was slanted to close due to budget issues. The JPB is comprised of three members each from San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Despite this decision Cal Train has a structural budget deficit problem: it has no dedicated funding source from the three counties. An example of dedicated funding sources raised by David included a raise of a ¼ percent in the sales tax in the three counties would be enough to provide Cal Train with a dedicated and sustainable funding source.

Leaf Blower Study Session- During the March 7, 2011 city study session it was decided by the city council by a vote of 3 to 2 not to study the impact of banning leaf blowers (electric and/or gas powered). David did express interest in bringing back the leaf blower study project at the next city goal setting meeting in Feb 2012. David also mentioned that a ban on plastic grocery bags would also be brought up at the same meeting. After this discussion David did forward to the BOD his presentation that he gave during the March 7 study session. The BOD will reconsider at the end of the year if it will present a position to the membership on the leaf blower use in San Mateo.

Hi Speed Rail- EIR report was delayed die to the absence of federal money. Recently San Mateo City, Millbrae and Burlingame formed the Rail Corridor Partnership. San Mateo made a decision not to join the Peninsula City Consortium which includes the cities of Belmont, Atherton, Menlo Park, Palo Alto (others??).

The current San Mateo representatives on the Rail Corridor Partnership are city council member Brandt Grotte and Jack Matthews. Since it inception the Partnership has been holding closed meetings. There was a discussion if and when the Consortium meetings will include the public.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.**

**Attachment #1: May 5 2011 BOD Meeting Agenda**

**Beresford Hillsdale Board May 5 2011 Meeting Agenda  
May 5, 2011, 7:30 p.m. - Beresford Recreation Center**

**Welcome**

Kitty Van Beckum

**Office of Secretary**

Accept Susan Rowinski's offer to fill the office of Secretary

**Routine business**

Accept Financial Report  
Approve April Board minutes  
Accept April General meeting minutes  
San Mateo United Homeowners Association report

General meetings:

May – Cal Water – who will run? SMPD officer should drop by  
June - Ken White – Sue leads  
July – Social – refreshments, entertainment  
August – no meeting  
September – City Council candidate night  
October – Jerry Hill  
November – Mitch Postel – County Historical Society  
December – no meeting  
January - open

**Old Business (as time permits)**

BHNA publicity table at the Saturday College of San Mateo Farmers Market  
Leadership for future meetings (Board and General)  
“Keeping BHNA Going” – back up for critical and routine tasks  
New web design  
John Belforte memorial bench  
Music practice room noise during meetings

**New Business** (this item will be taken whenever David Lim arrives)

**David Lim** speaking about the Leaf Blower ordinance, the Hillsdale Station Plan and station itself, and High Speed Rail

Filling the newly vacant Director position (and vacant officer positions)

**Attachment #2: Approved BHNA Financial Statement**

As of 4/30/2011

	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	YTD TOTALS
<b>BEGINNING</b>					
BANK BALANCE	\$8,280.33	\$8,407.52	\$8,551.25	\$8,508.77	
<b>INCOME</b>					
Dues	\$528.00	\$312.00	\$288.00	\$132.00	\$1,260.00
Other	\$3.00			\$6.00	\$9.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$531.00</b>	<b>\$312.00</b>	<b>\$288.00</b>	<b>\$138.00</b>	<b>\$1,269.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Beresford Room Rental					\$0.00
Bulk Rate Permit	\$185.00				\$185.00
United HOA Dues		\$30.00			\$30.00
Charitable gifts	\$32.98				\$32.98
Printing	\$80.10	\$77.09	\$73.69	\$68.93	\$299.81
Bulk Postage- newsletter	\$105.73	\$61.18	\$65.28	\$68.10	\$300.29
Office Supplies			\$32.81	28.46	\$61.27
PO Box annual fee			\$92.00		\$92.00
Postage (non-bulk)			\$39.20		\$39.20
Refreshments				\$10.00	\$10.00
BHNA web site fees					\$0.00
Miscellaneous			\$27.50		\$27.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>403.81</b>	<b>168.27</b>	<b>330.48</b>	<b>175.49</b>	<b>\$1,078.05</b>
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## San Mateo City Council

### Study Session

# Leaf Blower Proposed Ordinance

March 7, 2011

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### Landscape Contractor: Definition

#### **C27 - Landscaping Contractor**

**California Code of Regulations  
Title 16, Division 8, Article 3.  
Classifications**

A landscape contractor constructs, maintains, repairs, installs, or subcontracts the development of landscape systems and facilities for public and private gardens and other areas which are designed to aesthetically, architecturally, horticulturally, or functionally improve the grounds within or surrounding a structure or a tract or plot of land. In connection therewith, a landscape contractor prepares and grades plots and areas of land for the installation of any architectural, horticultural and decorative treatment or arrangement.

*Authority cited: Sections 7008 and 7059, Reference: Sections 7058 and 7059 (Business and Professions Code)*

Licensed by

**STATE**

No fees to City  
of San Mateo

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## Landscape Contractor v. Gardener

Any amount of work over \$500 = Contractor

Any work meeting definition of Landscape Contractor = Contractor

Any amount under \$500 = Probably NOT Contractor

I.E. = Mowing Lawn, etc.

## Business Tax Fees to City of San Mateo

Estimated Income from business tax fees from landscape gardeners:

**\$8,500** → 163 Landscapers & Gardeners

*\$52.15 per gardener*

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## Carbon Emission & Fuel Use

Every day of the year, more than *three million gasoline-powered leaf blowers* in California spew over *forty-eight thousand tons of Carbon Dioxide* into your California air at two hundred miles per hour.

That is almost *eighteen million tons of Carbon Dioxide* every year.

*(Source: Clean Air California, 2008)*

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## Incentive to Hire from Worker Resource Center

City pays six-figures to fund Worker Resource Center on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Continual complaints from community about workers loitering on City streets.

**WIN-WIN SOLUTION:** Offer incentives to hire workers from worker resource center.

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