

Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association
General Meeting January 15, 2013

Vice-President Kitty Van Beckum called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. There were 40 members attending.

Treasurer Karen Herrel gave the 2012 yearend treasurer's report.

Karen introduced the BOD members for 2012 and led the members in a round of applause to thank them for their year of service. Then after establishing that we had a quorum she introduced the BOD nominations for board members for 2013; returning members are President Susan Rowinski, Secretary Stan Shogren, Kaye Sharma, Diana Mongini, Heinz Plischke, Juliette Najjar, and new members are Treasurer Ellen Wang, Monika Lee, and Stephanie Alley. Karen pointed out that we did not have a BOD nomination for Vice-President and asked the members if they had any nominations for that position. There were none. There were no additional nominations from the members for the other board positions, and the BOD's nominations were elected.

Speaker:

Kitty introduced San Mateo Mayor David Lim. David said that he lives on 42nd Avenue and is a member of BHNA. He said that currently the largest problem at City Hall is the process for permit applications. The tight economy has caused reductions in city staff. While the remaining staff is hard working, there is just not enough staff left for all of the necessary services. This is causing delays in the permit approval process.

The paving on most city streets is over 60 years old, and many are in bad shape. Street repairs are paid for with federal and state grants. A street repair study session ranks city streets for repairs. Streets that need only minor repairs can be repaved at minimal cost, but some streets are in such bad shape that the city can't afford to repave them at this time.

The El Camino Real Grand Boulevard Initiative is a plan to beautify El Camino Real from Daily City to San Jose. There are three problems in implementing the initiative in San Mateo; 1) The property owners along El Camino have to make the necessary changes, 2) Money, 3) Getting started. The Hillsdale Mall is the largest property on the El Camino in the city. If we can get the Mall to implement the initiative in their area, it will be easier to get other

property owners to follow.

The San Mateo Union High School District is holding study sessions on the plan to move Peninsula High School from San Bruno to either the San Mateo High School or Hillsdale High School campuses. The San Mateo City Council has passed a resolution against the move stating that Peninsula HS needs its own facility. The council's reasoning is that placing the Peninsula HS students in a location where they could associate with other high school students would only intensify the situation that caused their problems in the first place.

The city council is discussing a ban on gas powered leaf blowers. They are meeting with gardeners associations on this subject. They are also discussing bans on single use plastic bags and styrofoam containers.

Mayor Lim is interested in the care and maintenance of the city's recreation centers. He would like to replace the Central Park Recreation Center and rebuild the Beresford Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by Stan Shogren.